

**\$537,633 BIL Grant for
 West Fulton Street**

The city will receive a \$537,633 grant to resurface West Fulton Street from Hwy 59 to Dallman Road in 2023. Grant funding is provided through the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The city’s proposal was one of 40 projects selected for funding out of more than 300 applications filed with the Department of Transportation.

This section of West Fulton Street has a *Pavement Quality Rating* of two on a scale from one to ten (with ten being the best). The pavement has repeatedly failed in many places and has thus required temporary repairs over many years just to keep it functional. With a total estimated construction cost of \$867,083, the city has been unable to prioritize this street for reconstruction until the winning of this grant.

This section of West Fulton Street serves as access to the West Meadows subdivision and to the eight businesses (soon to be ten businesses) in Edgerton’s industrial park. In addition to the many employees who drive on this street to go to and from work, the road also carries heavy truck traffic.

GIS Mapping Project

The City Engineer’s office will convert the city’s utility maps into a Geographical Information System (GIS) this year. “A Geographic Information System is a system that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data. GIS connects data to a map, integrating location data with all types of descriptive information. This provides a foundation for mapping and analysis that is used in science and almost every industry. GIS helps users understand patterns, relationships, and geographic context. The benefits include improved communication and efficiency as well as better management and decision making.” (ESRI website)

The map conversion process will allow utility and DPW staff to have access to systems details in the field. Over time, as more data is added to the system, field staff will not only have data more readily available but will have more complete data. Utilizing GIS will also allow more data to be organized and made available to citizens. Following the creation of the utilities and streets maps, zoning and a tree inventory will be some of the first data sets to be mapped.

Supersized Grants Spur Downtown Investments

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is one of most valuable economic development tools for Wisconsin municipalities. By law, TIF Districts have a limited “lifespan,” meaning that all TIFs have to retire at some point in time. In an effort to maximize investment in private property, the city’s Redevelopment Authority increased incentives provided to business owners for the last 11 months in the life of the downtown TIF. This policy change encouraged more than \$1.1 million in improvements in 22 downtown buildings. Improvement projects included the reroofing of several structures, the paving of gravel parking lots, the tuck pointing of masonry, the creation of upstairs apartments, the replacement of doors and windows, electrical upgrades, new mechanicals, and new awnings. Additionally, TIF incentives granted through other programs have assisted with the establishment of a new clinic in the downtown and provided part of the funding for the exciting renovation of 210 W Fulton Street, which will serve as meeting space for veterans organizations and housing for veterans.

One measurement for the success of a TIF District is the increase in property values over the TIF’s lifetime. Driven primarily by the major redevelopment projects, such as Swifhaven, Fulton Square, Sara’s Gym, the tobacco warehouse redevelopment projects, and the new townhouse developments, the value of properties in the downtown TIF have increased by more than \$2 million since the TIF’s creation.

**210 W Fulton Street:
 Building Hope**

Edgerton Community Outreach celebrated the project launch for the renovation of 210 W Fulton Street with a block party. Construction for the \$2.1 million renovation project is scheduled to begin in August. This project turned out to be very timely regarding the need for affordable veterans housing and the ability to save the structure. Many unknown deficiencies were uncovered in the evaluation process: deficiencies that jeopardized the building structure. The renovation will correct the problems of the 168 year old building. The goals of the Building Hope Project include:



1. Create six affordable apartments for veterans/low income people.
 2. Build meeting space for local veterans groups to support their service efforts; and
 3. Rehabilitate one of Edgerton’s oldest buildings.

Happy Fourth of July

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES

Large item pick-up is the 4th week of every month on your regularly scheduled pick up day. You are not required to call to request a pick up. If you have a large item that requires two people to collect, like a refrigerator, Badgerland would appreciate a call. (608) 580-0580. Large item pick up does not include electronics and tires. Please do not place large items at the curb for collection more than 24 hours before collection day.

Waste Oil and Car Batteries: City of Edgerton residents can bring waste oil and used car batteries to the City garage on September 28th and December 28th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a limit of 15 gal. of waste oil and 3 batteries per year per household. Burns Full Service and City Trans also take waste oil.

E-waste: The next electronic waste collection event for City of Edgerton residents who have collection through the City waste contract will take place on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00am-11:00am at the City Garage, 315 W High St.

Grass and Weeds: Grass and weeds must be maintained at six inches or less in the City. If grass and weeds are not maintained according to the City Ordinance, the Department of Public Works will mow and there will be a charge to the property owners. All trees, bushes, or vegetation should be trimmed over streets and sidewalks.

Clean Sweep: Hazardous Chemical collection is on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9:00am-11:00am at the Rock County Public Works Garage, 3715 Newville Rd, Janesville. Advanced sign up is required (608)754-6617.

AQUATIC CENTER

The pool is open!!!!!!

Hours are Monday-Friday 12:30pm-5:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm, Sat-Sun 12:30pm-7:00pm. For more information please call 608-884-3232.



PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

For reservations and pricing information for the enclosed shelter at Racetrack Park, please call City Hall at (608) 884-3341 or visit the City's website at www.cityofedgerton.com.

New City Hall Hours

Monday—Friday

7:30 AM—4:00 PM

City hall will no longer be closed from 12:00-1:00pm

2022 Partisan Primary Election

The Partisan Primary will be held **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Offices on the ballot are: Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Secretary of State; State Treasurer; U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative; even-numbered Wisconsin State Senate seats; all Wisconsin Assembly seats; all District Attorneys; and county elected office seats. Independent candidates' names do not appear on the Partisan Primary ballot, but will be on the ballot in November.

Voter Registration

Regardless of what method you use to vote, registering before the election will save time on election day. You can register at City Hall until 5:00 pm the Friday before the election or at www.myvote.wi.gov through July 20, 2022. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering. Voter registration is required when requesting an absentee ballot for any election.

Voting Options

Below are the voting options for the August 9th and the November 8th elections:

In-Person absentee voting: Voters can vote in-person via absentee ballot at City Hall starting 14 days prior to Election Day during regular office hours. In-person voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Friday before the election. **Photo ID is REQUIRED** for in-person absentee voting.

Vote by Mail: Request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk either online at www.myvote.wi.gov or in writing by email or mail. You may choose to have a ballot mailed to you for the August and November elections. A **Photo ID is required** regardless of the method used to request your ballot. Please be sure to allow for mailing time, as the ballot must be returned by Election Day. Your ballot may be returned in person to City Hall during regular business hours. **The ballot may only be returned by the person voting. Ballots may not be placed in the drop box.**

Vote on Election Day: For those who wish to vote in person on Election Day, the polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Edgerton City Hall. Our election workers will be happy to assist you.

If you have questions or need assistance with any of your voting options, please contact City Hall at (608) 884-3341.

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL WITH
AUTO WITHDRAW

The City of Edgerton offers an auto withdraw option for payment on your water/sewer bills. The full amount is withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the Friday before the due date. The entire amount due must be withdrawn on that day. No more writing checks or remembering to pay the quarterly bill. If you are interested in this option please stop in at City Hall to complete an authorization form. For questions please call (608) 884-3341.