



edgewater

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

W I N T E R 2012 I S S U E

WELCOME!

Whether you're a brand-new resident or have lived here awhile, we welcome you to the Edgewater Neighborhood Association. We think you'll find the Edgewater neighborhood to be unique in architecture, diverse in population and warm and friendly in personality. Our neighborhood stays strong and vibrant because of its residents and their commitment to the area and each other.

Wondering about our neighborhood's footprint? Edgewater is bordered to the east by the Rock River, to the south by Auburn Street, to the west by North Main Street and to the north by Country Club Beach. In addition to over 1200 residences, we are also home to local institutions like Rockford Country Club and The Olympic Tavern.

Like us on Facebook:
facebook.com/edgewaterneighborhoodassociation
and
visit our website:
rockfordedgewater.org
for updates and info.

Monthly neighborhood meetings generally take place the third Wednesday of the month, 5:30 pm at Rockford Country Club and **everyone is invited to attend**. (Our next meeting is scheduled November 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)



LUMINARIA NIGHT SATURDAY- DECEMBER 15 LUMINARIA CANDLE & BAG SALE AT VILLAGE GREEN SATURDAY - DECEMBER 1ST / 9AM - 4 PM



At dusk one December evening, our neighborhood comes together to illuminate our streets and yards with simple candlelit bags that create a beautiful sight. People from the entire Rockford area come to experience our luminaria night—the beauty and calmness are a magical part of the holiday season.

Once again, volunteers will set up and light 200 common area luminarias that will line the Auburn Street Bridge and Harlem Boulevard along the river.

The luminarias have the most impact when they're continuous strands of light, created by more participating households. So talk to your neighbors—make sure they're joining you in the fun! If you'd like to participate but aren't physically able, Boy Scout Troop 41 from Westminster Presbyterian Church on Bell School Road has offered to help you! Purchase your luminarias and contact troop leader Mike Lunde at 815.985.9522 by Dec. 1st if you'd like to schedule the Scouts to help set up the luminarias for your yard.

Bags and candles will be available at Village Green, 2640 North Main Street. (FREE sand for weighting bags is provided courtesy of William Charles; bring your own container to carry it home). **Come meet us there and keep our Association strong and alleys clear by paying your 2013 membership dues and snow plow donations at the same time, by cash or check.**

This year's candles have been upgraded to a larger diameter version, in response to concerns raised last year. Wondering how many luminarias you need for your yard? Resident expert Jeff Orput (who has kindly volunteered to head up this great effort again this year) says he places his about five feet apart.

Contact Jeff at 815.494.5443 to volunteer for an hour at Village Green or to help with luminaria set-up and lighting of the common areas. You'll get to meet your neighbors and make your holiday even more fun!

Edgewater Officers and Board Members

**President
John Beck 815.289.4787**

**Vice President
Tim Moore**

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Dick Berman 877-4975**

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**Barb Berman
Stan Arnold
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**12th Ward Alderman
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jeffery.andrews@rockfordil.gov**

THE WATER'S EDGE**A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Mark your calendar for
Wednesday, December 19

Rockford Country Club is hosting a holiday party for our neighborhood, and **EVERYONE** is invited!

Come meet your friends and neighbors, and celebrate in your own neighborhood!

\$15 per person (includes food and non-alcoholic beverages)

Watch the mail for your invitation and more details to come from Rockford Country Club.

SNOW REMOVAL

The City of Rockford plows our streets. However, homeowners are responsible for plowing our numerous alleys. Edgewater has hired the same snow contractor as last year to maintain continuity.

The contractor will make two passes down each alley, pushing snow to either side. Each resident is responsible for removing snow from the end of your apron/drive.

The City Snow Hotline is 815-987-5771. Look up the Odd Even Parking Ordinance by going to rockfordil.gov, arrow on city departments, arrow on public works, click on snow & ice, click on Ordinance.

HOME SALES - PAST 6 MONTHS

- ❖ 14 Homes Sold
- ❖ Average List Price: \$115,337
- ❖ Average Sales Price: \$109,570 =95% Sale To List
- ❖ Average Days On The Market: 195

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Ann Dempsey, Edgewater resident and attorney with Oliver and Close law firm, who has volunteered to help us maintain our 501(c) non-profit status.

LET US KNOW

We want to know what you'd like to see and hear from us! Either contact a Board Member or email Juanita Hickerson, juanitahickerson@gmail.com.

**MOVING PICTURES:
OUR CITY, OUR STORY**

Our City, Our Story is a powerful project that tells positive stories about the people who make up the character of the city of Rockford. Visit ourcityourstory.com to view stories beautifully captured by talented local filmmaker Pablo Korona.

Know a story that needs to be told? Just contact MyStory@OurCityOurStory.com to submit your idea.

**WHY BECOME
A MEMBER?**

You'll be a vital part of your neighborhood, helping create a sense of community and a safer, more beautiful place to live. Established in 1979, our Association has been over 30 years in the making. Keep it thriving and enjoy the side benefit of discounts at local businesses, with your membership card. Let's support each other.

Members receive cards for use at participating local restaurants, stores and services, listed on the web site under Member Benefits.

**SIGN-UP FORM
ON BACK PAGE!****LEAVES BE GONE!**

Please make sure melting snow and ice can get to our storm sewer inlets by clearing leaves from the curbs in front of your homes. Leaf dams create frozen lakes that are hazardous and damaging to our streets.



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*Thank you,
Chris and Renée Chuchna*

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Members receive cards for discounts at participating local restaurants, stores and services, listed here and on the website under Member Benefits.

2013 Discount Partners are:

Der Rathskeller

Edgewater Mondays at Der Rathskeller: Buy one dinner, get half off the second dinner when you show your Edgewater membership card. Mondays only.

The Olympic Tavern

Edgewater Wednesdays at The Olympic Tavern: Buy one dinner, get half off the second dinner when you show your Edgewater membership card. Wednesdays only.

Pino's on Main

Edgewater Weekdays at Pino's on Main:

Mondays - Thursdays

Receive a FREE pitcher of pop and one refill when you purchase a 16- or 18-inch pizza OR a total order exceeding

\$20 (not including tax or tip). Dine in only, Monday through Thursday.



CHEERS, EDGEWATER.

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2013 Edgewater Membership Form

Please mail your complete form with check to:

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515
Rockford, IL 61105

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Used only for Edgewater mailings)

PHONE: _____
(Used for Edgewater Information Only)

E-MAIL: _____

Membership Dues: \$ 15.00

Snowplow Fund: \$ _____
(The city does not plow our neighborhood's alleys and we all look out for one another.)

Other \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Pay online at
rockfordedgewater.org
with **Pay-Pal!**

WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE!

What do my dues go towards?

- Newsletter / Post Card Printing
- US Postage
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Snow Plowing
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Watering of Auburn St Planters
- 4th of July Party in the Park
- Luminaries
- Organization Fees, etc.