

### Downtown Ash Tree Removal

If you have been in downtown Edgerton lately, you have probably noticed that the Ash trees have been removed. It was truly sad to see these 30-year-old trees removed, but the Emerald Ash Borer proved to be as relentless as predicted. A few years after the insect was discovered in Michigan, Edgerton began inoculating the downtown Ash trees in an effort to protect them from the borer. These efforts, however, proved to be insufficient, and the trees were ultimately diagnosed as infested with the borer. Therefore, in March of this year, the Department of Public Works removed the trees, yet they did so in a manner that will make maximum use of the timber.

The trunks of these trees were left in long pieces so that they could be converted to lumber. The City received a WDNR Urban Forestry Grant to mill the wood. The rough sawn wood will be dried in a solar kiln that was recently constructed by high school Technology Education students. Once the lumber is dry, the City and the school will use the wood for projects. We are hopeful that we can develop an ongoing program to convert trees that must be removed into useful products. So maybe the next time you sit at a picnic table in the park, you may be again enjoying one of Edgerton's street trees.



The last step in this process—the one that completes the cycle—is to replant trees in the downtown. The new trees will be planted this summer.

### Home Compost Bins Sale

Based on strong citizen interest in home composting, the City purchased 76 home compost bins with a plan to sell them to residents at cost. There are two different sized bins: an 80-gallon bin costs \$41, and a 125-gallon bin costs \$46. The bins will be sold on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Starting April 5, 2021, you can reserve a bin by submitting your payment to City Hall. The receipt you receive with your purchase will be your “ticket” to pick up a bin. (If you put your payment in the drop box at City Hall, we will mail you your receipt.) Bins will be distributed from Fassett Cemetery starting May 1. Pickup hours will coincide with the hours of operation of the compost site. Check the City's website for compost site hours. More detailed instructions regarding bin pickup will be provided at the time you make your purchase.

If we run out of bins this year, we will repeat the process next year. To learn more about home composting, you can visit the Recycling Connections website or sign up for their free webinar on April 13 at 7:00 pm. <https://fb.me/e/2c49wLJaW>



### 2021 Construction Projects



There are several street projects planned for this summer. Here are a few to keep an eye on:

**South Main Street from Lord Street to Hain Road (Phase 1).** This is the first year of an enormous two year project. The 2021 project will replace the sewer and water infrastructure in the entire corridor and will take most of the summer to complete. The street will be open to local traffic only. Funding for a portion of the sanitary sewer is being provided by USDA Rural Development.

**Cherry Street, Nunn Bush Street, and East Hubert Street** will all be resurfaced. The project will include some minor sanitary sewer structure and curb repair in addition to

the pavement resurfacing.

Many downtown crosswalks and curb ramps will be replaced downtown. This may require some temporary traffic rerouting.

Highway Striping will be updated on both Fulton and Main Streets.

Lead Lateral Replacement. The City has applied to WDNR's Private Lead Service Replacement Grant Program. The City is optimistic that we will receive grant funding to replace several private lead service laterals.

New subdivisions. There are several potential new subdivisions under construction this year.

## VOTING UPDATE — MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

### VOTING OPTIONS 2021 SPRING ELECTION

Polls will be open at City Hall on April 6, 2021 Election Day from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You still have time to absentee vote if you do not wish to vote at the polls on Election Day.

Request an absentee ballot online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) prior to April 2nd, and a ballot will be mailed to you. Voters may also email or mail a written request with a photo ID (scan or copy) to the City Clerk for a ballot to [cheggglund@cityofedgerton.com](mailto:cheggglund@cityofedgerton.com). Please be sure to allow for mailing time, as the ballot must be returned on or before Election Day.

Voters can also vote in-person via absentee ballot at City Hall through Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> until 5:00 pm.

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

### Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Local Candidates are:

#### Alderpersons

First District  
Sarah E. Braun

Second District  
Matt McIntyre  
Candy Davis

Third District  
Paul Davis  
Anne Radtke

#### School Board

Steven Doll  
Kelly Kwiatkowski  
Derek Nimmer

Please go to the: Wisconsin Voter Information Center at [www.elections.wi.gov/voters](http://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](http://BringIt.Wisconsin.gov)

## 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.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

*Rock County Clean Sweep*

**How:** Go to [www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep) or call 754-6617 ext 4758. **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:** Dates and locations have not been determined yet for 2021.

### E-Waste

The dates of the this year's two e waste collection events are April 24 and September 25 at the Public Works Garage W High Street. Watch the City's website for details of the events.

### BUILDING PERMITS

It is that time of year again. We are all thinking about the remodeling jobs that need to be done around our homes. As you are planning these jobs keep in mind some projects such as new decks, siding, fences, and sheds may require a permit. Please contact the City Hall at 884-3341 to see if your project requires a building permit.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN INFO

Garden plots on Lyons Street are on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$10/ plot. Water is available at the garden site. Applications or reservations are available at city hall or at [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com).

### 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 Fassett Cemetery. These items **will not** be collected at the curb. Check the City's website for compost site hours

### TO THE CITY OF EDGERTON BARTENDERS

Your operator's license will expire on June 30, 2021. A renewal application must be submitted to the City of Edgerton no later than May 12, 2021 to allow time for background checks to be completed. The applications will be approved at the June 7, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or on line at [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com).

## Celebrate Arbor Day Friday, April 30, 2021

Look for event details on  
Facebook and at  
[www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com)

### AQUATIC CENTER

Based on current Rock County COVID Guidelines, the City plans to open the Edgerton Pool for the 2021 season on June 6th at noon. Pre season pass sales will be May 24th – June 5th at the pool. Time of sales will vary! Please check the pool windows or our website for sale times.

Forms are available on the city's website [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com). Just fill in the form and return to Edgerton City Hall at 12 Albion St with your payment.

Adult lap swim and water aerobics will be offered starting June 7th. Adult swim will be Mon-Thurs from 6:00-7:30 am, Mon-Sat from 11-12pm and Mon-Fri 5:00-6:00 pm. Aerobics will be Mon-Fri 11:00 am-12:00 pm. You will need to use Signup Genius to reserve a spot for lap swim or aerobic.

Swim Lessons are on hold right now based on COVID Guidelines, but check the city website for the most current information on lessons.

The pool closes for the season on Saturday August 28, 2021.

**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**

