

Neighbors Needed for Pedestrian Red Flag Program

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, the Public Safety Committee has initiated a red flag pedestrian program. This program is a tool used by many communities to make cities more walkable. The program consists of the provision of inexpensive red flags that pedestrians can use to attract the attention of drivers while crossing busy streets.

The committee is considering the following intersections for the flag program - North Main intersection at Rollin Street, Dickinson Avenue, Hubert Street, Jenson Street; Ladd Lane, and the flashing light; and Fulton Street at Swift, Henry, and Burdick Streets: To be successful, the program must be supported by the neighborhoods where the flags are located. The City will provide the materials for the flags and install the canisters that hold them, but the neighbors in the area must monitor the program. If you are interested in having red flags in your neighborhood, bring your neighbors to a meeting and become a red crossing flag advocate.

Red Crossing Flag Meeting

Where: Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion Street

When: April 19

Time: 6:30 PM

Contact: Questions about the program
Contact Alderperson Candy Davis at 852-3542 or City Hall at 884-3341



Biggest Tree Competition

 The Edgerton Tree Board wants you to get to know and appreciate the trees in our city. To this end, the Tree Board is challenging you to find the biggest tree in Edgerton. We will be measuring each identified tree by its trunk circumference at about 5 feet off the ground. When you think you have found the biggest tree, send information regarding the tree trunk circumference and the tree's location to City Hall at edgertongovernment@cityofedgerton.com, the City's Facebook page, or by mail at 12 Albion Street for your chance at a \$25 gift card.

The Tree Board may need to find the tree, so please provide as much detail as possible. Information might include the tree's owner, the park or cemetery in which the tree is located, the type of tree, or a picture of the tree with some neighboring identifying feature (building, street, etc).

Enjoy your time searching for Edgerton's biggest tree.

New Brush Pick-up Practices

Based on citizen feedback, the Public Works Committee reviewed the City's brush collection policy. The Committee clarified the policy so citizens who use the service know how it works. Here are some brush program pointers:

Armful piles: The most important program rule is to place the brush in armful piles where the piles are no larger than 24 inches in diameter. Large tangled piles are time consuming to collect which means staff has less time for other more beneficial tasks like park and street improvements. Brush can also be placed in garbage cans as long as the can does not weigh more than 100 lbs.

6 feet long: Individual branches can be no longer than 6 feet and must be less than 6 inches in diameter. Roots are not collected.

City Brush Pile: Residents may bring brush to the City's brush pile at Fasset Cemetery anytime of the year.

Contractors: the city will not collect brush cut by private companies.

Lead Update

In an earlier newsletter, the Edgerton Water Utility reported an exceedance of EPA lead standards in three of twenty samples taken from homes. Following this finding, the City tested the three municipal wells and found no evidence of lead in the water being delivered to the distribution system itself. The City then took samples from four water mains throughout the community to assess the distribution system. Two of the four samples had no lead and two were less than 2 PPB - well under the EPA standard of 15 PPB. This indicates the problem is most likely coming from lead service lines or in-home plumbing through old piping and fixtures.

As prescribed by the DNR, the Water Utility is now in the process of additional in-home sampling. In addition to re-testing the same 20 homes that have been in the sampling program for decades, at the beginning of the year, the City began collecting water samples from 20 additional homes. All of the homes are located in areas of the City that have lead service lines. This round of testing must be completed by the end of June, at which time we will repeat the same 40 home samples by the end of the year. In the first round of tests this year, no exceedances have been found in the 29 samples that have been returned.

The Utility will continue to test and work with the DNR to ensure compliance. For information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>, the City's website at www.cityofedgerton.com, or contact your health care provider.

CITY SERVICE NOTES

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Please call City Hall or visit the City's website for reservations and pricing information for the enclosed shelter at Racetrack Park.

CEMETERY & COMPOST

Fassett Cemetery: Flowers and decorations on the graves need to be removed by April 15th to get ready for spring cleanup. Flowers may be replaced no sooner than the Friday before Mother's Day.

Compost: Looking for a place to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, twigs and garden debris? There is a compost pile located at the City Garage. These items **will not** be collected at the curb. Please do not leave garbage containers or bags at the

GRASS & WEEDS

Grass must be maintained at six inches or less, weeds 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.

****Please do not blow your grass into the street****

Trees Over Sidewalks

All private trees over public sidewalks must be trimmed to 9 feet above the sidewalk. Shrubs must also be pruned to not infringe on the sidewalk.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Rock County Clean Sweep

How: Go to www.co.rock.wi.us or call 754-6617 ext 118 or ext 3.

RSVP REQUIRED!

What: Bring most waste products that are not collected during weekly collection. (Quantities are limited. Check website for specific items being collected.)

When/Where: Friday, June 22, at Edgerton DPW 12pm-2pm; Saturday, June 23 at the City of Beloit DPW time TBD, and Saturday August 25 at the Rock County garage time TBD.

FILLING YOUR POOL?

Alert! Before filling your swimming pool contact City Hall at 884-3341 to get a meter reading. We can deduct your sewer charge on the water used to fill your pool. The only requirement is that you call us **before** you fill your pool and again **after** you are done filling. This service is offered one time every 12 months to those customers who use a minimum of 1,000 gallons to fill their pool.

TO THE CITY OF EDGERTON BARTENDERS

Your operator's license will expire on June 30, 2018. A renewal application must be submitted to the City of Edgerton no later than May 14, 2018 to allow time for background checks to be completed. The applications will be approved at the June 4, 2018 Finance Committee meeting. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or on line at www.cityofedgerton.com.

Tree Board News

The newly formed Tree Board is making plans for many improvements to the City's urban forest. The first project will be an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 27. With some help from students, the Board hopes to plant a tree, or two, in recognition of Arbor Day. Details will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the website.

The Board is also investigating a tree planting project at Racetrack Park. The Edgerton Rotary Club has already pledged funds toward the project. This project will be an excellent opportunity for community involvement and education. The Board hopes to plant a variety of trees in order to assess the hardiness and qualities of many tree types to encourage and educate people about the value of diversity in tree selection. Please follow this project's progress in future newsletters.

The Tree Board is looking for more members. If you are interested in learning about and advocating for trees, please volunteer. You can contact City Hall to obtain a volunteer signup sheet.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Local Candidates are:

Mavor

Matt McIntyre
Christopher W Lund *

Alderpersons

First District
David Esau

Second District

Corey Steen
Debbie Olson *

Third District

Paul Davis *
James (Jim) Burdick

School Board

Derek Ninmer *
Steven Doll *
Kelly Kwiatkowski *

* Incumbent



Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.elections.wi.gov/voters for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin. To learn more about the Voter Photo ID Law, go to BringIt.Wisconsin.gov



AQUATIC CENTER

The Edgerton Pool will open for the 2018 season on June 3rd at noon. Hours from June 4th-8th will be 6-8 pm. Starting June 9th the pool will be open its normal hours. There will be adult lap swim and water aerobics offered June 4th-9th from 5-6pm.

Pre season sales and lesson sign-up will be May 21st-June 2nd at the pool. Time of sales will vary! Please check the pool windows or our website for sale times. Forms can also be found on the city's website www.cityofedgerton.com. Just fill in the form and return to Edgerton City Hall at 12 Albion St with your payment.

Evening swim lessons will be June 4th-14th and June 18th-28th 5:15p-5:50p. Morning swim lessons will be June 18th-29th, July 9th-20th and July 30th-Aug 10th. The pool closes for the season on Saturday August 25th.

COMMUNITY GARDEN INFO

Garden plots on Lyons Street are on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be reserved at the Edgerton City Hall. Water is available at the garden site. Applications are available at city hall or at www.cityofedgerton.com.

Large item pick-up is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. To schedule a pick up, call Waste Management at 888-960-0008 at least 24 hours before the collection day.