

City Will Get a \$1.03 Million Street Project for \$150,000

The City received some fantastic news recently, that it won a \$686,000 grant through the Public Facilities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grant funds will be used to reconstruct West Rollin Street from North Main Street to Albion Street during 2020. In addition, the City has been granted permission to use \$197,000 in CDBG funds (from a previous grant award) for that same West Rollin Street project. Using these two sources of grant funds will allow the City to reconstruct the street, including curb and gutter, sewer, water, stormsewer, and even the installation of street trees for a mere \$150,000 out-of-pocket.

The CDBG program is a federal formula-allocated grant program under the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#). The program was created when Congress passed the Housing and Community Development Act, Title 1 in 1974.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) - Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) administers the State Community Development Block Grant program and provides funding to units of local government, like Edgerton, that do not receive an annual allocation directly from HUD.

The primary purpose of the CDBG program is the development of viable communities through the provision of decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment (i.e. street reconstruction), and the expansion of economic opportunities, principally for the benefit of persons of low and moderate income.

Voter Forms in Your Mailbox? Be Cautious

2020 is a Presidential Election year, which means you may soon be finding voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications in your mailbox. **These mailings are not from your City Clerk**, even though they may appear to be. Many times they are sent by special interest groups. The voter information included on these forms is commonly incorrect, causing complications when voting. To ensure you are properly registered, or to apply for an absentee ballot, please contact the City Clerk at City Hall 884-3341 or chegglund@cityofedgerton.com or visit myvote.wi.gov

New Trails

The City expanded its trail system at the end of 2018. New sections include a connection between the High Street Marsh Trail to both Lyons Street and Fish Pond Park. The City also installed a trail around the southwest baseball field at Racetrack Park to allow walkers to circle the ballfield complex using a combination of trails and streets. The City hopes to expand the walking paths at Racetrack Park so that walkers will someday have their own separate path around the ballfields.



Public Listening Sessions – Veteran’s Building Assessment Committee

What: Mayor’s Veterans’ Building Assessment Committee will hold public listening sessions.

When: Upcoming session dates to be determined (First session was held September 23 at 6:00 PM)

Where: Edgerton City Hall, 12 Albion Street

Why: The Committee has been asked to complete the following tasks:

- 1 Evaluate the expenses, revenues, and capital improvement needs of the facility.
2. Evaluate whether the City should continue to rent the facility to a private user.
3. Evaluate if there is a public use of the facility that would benefit and be supported by the community.
4. Make a recommendation to the Council regarding the long-term operation and ownership of the facility.

Please check the City’s Facebook page for dates and plan to attend so you can be part of the conversation.

No Utility Rate Increase, Again

Based on a review of the five-year financial forecast, the Utility Commission voted to not increase water or sewer rates next year.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



Brush Pickup

Brush pickup is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month through November, weather permitting. Limbs and branches should be piled or put in garbage cans at the curb. Piles should be no larger than 6 feet long and 24 inches in diameter. Garbage cans should not exceed 100 pounds. Residents may bring bushes, tree limbs and other brush to the city owned dump site located in the back of the Fassett Cemetery. For complete information regarding the brush pickup ordinance please see the City of Edgerton website.



Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin the week of October 21st. Please place your leaves in the street along the curb. You can assist in making leaf collection as quick as possible by not parking too close to the leaf piles and by making the piles as consolidated as possible. Please remember burning is not allowed with-

Fassett Cemetery Flowers & Plants

All flowers and hanging baskets must be removed by November 1st of each year or they will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel. Holiday flowers can be placed on or after November 8.

Winter Parking Rules

Winter snow parking regulations will go into effect on November 1, 2019. Parking is not allowed on any street or highway after a snowfall until snow is plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the rear of the lots during any snowfall as posted in all lots. Parking on unplowed streets will result in a fine of \$50.00.



Sidewalks

Please have your sidewalks cleared from edge to edge of all snow and ice no later than 24 hours after a snowfall. Failure to clear walks in the appropriate time may result in a fine of \$25.00-\$200.00.

Snow Plowing

It is against city ordinance to plow snow from your personal driveway, sidewalk, or parking area into public streets or alleys. If necessary the City will remove the snow that was put in the public street and the cost of the snow removal will be charged to the property owner in addition to a potential fine of \$25-\$200.

Trees Are for the Birds

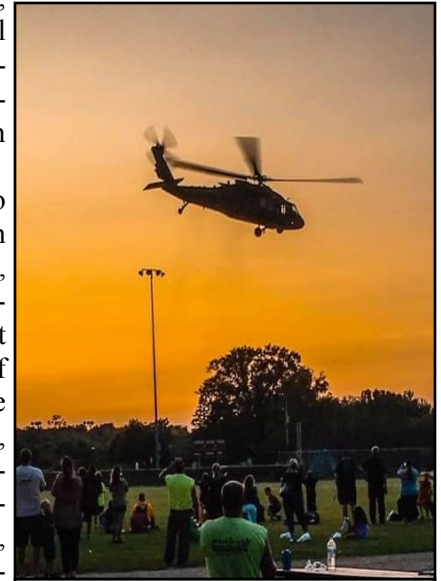
Bird species date back about 160 million years, when archeological findings reveal they first evolved from dinosaurs. Birds are a long-tested product of nature and time, one with purposeful design and function. And they have evolved to rely on trees as well as benefit them.

Birds use trees as the scaffolding for nests, but also as the stages for their courtships and territorial defenses. They use trees to shield themselves from predators and the elements too. Here's an example. Owls need feathering that resembles the bark of a tree, because during the daylight hours they tend to roost in the shade of a canopy. Attracting attention would cut into their sleep and might expose them (and their young) to predators. Furthermore, bright colored feathers would not be helpful to owls in mate-selection since courtship happens in low light, and the eyes of most owls have few cones (for seeing colors).

Birds can have simple or complex associations with trees. (Think insect management, seed dispersal, pollination, vectoring of fungal spores, and, in the case of woodpeckers, assisting with forest succession by helping to break down decaying trees.)

When we list the values of trees to things like human health, carbon and water sequestration, air quality, energy savings, etcetera, it's important to include bird habitat among these, lest we lose sight of how critical trees (and proper tree care) are to them. Along with trees, birds are also an essential component of a sustainable, healthy environment. When selecting a tree, please consider a species that benefits birds and pollinators.

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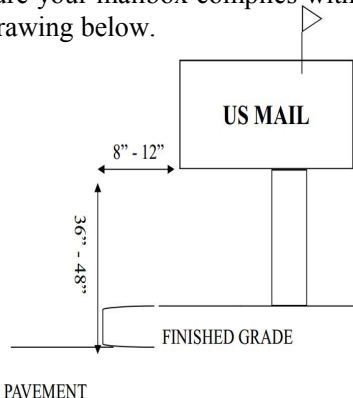


National Night Out - A Great Community Event

This year's National Night Out event, held at Racetrack Park, clearly accomplished the objective of the program, which is to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The event, organized by the Edgerton Police Department, had it all, from a Blackhawk helicopter to bouncy houses to farm animals. Thanks to the Police Department for organizing this great event and to the many community organizations that joined in on the fun. Plans are already underway for the 2020 event. . . . Yet another reason Edgerton is such a great place to live!

Mailboxes in the Right Place

To reduce the chance of damage to your mailbox this winter, please ensure your mailbox complies with the drawing below.



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