



A NEW PLACE TO PLAY

Construction is Underway

You have likely seen our decades-old blue playground is gone and construction fences are up in Oxford Park. Crews are working to level the ground and install a new rubber surface that will be accessible for everyone. No more mulch! Our new playground will then be installed. We are planning for a September reopening celebration. Please watch our website and Facebook page for details on the reopening plans.



Winning Design: Treehouse



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EDGEWATER MEETINGS

All Neighbors Welcome! 5:30 pm at Rockford Country Club.

August 16, 2023
September 20, 2023
October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023

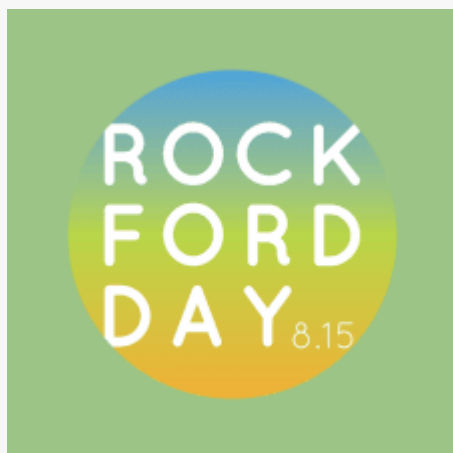
It's "summertime and the livin' is easy" in our bustling Edgewater neighborhood with the July 4th celebrations behind us and the huge Oxford Park playground renovation ahead of us. It is easy to understand why we all love our unique and beautiful community - which brings me to the focus of this letter to all the owners, renters, families and friends of our neighborhood.

We are looking to significantly increase resident participation in terms of time, talent and Edgewater Neighborhood Association membership - at a mere \$25 a year per household. With our highest membership in years (181 registered households), we would like to see more of our neighbors volunteer their time and talents to help sponsor and support our many current activities, and develop new ones. Volunteers from the Edgewater Board, Alderwoman Gina Meeks, Brandon Kruse, Richard Lopez and myself, have been going door-to-door to meet and greet residents. We are handing out information on ways to participate in the Edgewater Association with a focus on how residents can access activities and neighborhood events through our newsletter, website and Facebook page.

Thank you and enjoy the transition from summer to fall!



Don Schreiner
President, Edgewater Neighborhood Association



ROCKFORD DAY IS COMING SOON!

Rockford Day is rapidly approaching! Celebrated each year on August 15 to play off the city's primary area code of 815, Rockford Day is our opportunity to demonstrate our pride in our city by showcasing the places, activities, and people that make Rockford great. When you participate in this event, you are joining a powerful collective in celebrating the unique spirit of our city, as well as making a significant, positive impact on our community.

To learn more about events and specials that day, visit www.gorockford.com/rockford-day.

OXFORD PARK PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION

TBD - SEPTEMBER

We are planning to host a neighborhood celebration with the Rockford Park District to unveil our new playground in Oxford Park. A date has not been set yet - we need to see how the construction process unfolds. Please follow our Facebook page and our website for details. Scan the code to get to our FB page.



ROCKFORD POLICE BINGO WITH SENIORS

Second Friday of every month

9:30 am - 11:30 am

District 1 Police Station, 1045 West State Street, Rockford

HEAD OF THE ROCK REGATTA

OCTOBER 8, 8:00am to 4:00pm

The Rock River Valley YMCA Rowing Club will hold its annual Head of the Rock Regatta. More than 2,000 rowers participate in this event. The park area along the river on Harlem Boulevard is a great place to watch. The races start at Martin Park and end near the YMCA.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

OCTOBER 31, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Our neighborhood comes alive with children dressed in their favorite costumes in search of CANDY!

LUMINARY SALE

DECEMBER 2 - 9am-3pm

Buy your luminary supplies at Village Green on North Main Street. There will be a free sand pile available on a first-come, first-served basis.

EDGEWATER HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 14, 5:30-8:00pm

Save the date! We plan to bring back the annual holiday party in 2023. We'll have more details throughout the year, but we wanted you to put this fun event on your calendar now.



LUMINARY NIGHT

DECEMBER 16

We are committing to the 3rd Saturday in December for Luminary Night going forward. Enjoy and participate in this Edgewater tradition. Line your walkways with luminaries (white candle-lit bags weighted with sand) at dusk.



LAWN OF THE MONTH IS BACK

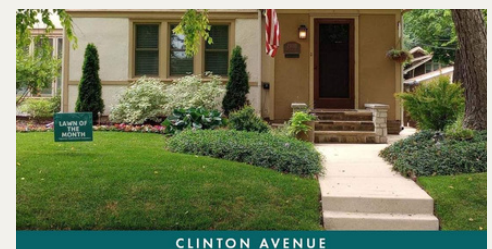
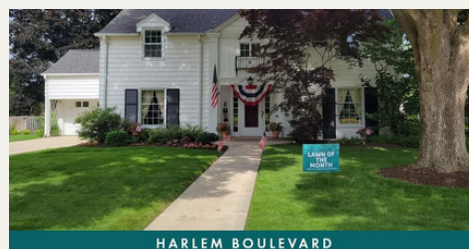
Each month, June through October, we are awarding Lawn of the Month in four zones. July only has three because we repeatedly tried to reach several neighbors in Zone 3, but couldn't get approval. We are not repeating winners from 2022, so we can recognize as many people as possible. Winners receive a \$20 gift certificate to Village Green.

Zone 1: Hancock, Clinton, Harper, Auburn, Wallace, Cottage Grove

Zone 2: Douglas, Oxford, VanWie, Rock Terrace

Zone 3: Melrose, Brown, Willoughby Terrace, Camlin

Zone 4: Harlem, Fulton, Country Club Terrace, Ellis

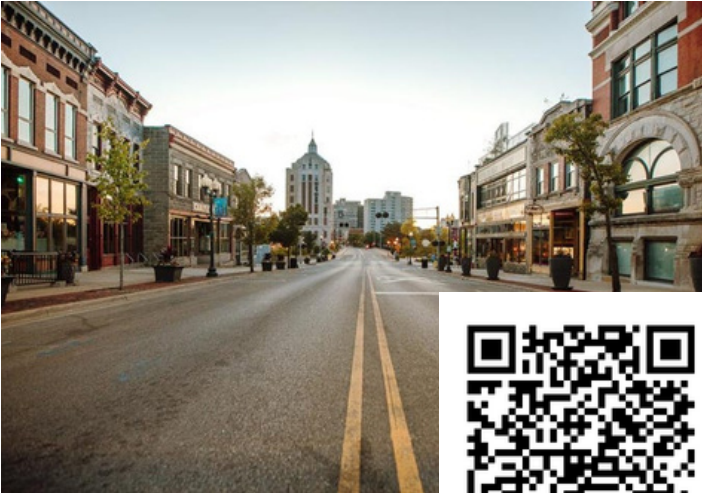


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Edgewater Association is looking for neighbors who are interested in sharing their time and talent. Our sought-after neighborhood wouldn't be what it is without volunteers. Below are opportunities for consideration:

- Writer for the newsletter
- Beautification committee to help plant or/or water plants/pots
- Coordinate events - 4th of July, garage sale, Easter, Luminaria
- Recruit membership
- Sell ads in the newsletter
- Membership data entry

The roles are flexible and don't take up much time. If you're interested, email rockfordedgewater@gmail.com.



Scan to access portal



CITIZEN PORTAL

The City of Rockford has an online portal for permitting and service requests. Service requests include reporting potholes, weeds, problem properties and tree issues, as well as many other complaints. This new portal streamlines the application process. It also allows residents to schedule inspections, make a one-time payment and look up records. To view the new portal, go to www.rockfordil.gov and click on Citizen Portal or scan the code.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

GRAFFITI HOTLINE:	779-348-7261
NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS HOTLINE:	779-348-7395
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER:	815-966-2900
WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL:	815-319-4100

4TH OF JULY FUN!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2023 4th of July Festivities. This fabulous neighbor >>>>>> Kate Hutchins volunteered a ton of hours to bring back the bike parade tradition. She submitted a grant for funds, worked to secure the street closure, created goodie bags for the kids, decorated and so much more. We are thankful for her hard work and dedication! If you are interested in helping plan this or other events in the future, please contact us at rockfordedgewater@gmail.com.



LEARN MORE

To learn more about the World's Largest Telescope being built right here in the 12th ward, [click here.](#)

To learn more about the Artemis I Orion or any of the other past or future space missions, [click here.](#)

To learn more about the World's Largest 3D Printer, [click here.](#)

Tour Photos



Edgewater board members with Ingersoll Representatives

UPDATE FROM OUR ALDERWOMAN

Barber Colman Project

I want to thank each and every Edgewater resident who reached out in support of my vote for the Barber Colman project without a mandated Project Labor Agreement. I want to clarify that my vote in no way diminished my support of union labor and the ultimate need and desire for a PLA, however, in the final hours, it was my opinion that this was not a time to shift precedence and take a risk in losing this development. We needed to get this deal done! Especially when it was the resounding opinion from an overwhelming number of residents both inside and outside of this ward, to follow through with the development agreement as it was drafted by city staff.

Ingersoll Tour

On Wednesday, July 19th, I was joined by Edgewater Vice President Brandon Kruse at Ingersoll Machine Tools as they hosted Lockheed Martin and NASA representatives to update us on the progress of NASA's Artemis Moon Missions. Artemis I is the first in a series of increasingly complex missions that will enable human exploration to the Moon and Mars. Ingersoll machines are used to produce large and critical parts for the next generation crew vessels that will take astronauts into orbit and beyond. It still amazes me to know these parts are made right here on the edge of the beautiful Edgewater Neighborhood.

Aerospace and Aeronautical industries rely on Ingersoll to use 3D molds created by the technology of the largest 3D printer in the world made by Ingersoll: the Masterprint® 5X machine. Ingersoll has also played an important role in enabling breakthrough airframe production for major aircraft designs around the world, including the 787 and A350.

The dapper and animated characteristics of CEO Jeff Ahlstrom made the tour of the building exciting and so very interesting. We learned all about the Giant Magellan Telescope, GMT, the revolutionary telescope to study deep space. Jeff was so thankful to several levels of elected officials for assisting with the expansion of their business, and encouraged future generations to take interest in this industry. Ingersoll Machine Tools is history in the making, and it would be wonderful to see these roles filled by kids right here in the neighborhood.

That evening, we were able to fit in another tour with members of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association, and I am so grateful to Ingersoll for opening their doors to us. If you are interested in touring the building, sign up at any upcoming Edgewater neighborhood meeting. I am happy to set up tours through the end of the year.

Gina M. Meeks

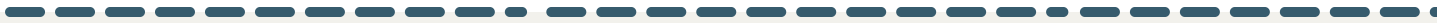
WHY MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

The Edgewater Neighborhood Association was established in 1979 to create a greater sense of community and provide resources that help keep Edgewater a beautiful, safe, and inviting place to live. Currently, 181 households have paid the \$25 membership fee for 2023. **2023 GOAL - 250 Households as Members.** See the membership form below or go online at rockfordedgewater.org.



Your annual membership fee supports:

- Seasonal Neighborhood Activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale, 4th of July Festivities in Oxford Park, Luminaria and the holiday party.
- Snow Plow Fund: The City does not plow Edgewater’s alleys, so we pool our resources and contract with UniTrim Cement to keep the alleys clear. Due to inflation and rising fuel costs, our fees are up an average of 7%. We spend \$410-\$585 per snowfall depending snowfall amounts.
- Plantings at the signs and pots on the bridge.
- Postage and printing for neighborhood mailings as well as signs advertising neighborhood activities.



JOIN THE EDGEWATER ASSOCIATION

Please mail your completed form with check to:
Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515, Rockford, IL 61105

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Dues: **\$25 annually**

Additional Donation _____ (supports snow removal & other neighborhood activities)

TOTAL _____

Checks may be made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Prefer to pay by card? Pay online at www.rockfordedgewater.org or scan the QR code

