



EDGERTON

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FOURTH QUARTER

2015

CHANGES IN REFUSE AND RECYCLING

The City accepted proposals for refuse and recycling collection services for 2016. After evaluating several proposals, the City selected Waste Management as the new provider. The Waste Management proposal provides a savings to tax payers, as this firm's cost of service is significantly less than the previous provider.

Changes to your service include the following:

New Refuse Carts: All residents should have received new refuse carts by the time this newsletter arrives. If you haven't, please call Waste Management at 1 888-960-0008. These carts will allow for automated refuse collection, similar to the automated recycling collections we have had for the past five years. Other than the special items listed below, automated collection requires that all materials fit in the cart. Items next to the cart will not be collected.

New Collection Days: Refuse will still be collected each week and recycling every other week. Collection will, however, take two days to complete as opposed to three. This requires a change in collection days for some residents. Most residents who currently have Monday and Wednesday collection days will continue with that schedule. Residents with Friday collection will now have either Monday or Wednesday collection days. You should have received a letter from Waste Management with details of the collection day changes. A map of collection days and a street list by collection day will be available on the City's website.

Special Items Collection: Through the contract negotiation, the City was able to retain many of the services that Edgerton residents have enjoyed in the past. Changes in service include the following:

Large Items: Large item pickup will occur on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Residents must call in advance to schedule the pickup.

Lead Acid Batteries: Residents can still place car and truck batteries at the curb. Battery casings must be unbroken and placed next to the recycling container. Residents must call in advance to schedule the pickup, which will be the fourth Wednesday of the month. There is a limit of three batteries per year per residential unit.

Waste oil: Oil must be placed next to the recycling container in a leak-proof, non-breakable, one gallon container labeled "oil" and sealed with a threaded lid. Residents must call in advance to schedule the pickup. Limit 15 gallons per year per residential unit.

Waste tires: Waste tires will no longer be collected. Many local service stations will take used tires for a small fee.

Electronics: Electronics will be collected during the two collection events each year. Dates and locations of the events will be advertised. The first collection will take place on May 7, 2016 at the City Garage.

CALL WASTE MANAGEMENT AT 1 888-960-0008 OR CITY HALL AT 884-3341 WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVICE.

2016 Elections

2016 Election dates are:

- February 16, 2016 Spring Primary
- April 5, 2016 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
- August 9, 2016 Partisan Primary
- November 8, 2016 Fall General Election

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.gab.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

2016 Sewer Rates

The Edgerton Utility Commission recently completed a financial forecasting project for the water and sewer utilities. The forecast considered components that affect utility rates—such as existing debt, future projects, operating costs, and increased revenues through growth in the City—to determine how best to ensure that quality and safe services are provided most cost effectively.

Using this information, the Commission recommended that the City Council implement an inflationary rate adjustment for 2016 for the sewer utility only. The City Council agreed with the Utility Commission's recommendation and approved a 3% rate increase for the sewer utility. Starting with the first quarter bill in 2016, these rates will result in an increase in the quarterly charge for the average residential user (12,000 gallons/quarter) of \$3.68 and an increase of \$5.36 for large residential users (20,000 gallons/quarter).

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



Winter Parking Rules: Winter snow parking regulations went into effect on November 1st. Parking is not allowed on any street or highway after any 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.

Sidewalks: Please have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice from edge to edge 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. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



Christmas Trees: Starting January 4, 2016 and every Monday thereafter through January, the Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curb.

UTILITY NOTICES

Winter Vacations: Please consider shutting off your water in the basement if you will be out of town this winter. Shutting off water could prevent damage (and a large water bill) if you have plumbing problems while you are gone. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using appliances before you shut off the water.

Snow Around Fire Hydrants: The Edgerton Water Utility and the Edgerton Fire Protection District encourage residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are located near their property. Having easy access to fire hydrants will save precious time if the hydrant is needed to fight a fire. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES



Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2015. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2016 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination is **required** by the County in order to obtain a license. If you do not have a copy of the animal's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.



PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes for City of Edgerton Residents in Rock County can be paid in the Treasurer's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville. Dane County residents within the City of Edgerton can pay taxes at the Edgerton City Hall.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

OFFICE

Mayor
Aldersperson District 1
Aldersperson District 2
Aldersperson District 3

INCUMBENT

Christopher Lund
Lyle Maves
Dave Thomas
Chris Wellnitz

The first day to circulate nomination papers was Tuesday, December 1, 2015, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in the office of the City Clerk. Candidates can obtain papers at City Hall or at <http://gab.wi.gov>. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at City Hall.

COMMUNITY GARDEN INFO

Garden plots are on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be reserved at the Edgerton City Hall after January 1st. Current participants have from November 1st until December 31st to request to continue using their plot otherwise it will be available to the public on January 1st.

Only one garden plot will be allowed per household. If plots are still available as of June 1st, current users may request an additional plot.

Water is available at the garden site. The hand pump located at the rear of the gardens is available for use. Gardeners must supply their own bucket or watering container.

Please stop in to city hall for a complete list of rules and regulations or visit our website at www.cityofedgerton.com.

Sterling North Barn Learning Center

The Sterling North Society has been a fixture in the Edgerton Community since 1989, when a group of volunteers joined together to help promote the literary legacy of Edgerton's native son, Sterling North. With the help of the community, the city government, the North family, and donors worldwide, the Society was able to purchase the North home and turn it into a functioning Museum. With the continued help of local volunteers, who serve as docents, tour guides, board members and donors, the Museum continues to thrive.

The Board's most recent planned enhancement to the North legacy is to modify the Barn on the property so that it can accommodate larger tour groups. The plans include using the Barn as a learning center, complete with interactive displays and slide programs, to educate and serve the growing number of Sterling North fans. To fund some of these improvements, the Edgerton Community Fund awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Society. The Society is still seeking additional donations.

The Board encourages community involvement from volunteers and financial supporters through annual memberships of \$3 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for families. Dues and other donations go to pay for projects, such as the Barn learning center project.

The Society Board and our community continue to enjoy contacts from all over the world, asking for more information about Mr. North and his timeless story of a boy and raccoon living in Brailsford Junction (Edgerton, Wisconsin). For more information or to make a donation, contact info@sterlingnorthsociety.com. Help keep this Edgerton treasure growing.