



Edgewater Neighborhood

Spring 2018 Newsletter



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Welcome, Spring,
we're glad to greet you!

Spring not only brings about the awakening of the earth, it's also a time of awakening for our neighborhood! We are looking forward to seeing neighbors come out in droves for the **annual Edgewater Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31**. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is now better than ever! In addition to the egg hunt itself, get a great photo with the Easter Bunny at our new photo backdrop. The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. at Oxford Park.

There are many other events coming up for Edgewater this spring, take a look at page 2 for all the details!

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20. There is still time to make an informed decision about the various races and issues on the ballot! More details can be found on page 4.

All Edgewater neighbors are also invited to monthly Association meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at the Rockford Country Club at 5:30 p.m. Each month we hear from our Community Officer, get city updates, and discuss upcoming Edgewater activities. At our April 18 meeting, we'll welcome representatives from the Great Neighborhood Project - learn more on page 2! Residents are welcome to come to every meeting with questions or concerns about our neighborhood and city. A light dinner is served; a donation is requested to help offset the cost of the meal.

From all of the officers and board members of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association,
Happy Spring!



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.



Upcoming Neighborhood Events

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Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. | Oxford Park

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is now better than ever! In addition to the egg hunt itself (kids are divided into two age groups to allow younger participants a "head start"), get a great (free!) photo with the Easter Bunny and a fun photo backdrop.



Visit from the Great Neighborhoods Project Team

Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. | Rockford Country Club

At our April association meeting, volunteers from the Great Neighborhoods project team will be on hand to talk about the work they are doing with neighborhoods across Rockford, to help neighbors identify what makes their neighborhood great and build neighborhood pride and camaraderie, and provide resources to help a neighborhood become even stronger! We hope you can attend and hear more about the Great Neighborhood Project and what it could mean for Edgewater!



Neighborhood Spring Clean Up and Donation Drive

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. - Noon | Oxford Park

Join hundreds of Rockford neighbors participating in the Great American Cleanup! This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day with your family. You do NOT need to help for the full three hours to participate. Meet at Oxford Park, trash bags, gloves, and pick up tools provided. **Additionally, this year we are partnering with Goodwill to hold a Donation Drive!** A donation bin will be on hand at Oxford Park to collect your new and gently used clothing and household items (visit goodwillni.org to see what can/cannot be donated). Donation receipts will be available for tax deduction purposes. Help Edgewater spruce up AND make spring cleaning a little bit easier this year.

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CLEANUP**



Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales | Saturday, May 5

To help build momentum for our neighborhoods' sales, we'll again be holding this event on the same day as Churchill's Grove's neighborhood-wide sales. Watch for more details on Facebook ([Edgewater Neighborhood Association](#)), [Nextdoor Edgewater](#), and [RockfordEdgewater.org](#).



Redcloud Painting, LLC

*Jenelle & Michelle
interior painters*

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4th of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4 | Oxford Park

Kids activities (face painting, bike parade, and more!) in late afternoon/early evening, fireworks at dusk. Watch for more details on Facebook ([Edgewater Neighborhood Association](#)), [RockfordEdgewater.org](#), and [Nextdoor Edgewater](#).



Water Meter Replacement

This month the City of Rockford Water Division kicked off its 2018 water meter replacement program. If you are due for a meter replacement, you will receive a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to schedule an appointment. The appointment takes no longer than 15 minutes and the meter is replaced at no cost to you!

Private Property Tree Removal Program

The City of Rockford has launched a new 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 to residents with an annual income under \$70,000, and only for owner-occupied property. Visit the [program detail page on the City's website](#) to learn more!

Yard Refuse Pickup, Street Sweeping, Hydrant Flushing

Yard refuse pickup begins the week of March 19th, and occurs on the same day your trash is picked up. Refuse including leaves, grass, and sticks should be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or in garbage cans that are clearly marked with an "X". Branches may be no more than 4 inches in diameter, trimmed to 4 feet in length, and no bundle of branches or yard waste bag/can should weigh more than 50 pounds. **Reminder:** Trash and yard refuse should not be placed in the street but up on the right of way or driveway.



Spring residential street sweeping will begin after arterial streets are completed. The transition to residential streets is anticipated in the middle of April. We'll share more precise dates via Facebook and Nextdoor when they are available and you can also check the [City of Rockford Street Division webpage](#) for updates.



Hydrant flushing typically begins in May; the city is divided into zones and each zone has an estimated timeframe for flushing. We'll share more precise dates via Facebook and Nextdoor when they are available and you can also check the [City of Rockford Hydrant Flushing webpage](#) for updates.

Meter Replacement Required

The City of Rockford Water Division is requesting access inside your property to install a new water meter. This meter installation should take no longer than 15 minutes and will be done at no cost to you.

Please visit www.rockfordwater.setmore.com to schedule an appointment.

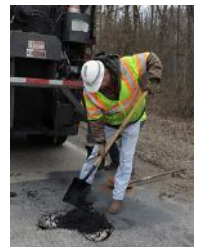
Our Field Services office can also be reached at 779-348-7152, Monday thru Friday from 7am to 3:30pm.

Failure to schedule an appointment may result in disconnection.



Potholes & Patching

It was a rough winter for melting and thawing, and it's done a number on our streets! Public works staff are patching holes citywide, both proactively and by citizen request. See a pothole that needs fixing? Please report it to (779) 348-7260.



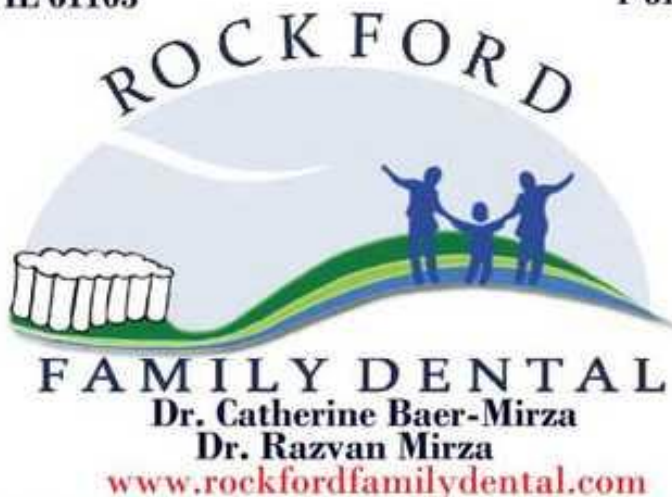
Storm Drains

Street sweepers will help clear winter 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. As spring rains begin, even partially blocked storm drains can cause major flooding problems. While you're out starting spring yard work take a moment to clear a storm drain!



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Upcoming Community Events

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Meltfest | Saturday, March 24

Head downtown for a full day of fun at the 5th annual Meltfest! This free, family-friendly festival (celebrating the melting away of winter and the melting together of the community!) starts with a 5k at 10 a.m. and continues all day with kids activities, ice skating, kayaking in the YMCA pool, science, magic, and juggling shows, live music, Melt the Blocks specials at many downtown businesses, a family bike ride, and a special beer tasting at Owly Oop! Find all the details at Meltfest.com!



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Rockford City Market & North End Market

City Market: Fridays, starting May 18, 3:30—8:30 p.m.
Intersection of State & Water St., downtown Rockford

North End Market: Saturdays, starting May 12
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
SE corner of North Main and Auburn

Just a few more weeks until City Market and North End Market start up again! Live music, fresh produce, local handmade goods, and delicious food make both these weekly events popular with residents and visitors alike. The North End Market is just a short walk or bike ride from Edgewater and a great way to meet neighbors and friends in our own stomping grounds! www.rockfordcitymarket.com



Primary Election March 20, 2018

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Election Day is March 20!

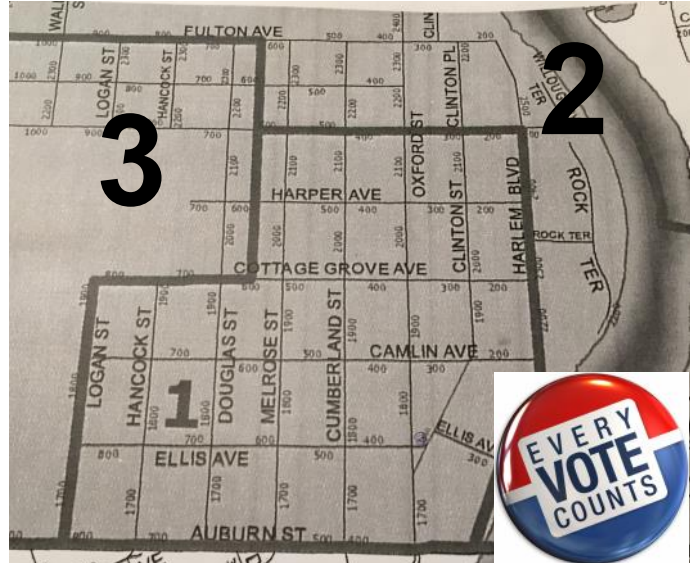
The Primary Election is rapidly approaching, but voters still have plenty of time to make an informed decision before heading to the polls on March 20.

Early voting has begun; registered voters can visit the Rockford Board of Elections (301 S 6th St) through March 19; visit VoteRockford.com or call 815-987-5750 for open hours. On election day (March 20) you must vote at your polling place. Edgewater residents do not all have the same polling place. Check the map to the right or visit VoteRockford.com to determine your polling center:

#1 — Third Presbyterian Church, 1221 Custer Ave

#2 & #3 — Beth-Eden United Methodist Church, 3201 Huffman Blvd

The 12th Ward is known for its high voter turnout and engaged citizens - let's make sure the March 20 primary proves yet again that



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 to:

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515
Rockford, IL 61105

Name _____

Address _____
(Used for Edgewater mailings)

Phone _____
(Used for Edgewater information only)

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

Membership Dues **\$15**

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

TOTAL _____

Checks may be made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Prefer to pay by card?

Pay online with PayPal at www.rockfordedgewater.org!