

EDGEWATER NEIGHBORHOOD

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Edgewater Neighborhood: Remembering the past, celebrating the present, anticipating the future!

Edgewater Neighborhood is on the cusp of two significant anniversaries. In 2019, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Since 1979, the association has provided opportunities for fun, recreation, and celebration in our neighborhood, in addition to investing in beautification projects and providing coordination of such services as alleyway plowing. These efforts are solely supported by households who choose to join each year as members.

Additionally, in 2020 Edgewater will celebrate the 130th anniversary of the year that Edward H. Marsh purchased and platted this land along the west bank of the Rock River and first titled us "Edgewater". Isn't it amazing that Edgewater has been a beautiful, established neighborhood since 1890?

Much has changed since 1890 and even since 1979, but Edgewater remains a stable, thriving neighborhood. While we celebrate these milestones, we also recognize that there is work to be done to make Edgewater even better, and to ensure that it will remain a neighborhood that 1200 households can be proud to call HOME for decades to come! **This September 19, we have an opportunity to bring this goal closer to reality!**

September 19, volunteers with the Great Neighborhoods Project will facilitate an asset mapping session with Edgewater neighbors. Great Neighborhoods Project is a wholly volunteer-led, grassroots effort to provide resources and support to neighborhood groups to strengthen their neighborhoods and connect them to resources to enhance those efforts. Asset Mapping is a process by which neighbors consider all the various "assets" in their neighborhood (physical, natural, relationships, etc.) and how these great things can be enhanced or better utilized. Over a dozen neighborhoods have already had visits from Great Neighborhoods and awesome things are being accomplished! Learn more about [Great Neighborhoods online](http://GreatNeighborhoods.org) and be sure to view the video on their homepage!



All Edgewater neighbors are warmly invited to join us for this session! It will be a great chance to meet neighbors, learn more about Edgewater and resources from across the city, and we need your help to plan for great things to come. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, at Rockford Country Club from 5:30—7:00pm. Light dinner will be served and we'll have some activities for children. PLEASE JOIN US!

Your participation will help ensure Edgewater is a neighborhood of choice for years to come. Thank you!

—The Edgewater Neighborhood Association Board

Edgewater Events & Updates

September 19: Great Neighborhoods Team visits Edgewater

The Great Neighborhoods Project, a volunteer-led effort to strengthen neighborhoods in Rockford and beyond, will facilitate a session with Edgewater from 5:30-7p at the Rockford Country Club. Learn more in the letter on the cover of this newsletter!

October 17: Monthly Edgewater Association Meeting

Join us at 5:30 at Rockford Country Club. All Edgewater residents welcome!

October 31: Citywide Trick-or-Treat night!

Trick-or-treating hours for the City of Rockford are 5:30—7:30 pm. Our neighborhood will be filled with kids and families enjoying the fun, so please keep an eye out if you are driving in the neighborhood that evening. Keep your porch or yard light on if you're ready to welcome trick-or-treaters and have a wonderful time!

Nov. 3: Edgewater Fall Cleanup & Goodwill Donation Drive

Meet at Oxford Park at 9am — we provide trash bags and grabbers, coffee and donuts! Join us to help get our neighborhood trash free before winter comes! **This year we are again partnering with Goodwill to hold a Donation Drive!** A donation bin will be on hand at Oxford Park from 9am to Noon to collect your new and gently used clothing and household items. Donations receipts will be available for deductions for tax purposes. Come out to help clean up the neighborhood AND get a little help cleaning out the clutter at your own house!

November 21: Monthly Edgewater Association Meeting

Join us at 5:30 at Rockford Country Club. All Edgewater residents welcome!

December 1: Edgewater Luminary Sale & Membership Drive

9am - 4pm on Saturday, December 1, buy your affordably priced bags and candles for this year's Luminaria at Village Green, 2640 N. Main. Bring your own container and you can also pick up free sand.

During the sale, renew your Edgewater Membership for 2019 or join for the very first time -- the annually-renewable \$15 per-household membership supports Edgewater events as well as our neighborhood snow plow fund. Payments can be made by cash, check, or card during the sale, by using the form on the outside of this newsletter, or online at www.rockfordedgewater.org

December 15: Luminaria Night

Enjoy and participate in an Edgewater tradition: Luminaria Night! Line your walkways with luminaries (white candle-lit bags weighted with sand) at dusk on Saturday, December 15. If you plan to host a holiday party this is a great night to do it!



December 19: Edgewater Holiday Party

Save the Date for this wonderful party! From 5:30 - 8:00pm, all Edgewater residents are invited to join the fun and enjoy an evening of delicious food and fellowship with your neighbors at the Rockford Country Club! As last year we're mixing things up a bit: instead of seated dinner, we'll have heavy appetizers, games, a visit from Santa, live music, and more! Watch for an invitation to come toward the end of November with all the details.

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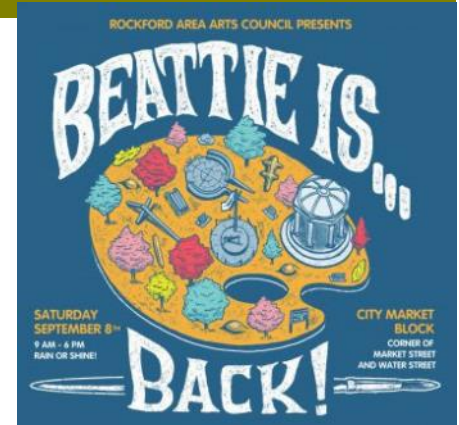
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Fall Community Events (continued on next page)

September 8: Beattie Is...Back!

On September 8 one of the Midwest's most popular and highly regarded outdoor celebrations of the arts is returning to downtown Rockford! Beattie Is... Back is a free, family friendly festival that will feature a high-quality artist market, art demonstrations, live music and entertainment, specialty food vendors and exciting "hands-on" experiential art activities. In the "Make-and-Take" creative zone patrons will have a unique opportunity to experience being real artists and create something to take home. Guests of all ages and interests will find something to enjoy at Beattie Is!

Learn more: artsforeveryone.com/beattie-is-returns/



September 15: Rock River Clean Sweep

The City of Rockford is partnering with Rock Town Adventures to complete a Rock River Sweep on Saturday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Sportscore 1 Boat Launch, 1288 Elmwood Road, to clean up debris along the river's shoreline.

Here are the details:

- Rock River Adventures will provide a limited number of kayaks and canoes for volunteers.
- Students, scout groups and service organizations are welcome.
- Gloves, trash bags, snacks and water will be provided.

To volunteer, contact Jeremy Mitchell at Jeremy.mitchell@rockfordil.gov or 779-348-7345.



GEAR UP. HEAD OUT

September 22: Fall For Rockford

This brand new event, coming your way September 22 and brought to you by the River District Association, is a free festival celebrating all things Rockford! Admission is free, and there will be specials at downtown restaurants, activities, and live music from 2—8 p.m.

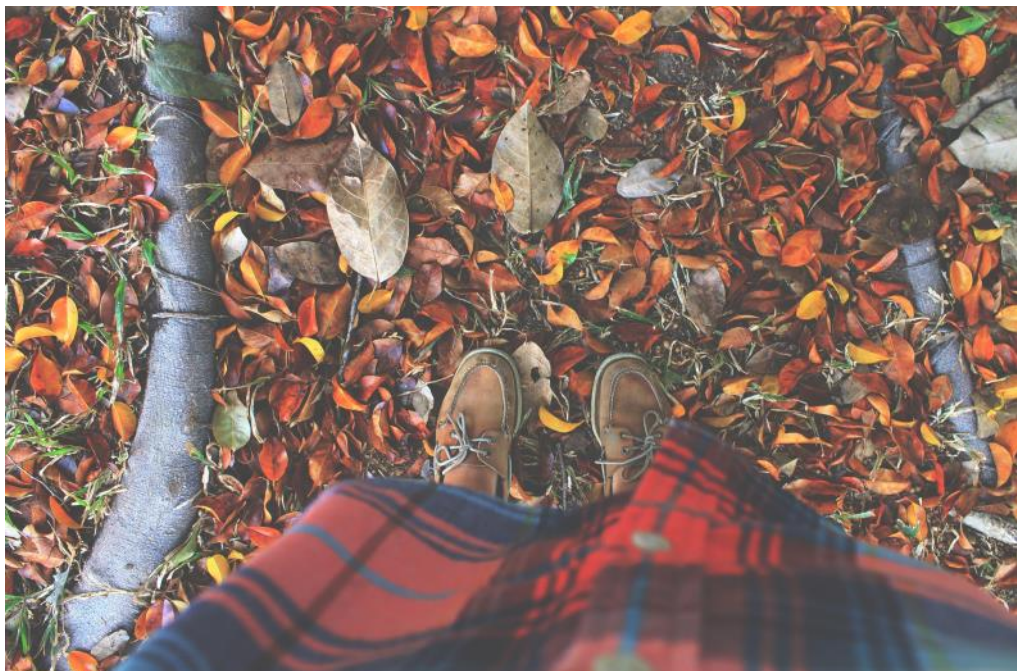
Learn more: riverdistrict.com/fall-for-rockford/



September 23: Cycle on 2nd

Grab your bike, water bottle, a few friends and enjoy the inaugural Cycle on 2nd biking event! This is a recreational, non-competitive community bicycle ride, that will be fun for the whole family. From 7-9 a.m. on Sunday, September 23, southbound lanes of North 2nd Street will be closed to cars from Auburn to State Street, and open to people on bikes! This is an awesome opportunity for Edgewater, since we have direct access to the bike route from our neighborhood! Food and fun activities will follow the ride at City Market pavilion from 9-11 a.m.

Learn more: ibikerockford.com/cycleon2nd



Fall Community Events - Continued!

October 5-6: Fall Art Scene

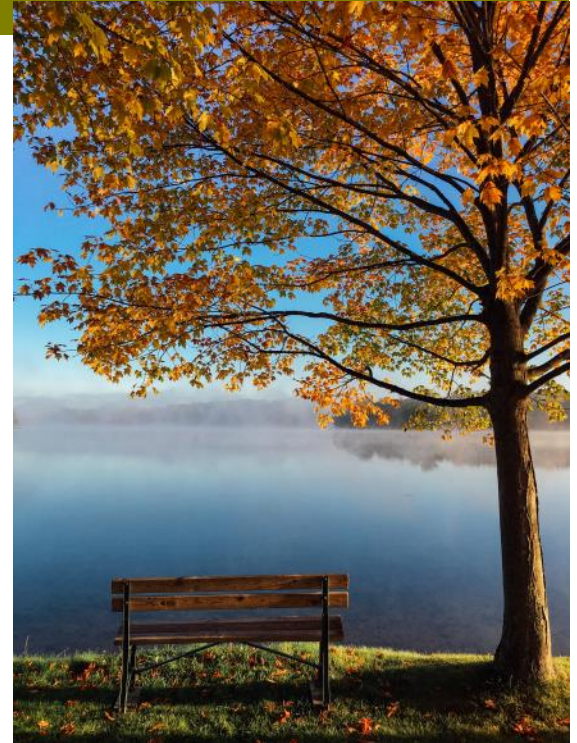
October 5-6, this annual event features dozens of local artists and exhibits all over town! There are usually a few exhibits happening right in our backyard, check out the details and get maps to all of the locations at fallartscene.com



October 14: Head of the Rock Regatta

Steeped in tradition, the YMCA Rowing Crew plays host to the Head of the Rock Regatta this October 14. This decades-old race draws more than 2,000 rowers from across the country and more than 5,000 spectators to the banks of the Rock River.

Free to spectators, and Edgewater has a front row seat! Bring your blankets and a picnic lunch and enjoy the sights along the river on Harlem Boulevard!



Edgebrook Events

Be sure to check out Cider & Cinnamon Arts & Crafts fair at Edgebrook Center October 6-7! This free event features over 70 vendors, live music, and of course all the wonderful Edgebrook shops. And save the date for Edgebrook's Holiday Tree Lighting (November 16) and Open House (November 17)! Learn more at edgebrookshops.com/events/



City Markets

City Market continues every Friday through September 28, and North End City Market continues through October! Located in the parking lot on the southeast corner of the North Main roundabout, 9am-1pm on Saturdays until October 27.

Visit rockfordcitymarket.com/northend/ for more information!



November 23: Stroll on State

November 23rd, enjoy the 6th annual Stroll on State! Brought to you by the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, this family-friendly event kicks off the holiday season with a visit from Santa, tree-lighting and fireworks on the Rock River, ice skating, sleigh rides, holiday shopping, and much, much more. Keep an eye on gorockford.com for details as they are announced!

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Street Sweeping, Yard Refuse Pickup, Hydrant Flushing

City-wide street sweeping will commence September 17, and the map displaying dates when each "zone" will be swept will be published very soon [on the City's website](#).

It is illegal to blow, rake, or sweep yard refuse into the street. This is not only unsightly but also clogs gutters, storm drains, and puts unnecessary debris into our water system.

Yard refuse pickup continues through the fall, and occurs on the same day your trash is picked up. Refuse including leaves, grass, and sticks should be placed in compostable brown paper yard waste bags or in garbage cans that are clearly marked with an "X" on all sides. Branches may be no more than 4 inches in diameter, should be trimmed to 4 feet in length, no bundle of branches or yard waste bag or can should weigh more than 50 pounds.

Reminder: Bagged trash and yard refuse should not be placed in the street for pickup but up on the right of way or driveway so street sweepers can get closer to the curb. Sweeping crews do not come back to sweep an area that was missed because of improperly placed garbage receptacles or parked cars.

This fall, Edgewater will get "spot-flushing" only for the hydrants that need flushing, as determined by the water division, and as such no definitive schedule can be provided.

Storm Drains

Street sweepers will help clear debris from our streets, but you can help ensure our water system remains efficient and free from excessive yard waste and trash by taking an extra look at any storm drains in the street along your property. With Fall rains, even partially blocked storm drains can cause major flooding problems. While you're out doing that Fall yard cleanup take a moment to clear a storm drain!



Private Property Tree Removal Loan Program

The City of Rockford has launched a program to help address dead and dying trees on private property. The program provides a no-interest loan, to be repaid on the resident's water bill, for the removal of trees deemed a hazard by the City's Forestry Division. The program is available for residents with an annual income under \$70,000, and only for owner-occupied property. Program documents can be [found online](#); contact the City's Customer Service Center at 779-348-7300 with any questions.



Updates from Code Enforcement & Neighborhood Standards Division

The City of Rockford Code Enforcement Division would like to inform all residents and property owners to be aware of these property maintenance issues within the community:

Vehicles – Parking/Storage *\$50 citation*

- ☐ Total number of motor vehicles shall be limited to four (4) for each dwelling unit.
- ☐ All motor vehicles shall be operable and have current license plates displayed. Failure to correct this violation may result in the City's removal of the vehicle from the property.
- ☐ Autos, motorcycles, vans and trucks with passenger car or "B" plates must be parked on a paved surface in side and rear yards and must be parked in a driveway in front yards.
- ☐ Motor homes, campers, travel trailers and boats up to 30 ft in length, must be stored in side or rear yards on a paved surface. No motor home, camper, or travel trailer may be stored in any area located between the front property line and the street facing wall of the residential building (Side yard storage must be a minimum of 6 ft from the property line). All other trailers are prohibited. (Example: Utility Trailers, Box Type Trailers, Commercial Trailers, Car Trailers, etc.)

Electronic Products, Tires & Household Hazardous Waste

- ☐ Rockford residents may drop off TVs, computer monitors, and other electronics that are to be recycled at Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful's Rockford Recycling Center, located at 4665 Hydraulic Road in Rockford from 2 pm to 5 pm on Tuesdays and 9 am to noon on Saturdays.
- ☐ Small electronics (less than 2'x 2' and no TVs or computer monitors) may be placed in blue 32 gallon recycling cans
- ☐ Household Hazardous Wastes and up to 4 used tires may be dropped off at 3333 Kishwaukee St. on Saturdays from 8 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 12 pm to 4 pm.

Helpful Numbers:

CITY OF ROCKFORD GRAFFITI HOTLINE – 779-348-7261

CITY POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER – 815-966-2900

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – 815-319-4100

Submit your Edgewater photos and show off the best views from our neighborhood!

We need your help! We are updating our neighborhood website, and would like to include lots of gorgeous photos, taken by Edgewater neighbors, showing off all the things you love about our neighborhood. Submissions will be used in future newsletters, on Facebook, and on our website. Photos from all seasons welcome! Email your photos (JPG or PNG, please) to jenebuck@gmail.com. Thank you!

Please Note: by submitting a photo, you give us permission to use it in the manners described above, and you also indicate that any people in the photos have given permission to be featured on those platforms, too. We reserve the right to crop/edit photos. Submission does not guarantee that your photo will be used.



Promote your business to Edgewater neighbors!

Run an ad in the Edgewater newsletter and reach hundreds of neighbors in Edgewater and beyond. E-newsletters are sent to nearly 300 residents and posted on Facebook, NextDoor, and the neighborhood website. Physical newsletters are also mailed to 1200 Edgewater households in the fall.

Full-page ads are \$100, 1/2 page \$50, 1/4 page \$25; proceeds support Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Ad materials (digital PDF, JPEG or PNG files) can be submitted to Jennifer Smith, jenebuck@gmail.com. Please contact Jennifer with any questions.



Become a Member of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association!

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. Your annually-renewable \$15 Membership fee supports:

- ✧ Seasonal Neighborhood Activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale, 4th of July Festivities in Oxford Park, and Luminaria (including Luminaries placed in public places like the Auburn Street Bridge).
- ✧ Snow Plow Fund: The City does not plow Edgewater's many alleys, so as a neighborhood we pool our resources and contract with a plow service to keep those alleys clear all winter long.
- ✧ Watering planters on Auburn Street and the north side of Auburn Street Bridge.
- ✧ Postage for neighborhood mailings and printing of those mailings, as well as signs advertising neighborhood activities.

Thank you for your Membership and for helping Edgewater continue to be the vibrant, unique neighborhood we can be proud to call home!



Please mail your completed form with check (made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association) to:

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515
Rockford, IL 61105

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(Receive updates from our Alderman and Association President, John Beck)

Membership Dues **\$15**

Additional Donation _____
(to support snow removal and other neighborhood activities)

TOTAL _____