

Edgerton Home Revival Program

In 2009, the state legislature passed a law allowing the extension of a TIF District for one additional year to provide funding for affordable housing initiatives. In 2019, the City Council decided to utilize this TIF extension provision with the Business Park's TIF, establishing the Edgerton Home Revival Program.(EHR). Approximately \$340,000 will be available starting on August 1, 2021 for the program.

The Home Revival Program aims to improve and update "affordable" homes in Edgerton by providing grants and low interest loans for eligible improvements. Modernizing smaller or outdated housing units improves livability, increases resale values, makes homes more energy efficient, and attracts more people to live and invest in Edgerton.

The program will consist of grants for projects under \$10,000 and low interest loans (at a 2% interest rate) for projects that exceed \$10,000. Repaid loan funds will be available to loan to another home owner, thus creating a revolving loan fund.

Who is Eligible?

- Owner-occupied home owners, including condominiums, that have an assessed value **less** than the average assessed value of single-family homes in Edgerton are eligible. For 2021, the average assessed value is \$207,968.
- Loan recipients will have to meet certain financial loan repayment criteria similar to those of a bank loan.

What work is eligible?

The lists below are not comprehensive but are used as guidance in making determinations about eligible work. In general, eligible work should serve to improve the value and marketability of the property; it should modernize or expand the structure and its component parts; and/or it should increase energy efficiency. For items not included in this list, the City will determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

- Purchase and installation of renewable energy technologies, such as solar panels
- Major upgrade of mechanical systems that are functionally outdated, including upgrades of electrical service, adding central air conditioning, modernizing basement drainage systems, etc.
- New construction; expansion of the structure; and the finishing of unfinished spaces
- Complete remodel of kitchen or bathroom or interior space modification to modernize and to improve usability and marketability
- Energy efficiency upgrades, such as insulation, window replacement, installing a heat pump
- Environmental remediation, such as the removal of asbestos or lead-based paint or other environmental hazards, but not including soil remediation
- New detached freestanding garages (not utility sheds) may be considered, especially if no other garage exists on the property.

What work is not eligible?

- Cosmetic-only landscaping
- Repairs to accessory buildings
- Decks, unless part of an addition
- A structure that has been determined to be "unsuitable for rehabilitation"
- Reimbursement of work which has been contracted for or completed prior to the Owner signing agreements with the City of Edgerton.
- Labor costs of any household member
- Appliances
- Purchase, installation, or repair of furnishings
- Repeat flood-related repairs
- Demolishing of outbuilding(s), unless the Project includes replacement with an eligible outbuilding
- Replacement or maintenance of home components that are expected to be replaced periodically, such as roofing, siding, water heaters, furnaces, etc. Replacement fixtures may be considered for inclusion if they are part of the complete remodel, as determined by the Committee. Items such as roofing may be Program-eligible if part of an addition.

Applications for the EHR program will be available soon and can first be submitted on August 1, 2021. Watch the City's website and Facebook page for program announcements.

Happy Fourth of July

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES

Large Item Pickup Large item collection will take place during the fourth week of each month on your regularly scheduled pick up day. Residents are not required to call in to schedule a large item pick up.

For a large item such as a refrigerator that requires two people, Badgerland Disposal has requested a call ahead. No call is required but it may result in a one-two day delay in pick-up based on employee availability.

Waste Oil and Car Batteries: City of Edgerton residents can bring waste oil and used car batteries to the City garage on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 3:00 pm and 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 electronic waste collection event for City of Edgerton residents who have collection through the City waste contract will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021 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 from 9:00-11:00am June 26, 2021 at the Beloit Public Works Garage and on August 11, 2021 at the Rock County Public Works Garage. Advanced sign up is required (608)754-6617.

Compost Bins For Sale The City purchased compost bins this spring for resale to interested residents. We still have bins available for either \$41 or \$46 depending upon the size of the bin. You can purchase a bin at City Hall.

AQUATIC CENTER

The pool is open!!!!!! Hours and policies are still changing due to COVID. To get the most up to date information please visit the City's website or call the pool at 884-3232.



Downtown Trees

In the previous newsletter, we reported on the removal of the ash trees from the downtown and their conversion to lumber for school and city projects with the use of a solar kiln. As promised, those trees have now been replaced, and the new downtown trees look great with the annual flower baskets.

Memorial Tree Contest

Mayor Chris Lund and the Edgerton Tree Board will each donate a tree again this year for Edgerton's Memorial Tree Contest. The winner of the contest will be able to dedicate a tree to the person (or pet) of their choice. The tree will be planted in the Linear Arboretum at Racetrack Park. The winner of the Memorial Tree Contest will be announced on July 16, 2021. To register, please visit www.facebook.com/cityofedgerton and follow the "easy-to-win" steps.

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

Built in 1906 and serving the community of Edgerton ever since, the Edgerton Public Library welcomes everyone to visit and make use of the many services available. Although the library provides vital services to our community all year, activity increases in the summer, as the school year winds down and the Summer Reading Program begins. The 2021 program, "Tails and Tales," kicked off on June 7 and runs through August. Readers of all ages are invited to join in on the fun by reading, participating in activities, and earning prizes.

Library cards are free, and all are welcome to visit!

Current hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 7 pm; Friday 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 3 pm

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

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

Tourism Commission

The City of Edgerton and the Towns of Albion and Fulton created a tourism district to collect hotel room taxes to fund local tourism initiatives. The Tourism Commission, made up of hotel operators and representatives from each municipality, hired the *Janesville Visitors and Convention Bureau* to develop and implement a marketing plan that will include online resources, print and radio advertising campaigns, a calendar of events, and a logo.

The Commission plans to use a portion of the hotel room taxes collected to directly fund tourism initiatives undertaken by local organizations. Program details will be posted online once they are available.



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