

# BRING ON SPRING!

Edgewater Neighborhood | Spring Newsletter 2020



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Happy Spring! Normally, we would be greeting you with happy thoughts about Spring, the rebirth of our earth and the ensuing opportunities we have to get out of our houses and enjoy the outdoors. But obviously, this isn't the typical Spring. We are dealing with a very scary threat, a worldwide COVID-19 virus pandemic.

This type of threat has not been faced in over 100 years. Fortunately, we are much better prepared to fight this than we were a little over 100 years ago with the Spanish influenza pandemic that infected approximately 27% of the entire earth population and killed between 50 and 100 million people. While many might consider the response to the current pandemic to be extreme, it also could very well be what prevents us from experiencing the same results of the Spanish flu.

As residents of the amazing Edgewater Neighborhood, we are always at the forefront in being informed and contributing to making Rockford a better place for all of us to live, work and play. So we are calling on all of you to provide leadership to our community and encourage all of your social networks (family, friends, coworkers, etc.) to take every precaution that will prevent the spread of this virus. Inside this newsletter you will find resources that will educate you on what can be done to limit your exposure and exposure of your loved ones to the virus. Please educate yourself and follow the advice from the experts.

Also, we ask that you reach out to neighbors or other acquaintances who are elderly or not E-savvy and may not be able to take advantage of opportunities to purchase goods and supplies using a computer or smart phone. Help them out. If you're going to the store, see if they need anything. Or offer to help them order needed goods or supplies using your computer or smart phone. It's a great opportunity for us to strengthen our community and help our fellow citizens.

Finally, I've been approached by a couple of area small businesses with concerns about the coming weeks and the economic impact they are going to experience. Please know that many of these are going to try to continue operating as best as they can and as much as we can, we should support them. I know some restaurants and bars are continuing to be available for carryout business. Also, other businesses that are designated as essential services will remain open and we should communicate with them on how they are taking steps to reduce the risk of sharing the virus so that we can safely continue using their services. If we all follow recommended practices to keep ourselves safe, we can get through this with the least amount of negative impact on our local businesses and on our potential exposure to the virus. Be creative. And communicate with local businesses to determine the best way to support them while being safe.

Stay Safe and Well — See you on the other side!

John Beck  
Edgewater Neighborhood Association President and 12th Ward Alderman

# Edgewater Events

**\*\*Please note:** It is impossible to determine at this time if any of these events will need to be cancelled or postponed due to public health guidance related to COVID-19. Updates to event details will be provided on Edgewater's Facebook and NextDoor pages, and the neighborhood website. John Beck will also send updates via email.

Due to this ongoing uncertainty, Edgewater will not be coordinating a neighborhood-wide garage sale day in 2020.

## April 11: Easter Egg Hunt | 10 a.m. | Oxford Park

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is a favorite Edgewater tradition! Kids ages 3 and under have their own designated area so they can have fun at their own pace. Get a great (free!) photo with the Easter Bunny and a fun, festive photo backdrop.



## April 15: Edgewater Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting to feature Special Guests! | 5:30 p.m. | Rockford Country Club

At our April meeting we will welcome Edgewater neighbors who will share stories and historical details from Edgewater's past, gleaned from a Clinton Street home's abstract book which dates back to 1836! This will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn more about the place we call home. Learn more about this opportunity on page 14. We'll also hear from our Community Services Officer, Alderman Beck, and discuss regular board business. Light dinner is served and donations are accepted to offset the expense.



## April 25: Neighborhood Cleanup & Donation Drive | 9 a.m. - Noon | Oxford Park

Join Rockford neighbors participating in the Great American Cleanup! This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day with your family. You do NOT need to help for the full three hours to participate. Meet at Oxford Park; trash bags, gloves, and pick up tools provided. Additionally, this year we will again partner with Goodwill to hold a Donation Drive! A donation bin will be on hand at Oxford Park to collect your new and gently used clothing and household items (visit Goodwill's website to see what can/cannot be donated). Donation receipts will be available for tax deduction purposes. Help Edgewater spruce up AND make spring cleaning a little bit easier this year.



## Support our Local Restaurants and Nonprofits

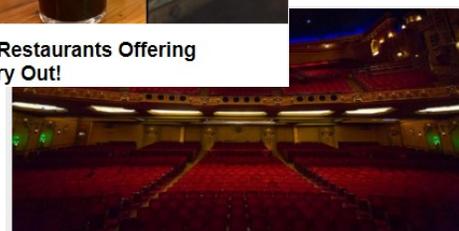
Rockford Buzz has created two excellent lists to help Rockford residents find information that will help them support local restaurants and arts/culture nonprofits even while the shelter in place order is ongoing. [One list](#) includes details from dozens of restaurants offering carry-out.

Another list, [Save Me A Seat](#), encourages us to support nonprofits who are cancelling events and closing facilities in light of the pandemic. These organizations depend on ticket sales, memberships, and direct donations to stay in business. Check out the list and consider supporting our vibrant local nonprofit community today!

All local businesses can use your support during this time. Some of those businesses are running ads in this very newsletter. All of them are being deeply impacted by COVID-19. Many businesses are able to continue offering their services, although they may look significantly different during this time. Call ahead to ensure a business will be open before visiting in person. Reach out to local businesses to show your support. Buy gift cards now for use in the future. Thank you for your support!



Rockford Area Restaurants Offering Delivery or Carry Out!



Save Me A Seat - How to Help Our Arts & Culture

# “Edgewater Cares” Pollinator Garden Project

*Did you know that one of every three spoons of food that you eat requires a pollinator?*

*Did you know that many butterfly and bee populations are declining?*

As residents of the Edgewater Neighborhood, my wife Kim and I have adopted a project called **Edgewater Cares**. The purpose of this project is to engage the Edgewater Neighborhood in learning and raising funds to support the restoration of the Pollinator Garden located within Anderson Japanese Gardens. It's on the south bank of the Spring Creek in the Garden of Reflection.

Pollinators are critically important to our ecosystem and this project will help educate guests who tour the Gardens regarding the importance of pollinators and the habitats that sustain them.

We hope this project will help Edgewater families learn about and develop native plantings in their own yards, providing additional, much-needed habitats.

Here are ways to get involved:

## 1. AT-HOME ART LEARNING AND ART-PROJECT

- Learn about pollinators by watching a YouTube video about pollinators with your family. Regardless of your age, it includes great information and excellent illustration. <https://youtu.be/CUPzbTuJlqc>
- On an 8 1/2 by 11 piece of paper, draw, color or paint an image of what you think your home would look like with a pollinator habitat garden in your yard. All ages are welcome!
- Take a picture of your artwork and make sure to add your first name on the page and email it to [sjbois@gmail.com](mailto:sjbois@gmail.com) - we will post your work on Edgewater's website and Facebook and hold a random drawing for a prize.
- At a later date this summer, plan on attending a special Edgewater KID'S DAY celebration at Anderson Japanese Gardens to learn more about pollinators, plants and garden design by a special guest who is an expert in this area. Admission to this special event will be free for your family.

## 2. JOIN THE [EDGEWATER POLLINATORS AND MORE](https://www.facebook.com/groups/266644947677189) GROUP ON FACEBOOK

This group was established to educate our community about the vital role pollinators play in our world. Thanks to Ron Clewer for developing this group! Join this open group to learn more and share ideas: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266644947677189>

## 3. DONATE TO THE PROJECT

We are raising funds to pay for plants & materials, two days of contractor labor, irrigation adjustments, and educational brochures. The total budget for the project is \$7,500. Anderson Japanese Gardens is a 501(c)3 and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. If you are interested in making an investment in this important educational project for our neighborhood and community or have any questions, please send an email to [sjbois@gmail.com](mailto:sjbois@gmail.com). Checks may be made payable to Anderson Japanese Gardens with “Pollinator Garden” in the memo; email us to schedule drop off or pickup.

We also welcome YOUR ideas in generating donations within our community.

**Thank you, neighbors!**

Steve Bois and Kim Keefe, Edgewater Residents



# Stay at Home

## Resources and Information

It is extremely important to make sure that you are getting your information about the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** from reliable sources.

Click [HERE](#) for information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Click [HERE](#) for information regarding the mandatory “**Stay at Home**” order. **Staying home** and practicing **social distancing** when necessary to go out for essential services will have the greatest impact on fighting the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

You may also check these **additional government webpages**:

State of Illinois: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>

Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

Winnebago County Health Department: <http://www.wchd.org/>

City of Rockford: <https://rockfordil.gov/preparing-for-covid-19/>

## Resources for Groceries and Meals

Click [HERE](#) to view **grocery store hours**. Note the special times set aside for senior citizens and at-risk people to shop.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of **restaurants** that remain open for **delivery and/or carry out**.

Click [HERE](#) for information regarding **meals for children**.

Click [HERE](#) for information from RPS205 regarding **distribution of student meals**.

## Other Resources for Families

Click [HERE](#) for **helpful resources for families** including **child care** and information regarding the status of other community resources.

Click [HERE](#) for information regarding **United Way’s 211 program** that connects people to **resources**. (Additionally, United Way of Rock River Valley has established a COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund to support the needs of residents and their children to help alleviate hardships they may be experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An anonymous donor helped establish the fund with an initial \$10,000 gift. Contributions, large and small, are being sought from area businesses and individuals. Click [HERE](#) to donate.)

Click [HERE](#) for tips on **managing stress and anxiety** during this challenging time.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of apps that can **help children deal with anxiety** during this time.

## Educational Resources for Kids

Click [HERE](#) for a list of “**Museums, Zoos, and Theme Parks** Offering Virtual Tours.”

Click [HERE](#) for a list of **fun things to have kids do** during school closures.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of **educational shows** for kids on Netflix.

Click [HERE](#) to **draw, doodle, & explore new ways of writing** with author/artist Mo Willems.

## Resources for Work and Businesses

Click [HERE](#) for some **helpful guidelines for working from home**.

Click [HERE](#) for information regarding **unemployment** due to COVID-19.

Click [HERE](#) for “**Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources**.”

Click [HERE](#) for “**Information & Resources on COVID-19 for Housing & Homelessness Professionals**”



The Illinois Department of Public Health offers these guidelines to prepare your household for an outbreak of any infectious disease.

Please stay calm and prepare, seek out accurate information, and be kind, staying mindful of actions that could perpetuate any discrimination or stigma associated with COVID-19 or other infectious diseases.

***For additional information, please visit [dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov)***

## PREVENTION

- Use personal prevention protection methods at all times, whether at home, work, school, community events, or elsewhere:
  - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; dry hands with a clean towel or air dry hands.
  - Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable.
  - Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Stay home when you are sick.
  - Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Keep soap, hand sanitizer, and tissues on hand. Make them easily accessible at home and carry with you when possible.
- Keep household cleaning spray or wipes readily available. Always use according to label instructions.
- Clean “high-touch” surfaces daily. These include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, light switches, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.
- Don’t share personal items such as water bottles.
- Keep informed of recommendations of public health officials at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov), and your local health department web site.

**Note:** The use of face masks by people who are not sick is not recommended to protect against respiratory diseases. Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent spread of the disease and by health care workers and others taking care of someone in a close setting.

# COVID-19 Update from Mayor McNamara

## Update from Mayor McNamara, shared Friday, March 20:

Friday, I joined leaders from Winnebago County and the Winnebago County Health Department at a news conference to update the community on COVID-19. I amplified Gov. Pritzker's announcement that Illinois residents must now shelter in place beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, through Tuesday, April 7, to help prevent the spread of the disease.

This is a rapidly-evolving public health challenge and I appreciate the dedication of the Winnebago County Health Department, City of Rockford staff and the other agencies working together to address it.

Businesses and services remaining open include supermarkets, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, convenience stores, laundromats, daycare centers for children of health care workers and first responders, auto dealers and service centers, hotels and motels. You can read the entire Executive Order from the Governor [HERE](#).

Medical experts cautioned us several weeks ago that our way of life was going to be altered dramatically. We've been waiting for it, we've been preparing for it and now it's upon us. Please know that the Rockford Police and Fire Departments are prepared and will be maintaining services to residents in our city.

The City's Public Works Department will continue to operate the water utility and respond to infrastructure emergencies, including water main breaks. Other City departments are functioning with staff members working from home when possible.

Please continue to observe best practices from the CDC to prevent exposure and infection:

- Cover coughs or sneezes.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently-touched objects, such as cellphones, laptops, and countertops.

The CDC also notes that patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you have symptoms, please call your health provider BEFORE visiting a clinic or Emergency Department.

**Please seek information from trusted sources such as the City of Rockford, Winnebago County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.**

Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) – [www.wchd.org](http://www.wchd.org)

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

City of Rockford: <https://rockfordil.gov/preparing-for-covid-19/>

This is a historic and defining time for our great city. We have a solemn responsibility to protect our families, our friends and our neighbors and slow the spread of this virus. We must remain home unless it's absolutely necessary to leave. Make no mistake: this is the right action to take against COVID-19 and slow the spread.

We will make it through this and our community will be better because of our collective actions.

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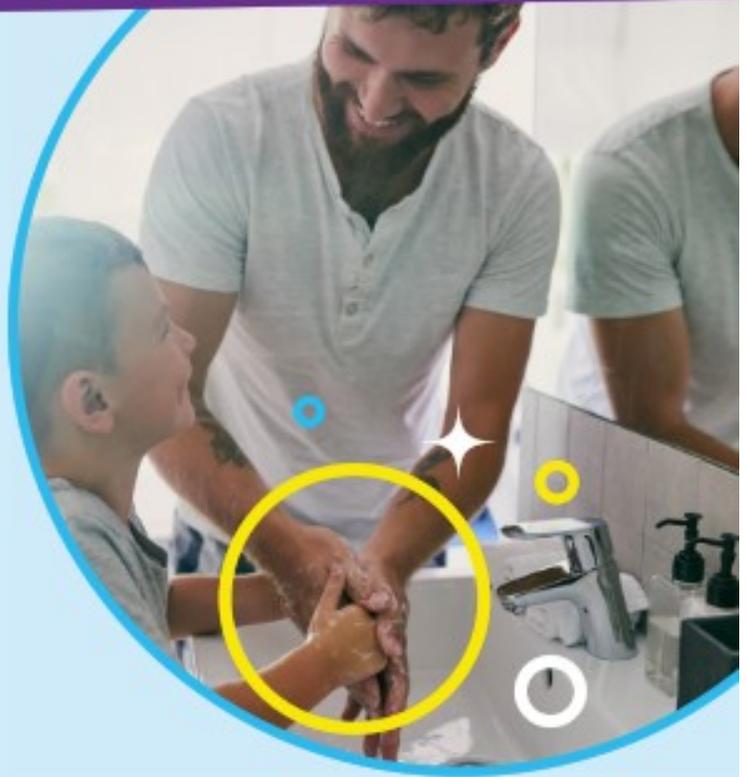
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# Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

## When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



## How?



**Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



**Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



**Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



**Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.



**Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

**Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.**

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[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



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For more information or to find a doctor that's right for you, visit [SwedishAmerican.org](http://SwedishAmerican.org).

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# COVID updates, continued

## Rock River Valley Blood Bank puts out Urgent Call for Blood: #GiveBloodChallenge

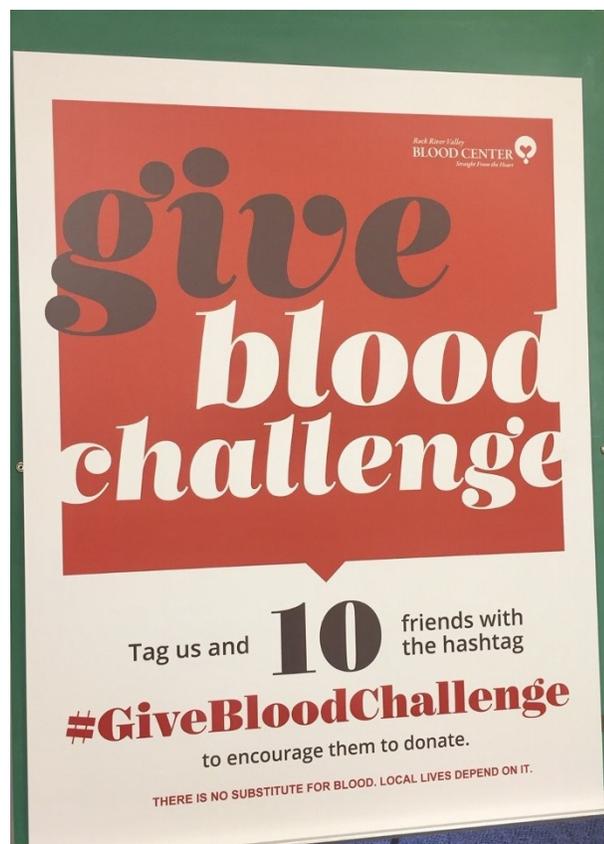
As we begin the first full week under a Shelter In Place order in Illinois, blood banks and health centers across the country are raising awareness about the danger of a blood shortage. Our local blood bank, the Rock River Valley Blood Bank, has put out an urgent call for donors. If you are feeling well, please consider making an appointment to donate soon. First time donors welcome! Call the blood bank before going to the office to make an appointment and to check on full eligibility requirements: 815-965-7451. Visit [www.rrvbc.org](http://www.rrvbc.org) for more information.

## Rockford Public Schools Compile Resources for Families While Schools Remain Closed

Schools across Illinois will remain closed through at least April 7. Rockford Public Schools will be providing meals at several schools and have compiled additional information about food sources and other resources for families impacted by the closure and the shelter in place mandate. Visit <https://www3.rps205.com/departments/Pages/FACE.aspx> for full details.

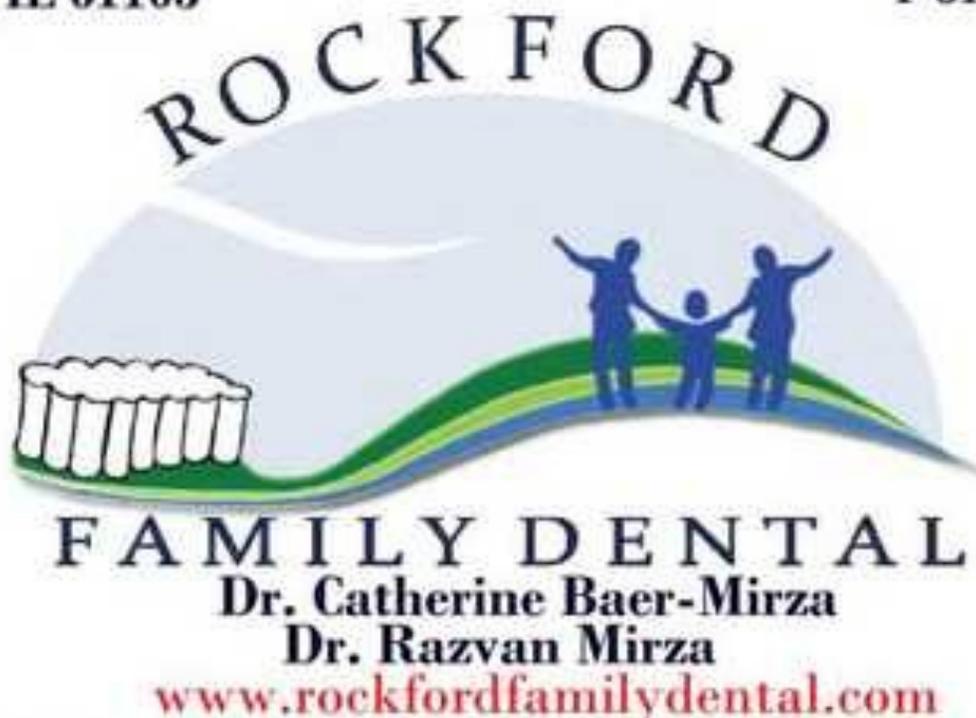
## One Body Collaboratives resources and online church service list

One Body Collaboratives activates church resources to respond to community needs. They have compiled a list of community resources as well as a running list of churches who will hold worship services online during this time. <http://onebodycollaboratives.org/index.php/online-worship>



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# Everyone Counts! Complete the Census Today!

In the midst of everything else going on in the world, the 2020 Census is underway. Current and future relief from the COVID-19 crisis for our city and region depends on a complete count in the 2020 Census. Paper invitations to participate in the Census were mailed from the Census Bureau between March 12-20. Whether or not you have received your Census invitation, you can complete the questionnaire online at [www.mycensus2020.gov](http://www.mycensus2020.gov) (screenshot of this website below). **It takes less than 10 minutes and is vital to helping Rockford remain strong.**



In addition to the option to complete the Census online, you may complete it by phone or by mail. Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 for full details.

## Welcome to the 2020 Census

[www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)

- It's quick and easy. The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

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### Getting started:

- You must complete your questionnaire once you begin. If you leave the questionnaire and return later, you will have to start over.
- Do not use the web browser buttons (back, forward, or close browser). Use the buttons within the questionnaire to navigate.
- For best results, use the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or Safari. Enable cookies.

Start Questionnaire

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# Seasonal Reminders



## Yard Refuse Pickup, Street Sweeping

Yard refuse pickup begins the week of March 23rd! Refuse including leaves, grass, and sticks should be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or in garbage cans that are clearly marked with an "X". Branches may be no more than 4 inches in diameter, trimmed to 4 feet in length, and no bundle of branches or yard waste bag/can should weigh more than 50 pounds. **Reminder:** Trash and yard refuse should not be placed in the street but up on the right of way or driveway.



Spring residential street sweeping will begin after arterial streets are completed. The transition is anticipated at the end of April. We'll share more precise dates via Facebook and Nextdoor when they are available and you can also check the [City of Rockford Street Division webpage](#) for updates.

## City of Rockford offers Two New Communication Tools

The City of Rockford is publishing a monthly Community Newsletter to share updates of all kinds, including performance updates from the Police and Fire Departments, notable economic development projects, and other seasonal and timely updates. Visit [rockfordil.gov](http://rockfordil.gov) and look for the "Newsletter Sign-Up" link.

Need to report a pothole, graffiti, weeds violation, or a traffic signal outage? Submit the information through the online Service Request Portal! Visit <https://dp.rockfordil.gov/DPRresponsive/PortalAccount/Login>

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945 N. Main St.

# Additional News & Notes



## A REQUEST FROM ROCK RIVER DISPOSAL

Please bag all garbage (except recycling) before placing in garbage cans. This will minimize the chance of exposing collection staff to COVID-19.

Thank you for helping to limit the spread of COVID-19.



**ADDITIONAL UPDATE:** Effective March 23, 2020, Rock River Disposal has temporarily suspended the collection of bulk waste, including mattresses, furniture, and freon-free appliances. Normal collection will run as scheduled.

## CITY HALL PUBLIC ACCESS LIMITED BEGINNING FRIDAY

The City of Rockford is limiting public access to City Hall after the close of business on Thursday, March 19. City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, April 6. During the two-week closure, operations at City Hall will continue. To conduct business, we encourage citizens to either utilize the City's website or call 779-348-7300 for further direction. This closure is meant to protect our citizens and employees and minimize opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community.

For more information, visit <https://rockfordil.gov/preparing-for-covid-19/>.

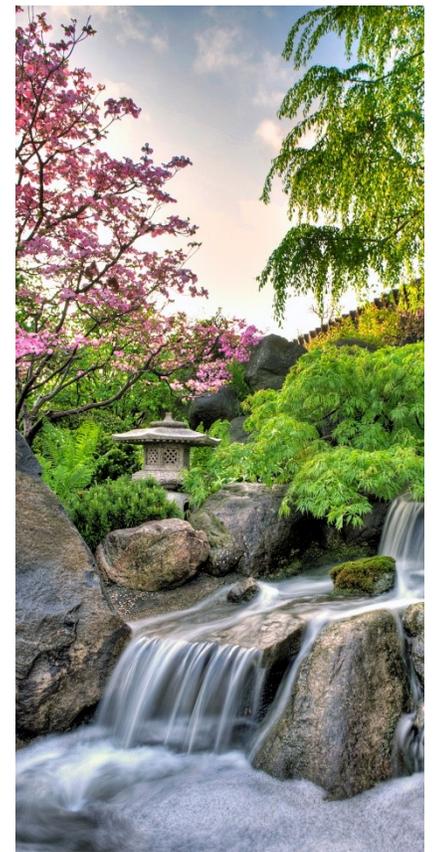


## For Housing News, Visit: [Edgewater-Homes.com](http://Edgewater-Homes.com)



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# Set the stage for Edgewater's Future!

## Become a Member of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association!

The Edgewater Neighborhood Association was established in 1979 to promote a sense of community and provide resources that help keep Edgewater a beautiful, safe, and inviting place to live. Your annually-renewable \$20 Membership dues support:

- \* Snow Plow Fund: The City does not plow Edgewater's many alleys, so as a neighborhood we pool our resources and contract with a plow service to keep those alleys clear all winter long.
- \* Seasonal Neighborhood Activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale, 4th of July Festivities in Oxford Park, the Holiday Party, and Luminaria (including Luminaries placed in public places like the Auburn Street Bridge).
- \* Watering planters on Auburn Street and the north side of Auburn Street Bridge.
- \* Postage for neighborhood mailings and printing of those mailings, as well as signs advertising neighborhood activities.

Thank you for your Membership and for helping Edgewater continue to be the vibrant, unique neighborhood we can be proud to call home!



Please mail your completed form with check (made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association) to:

Edgewater Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 515  
Rockford, IL 61105

Prefer to pay by card?  
Pay online with PayPal at [www.rockfordedgewater.org](http://www.rockfordedgewater.org)!

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Used for Edgewater information only)

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(For updates from Alderman & Neighborhood Association President, John Beck)

Membership Dues **\$20**

Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
(to support snow removal and other neighborhood activities)

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_



## Submit your Edgewater photos and show off the best views from our neighborhood!

We need your help! We're looking to expand our collection of Edgewater photos, taken by Edgewater neighbors, showing off all the things you love about our neighborhood. Submissions will be used in future newsletters, on Facebook, and on our website. Photos from all seasons welcome! Email your photos (JPG or PNG, please) to [rockfordedgewater@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordedgewater@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Please Note:** by submitting a photo, you give us permission to use it as described above, and also indicate that any people in the photos have given permission to be featured on those platforms, too. We reserve the right to crop/edit photos. Submission does not guarantee that a photo will be used.

**Pictured at right:** Auburn High School Key Club members helping at Edgewater Egg Hunt



## Promote your business to Edgewater neighbors!

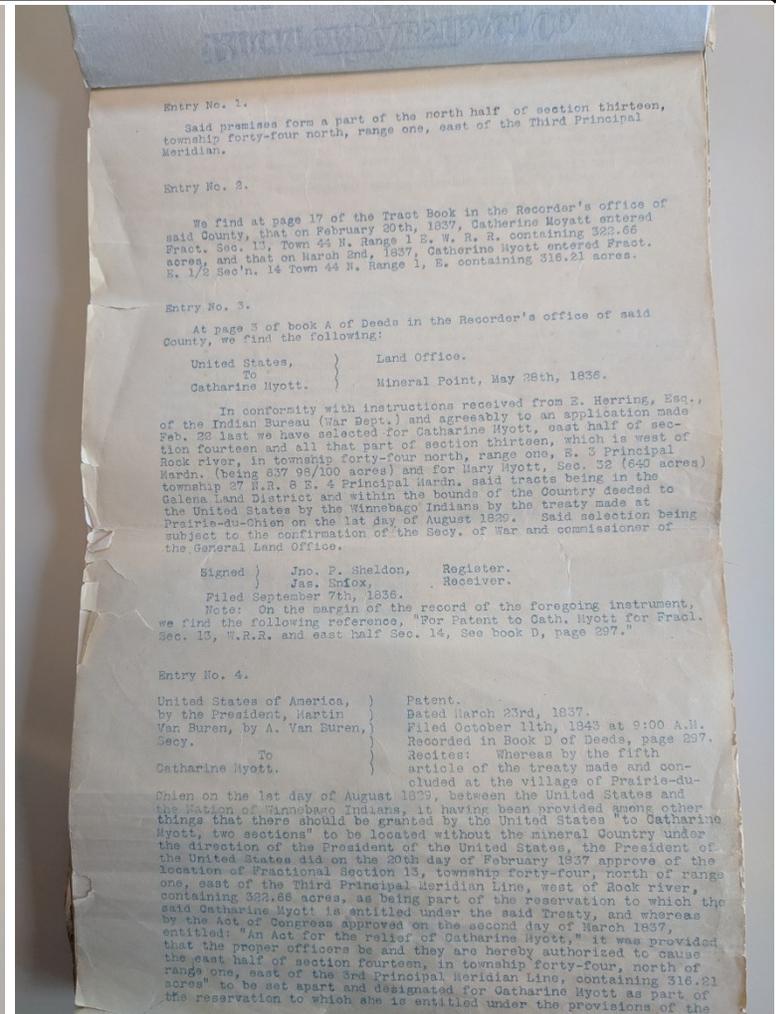
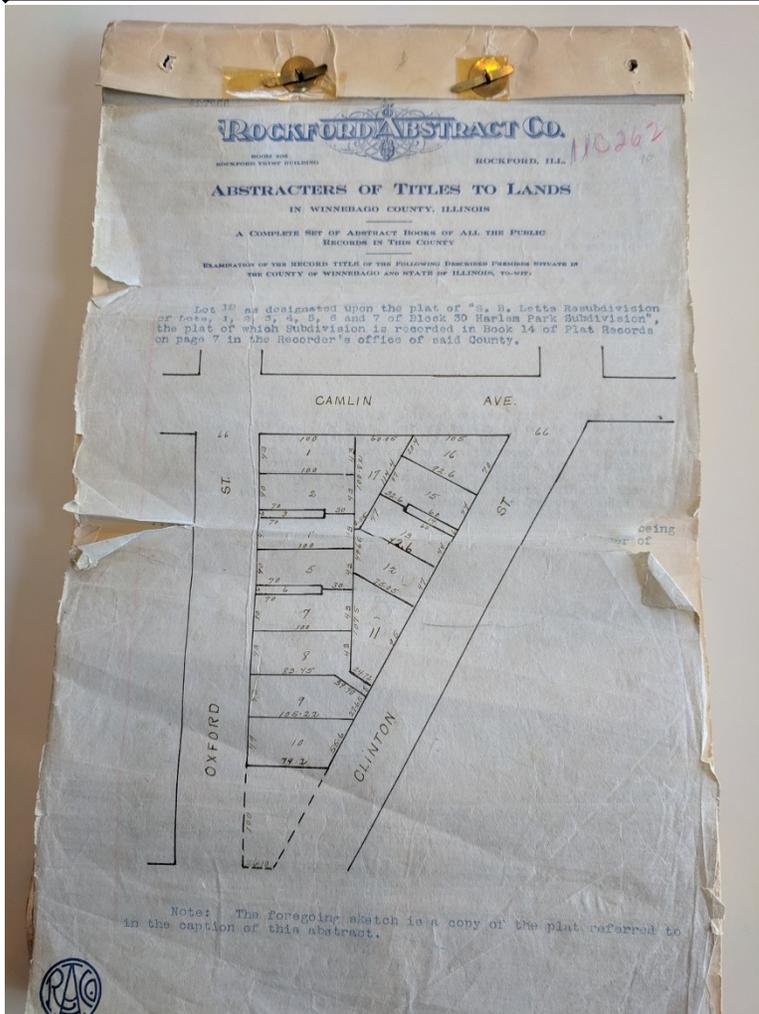
Run an ad in the Edgewater newsletter and reach hundreds of neighbors in Edgewater and beyond! Digital newsletters are emailed to over 400 residents and posted on Facebook, NextDoor, and the neighborhood website. Physical newsletters are also mailed to 1200 Edgewater households in the fall. All proceeds support the Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Ad materials (PDF, JPG or PNG files) can be submitted to [rockfordedgewater@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordedgewater@gmail.com). Please contact us with any questions!

**PRICING: Digital (spring, summer, fall)** -- Full-page ads are \$100, 1/2 page \$50, 1/4 page \$25, business card size \$20.

**Print (winter)** — Full-page ads are \$140, 1/2 page \$75, 1/4 page \$40, business card size \$30.



# A look into Edgewater's past...



## Getting a glimpse back (WAY back!) in time thanks to a thoughtful neighbor

Edgewater residents living on Clinton Street received a unique gift from some neighbors who had moved out — the abstract book for the neighbor's former house on Clinton Street between Camlin and Ellis, with records dating back to May 1836! Pictured above at left is the cover of the book, including the Rockford Abstract Company logo on top, their RAC stamp at bottom left, and a sketch of the block that includes the property in question.

Pictured above on the right is the first page of entries in the abstract book, detailing the first records of the land tracts that included this property on what is today Clinton Street. Those first entries occurred in the late 1830s, and detailed the land transfers that were made to members of the Nation of Winnebago Indians following a treaty between the tribe and the United States government in 1829. The land that we now know as Edgewater was part of the land transferred to Catherine Myott, member of the Nation of Winnebago Indians, under the authority of President Martin Van Buren. You may recognize the name Myott — there is still a street named Myott in Churchills Grove.

Over time, the original partial land "sections" that were deeded to Catherine Myott were sold, subdivided, platted, and developed. The story of these changes where they relate to this specific property on Clinton Street are all documents in this abstract book. It's a unique artifact with a special story to tell, and we are very fortunate that the Edgewater neighbors who currently possess the book are willing to share it with us all! **At our monthly Edgewater Neighborhood Association Meeting in April 2020, these neighbors will bring the book and give a presentation about its contents. We hope you will join us on April 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at the Rockford Country Club for what will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn more about this place we call home! Please plan to attend!**

*Do you have a unique or historic Edgewater artifact that you'd be willing to share (in picture form or otherwise) with the neighborhood? Please let us know! Email Edgewater Neighborhood Association at [rockfordedgewater@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordedgewater@gmail.com)*

# A Little Springtime Fun!



## Spring Wordsearch

BUNNY  
CANDY  
CHICKS  
CHOCOLATE  
EASTER  
EGGS  
FLOWERS  
GREEN  
RAIN  
SPRING

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Great Job,  
Neighbor!

### Recognize an Edgewater Neighbor for doing something GREAT!

Here's an opportunity to anonymously recognize Edgewater neighbors for all the GOOD things you see them doing! Notice a neighbor making an improvement to their house or yard? Doing something to make our neighborhood more welcoming, beautiful, safe, or fun? Click the "Great Job, Neighbor" icon on the homepage of [rockfordedgewater.org](http://rockfordedgewater.org) and send us their contact information — even if you only know their address, we'll get a thank you in the mail from the Edgewater Neighborhood Association to let them know their good deed was noticed!

