



NEW EVENT! EDGEWATER GARDEN WALK

Do you walk the neighborhood wondering what is behind all those fences? Do you love plants, but you're not sure which ones to invest in? Well, you are in luck! On Sunday, June 23, from 1-4 PM, several gardens in the neighborhood will be open for you to walk through. And, the gardeners will be on hand to answer questions!

A map and addresses will be available on the neighborhood website and Facebook page two weeks before the event. Please join us in admiring our fellow neighbors' handiwork. This is a free event, but donations are gladly accepted.

Thank you to Edgewater neighbor, Kimberly Schmitt, for organizing this new event that showcases the beauty in our neighborhood.



GARDENING SEASON IS HERE

Once again the neighborhood will be full of beautiful plants and freshly cut lawns. The neighborhood Beautification Committee is hard at work planning for another season of beauty. We would appreciate your help in keeping our plantings alive and looking their best. Please consider volunteering a week of your time watching over and watering our plants. Your help is greatly appreciated! [Click here](#) or scan the code to register for a week.



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EDGEWATER MEETINGS

All neighbors are welcome! 5:30 pm at Rockford Country Club.

May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The only thing better than spring is summer. I look forward to seeing our neighbors taking in all the sights: the unique architecture; the ongoing home improvement projects; and the beautiful landscaping and spring buds!

Our very successful, well-attended Easter Egg Hunt, next to our newly renovated Oxford Park playground, was enjoyed by all, young and old. I am sincerely thankful for all the volunteers who contributed their time and energy to make this annual event run smoothly. A special shoutout to Michelle Polivka and her family for stuffing over 3,000 eggs with candy and prizes. Thank you, too, to Mike Goddard, who is there every year with his indispensable sound system, providing music and public announcements. We were again fortunate to have the Rockford Police and Fire departments and the Rockford Park District providing community outreach in support of our Edgewater friends and families. And, a big thank you to board member Brandon Kruse and Alderwoman Gina Meeks, both a constant presence, quietly assisting our association as we collaborate with various government agencies for services, funds, and expert support as needed.

Looking forward to our summer activities, Edgewater Association is having its annual garage sale on May 4th. This is a great way to clean out closets, basements, and garages while enjoying the opportunity to find new treasures at a bargain price.

In closing, please remember that our neighborhood would not flourish unless we continue to find neighbors/members who volunteer for committees and the Board. There is something for everyone! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barb Calgaro for her service as a Board Member and wish her the very best as she retires this month from the Board.

Current Edgewater Association membership is at a new high of 187 contributing households (\$30/year). Our goal is 250 memberships by year's end. Please consider joining if you have not yet.

Thank you, and enjoy the neighborhood!

Don Schreiner, President
Edgewater Neighborhood Association



EDGEWATER GARAGE SALE

MAY 4, 8am to 3pm

Our spring garage sale is quickly approaching! If you're not hosting a sale, plan to walk the neighborhood and visit nearby sales. Electronic maps will be available a couple of days before the sale. You can find the map on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

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

4th of July Celebration

JULY 4, 6pm to Dusk

Oxford Park is the perfect location to watch the Rockford Country Club fireworks, which is just after dusk. Kona Ice truck will be onsite with flavored shaved ice. We are in the early stages of planning other activities.

LUMINARY SALE

DECEMBER 7 - 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 19, 5:30-8:00pm

Save the date! The annual holiday party is on the calendar at Rockford Country Club. We'll have more details throughout the year, but we wanted you to put this fun event on your calendar now.



LUMINARY NIGHT

DECEMBER 21

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.



EASTER EGGSTREME!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The Easter Bunny brought us 3,000 eggs to find. It always amazes us how quickly they get picked back up! Thank you to the Rockford Police Department and Rockford Fire Department for bringing their trucks for children to explore. Thank you to the Rockford Park District for bringing games. We couldn't do this event without our volunteers - thank you! If you're interested in volunteering for Edgewater events, please send us an email at rockfordedgewater@gmail.com.



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numbers**

WEEDS HOTLINE:

NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS HOTLINE:

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER:

NARCOTICS COMPLAINTS

NUISANCE NEIGHBORS (POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL:

779-348-7161

779-348-7160

815-966-2900

571-362-5098

779-500-6677

815-319-4100

WILL YOUR YOUR LAWN BE FEATURED IN 2024?



We will continue our quest to find and highlight beautiful, well-kept lawns in our neighborhood. Lawn of the Month has been a fun way to recognize neighbors for their dedication to beautification. Our neighborhood is broken up into four zones and a winner is picked from each zone per month. The committee will start to pick their favorites in June. With so many wonderful choices, their decisions are never easy! Below are some of our 2023 winners.



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Dreaming up the ideal retirement is your job. Helping you get there is ours.

We're excited to hear from you.

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WANT TO THROW A BLOCK PARTY?

QUICK-START TIPS:

Having a Block Party is one of the most encouraging and exciting things you can do for your neighbors! A wonderful opportunity to meet, share a meal, play games, and catch up! And, if you're willing to put in a couple of hours, it's really not that hard to plan. Here are a few tips to hosting one in our neighborhood.

1. Plan at least 2 months ahead of time. Once you pick a date (Sundays seem to be free days for most people), you will need to fill out and put together an application to submit to the city.
2. The application needs to be SUBMITTED 4 weeks prior to the event date, but you need a number of things completed for the application, which might take about 2 weeks:
 - a. Look at all the rules to follow on the application. See application link below.
 - b. You need SIGNED APPROVAL from all of the residents on the block – you will need to go door-to-door to get signature from your neighbors. This is a great way to get them excited and involved in helping you plan! However, this is one of the more time-consuming aspects, as you may need to spread this over several days to catch people at home (allow a week or two to accomplish this).
 - c. Create a map showing where you plan to put the blockades (which cross-streets) and showing a 15-foot section of the street (the length of the street) where firetrucks will be able to drive if necessary – where there will not be things/tables/tents set-up in the way.
 - d. Host WILL be responsible for the event and anything that happens there. Party must end by 10pm.
 - e. There is a \$40 fee for the application, which must be submitted to the public works department (address in the application), or to CORspecialevents@rockfordil.gov.
 - f. You will need the Alderman's signature on the completed application. Our Alderman is Gina Meeks. You can contact her at gina.meeks@rockfordil.gov
3. You will need to set up and take down the street barricades yourself – the city only drops them off (they drop the bases in your yard, the barricades at the street intersections).
4. Have a great event!

City of Rockford Special Events Link: <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/public-works/special-events/>
Block Party Application: <https://rockfordil.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Block-Party-Application-2023-fillable.pdf>

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

- Writer for the newsletter
- Beautification committee to help water plants/pots. [Click here](#) to register for a week of watering.
- Coordinate events - 4th of July, garage sale, Easter, Luminaria
- Recruit membership
- Sell ads in the newsletter
- Membership data entry
- Join the Board



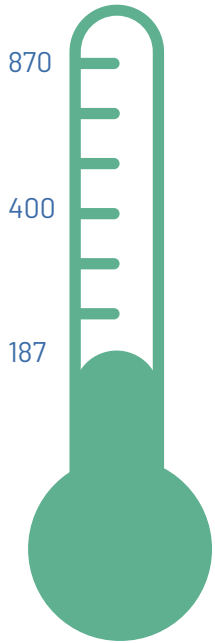
Run an ad in the Edgewater newsletter and reach hundreds of neighbors in Edgewater and beyond! Digital newsletters (Feb, May, Aug) are emailed to over 400 residents, and posted on Facebook, NextDoor, and the Edgewater website. Printed newsletters are mailed in November to nearly 900 Edgewater households. All proceeds support the Edgewater Neighborhood Association.

Ad sizes and prices are as follows:

- Full page (\$200 print, \$150 digital)
- 1/2 page horizontal (\$100 print, \$75 digital)
- 1/2 page vertical (\$100 print, \$75 digital)
- 1/4 page (\$50 print, \$40 digital)
- 1/8 page (\$40 print, \$30 digital)

Please contact us with any questions or to place your ad. Send emails to: rockfordedgewater@gmail.com.

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, 187 households have paid the membership fee for 2024.

2024 GOAL - 250 of the 870 Households as Members

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 to contract a plow service to keep the alleys clear. These fees are up an average of 7%. We spend \$410-\$585 per snowfall depending on inches of snow.
- 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: \$30 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

