

Safety after the Storm

As we move into the summer months, it is wise to plan for the inevitable summer storm. We tend to breathe a sigh of relief after a storm moves on. However, just because the storm has passed, it does not mean that the danger has. There could be a variety of hazards left behind. Keep these tips in mind:

- Do not touch a downed line or something that has fallen over, like a fence or tree limb. A downed power line does not have to be arcing or smoking to be deadly. Stay away, and instruct others to do the same. If you come across downed power lines, call 911 and your power company immediately.
- If you are inspecting your home in the dark, use a flashlight rather than a candle to avoid risk of fire or explosion due to a gas leak.
- Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are under water. The water could be energized.
- Do not turn power off if you must stand in the water to do so. Call your power company to have the power turned off at the meter.

Many storms result in power outages. One way to deal with an outage is by using a generator. Generators can help you get by until the power company restores your power, but operating your generator safely is crucial. Keep these tips in mind when you are operating your generator:

- Read and follow manufacturer operating instructions to properly ground the generator.
- To prevent back feed, standby generators should have a transfer switch installed by a professional. Also portable generators should never be plugged directly into a home outlet or electrical system – use an extension cord to plug appliances into an outlet on the generator to power them.
- Nothing should be plugged into a generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging the generator and appliances.
- Generators pose electrical risks, especially when operated in wet conditions. Use a generator only when necessary if the weather creates wet conditions. Protect the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure and on a dry surface where water cannot form puddles. Always insure your hands are dry before touching the generator. - *Courtesy of safeelectricity.org*

Closed Circuit Traffic Monitoring Cameras

Highway 51 through the City of Edgerton is currently a designated alternative route for the I-39/90 reconstruction project. An important component to monitoring traffic flow along the alternate route is a closed circuit camera system (CCTV). The CCTV will provide the ability to oversee areas of potential congestion and provide fast and appropriate response if an issue arises.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to install two CCTV cameras at the intersection of highways 51 and 59 because it is an area of concern along the alternate route. The CCTVs can provide video surveillance to monitor traffic flow and to identify backups along each approach to the intersection. Video images are fed to the traffic operations center to assist operators in placing messages on variable message signs. This data is then utilized to notify motorists of delay times on the message boards along the interstate and to provide better information to emergency services providers. When an incident occurs, the images can help operators determine if a modification of ramp meter timing should be made to avoid secondary crashes and to reduce congestion in that area. Camera images are also supplied to other agencies involved in emergency response and to the media. Go to www.511dwi.gov to see live video from many roads around the state.

Swift Street Storm Sewer Repair

If you attempted travel on Rollin Street near the Swift Street intersection during the past few weeks, you may have noticed a construction project. This project entails the reconstruction of a portion of the Swift Street storm sewer. This storm sewer is not a normal one because it happens to be one of the largest and oldest in Edgerton. What is especially unique about this storm sewer is its rectangular shape and the fact that its top serves as the Swift Street sidewalk on the east side as it heads into Central Park. The pipe begins at the fish pond on West Lawton Street and runs to Sauder's Creek in Central Park. This essential piece of infrastructure is the only outlet for storm water for the southwest quarter of the entire city.

This repair will improve a section of pipe that was failing and also allow for the installation of accessibility ramps at the intersection, which were not feasible until now.

Weigh in on the Skate Park

The Parks Committee is trying to gauge the amount of interest in reinstalling the skate park ramps at Racetrack Park. If you wish to add your voice to the skate park conversation, please call City Hall at 884-3341 or email edgertongovernment@cityofedgerton.com. Please reply by July 18, 2014.

**DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES**

Large Item Pickup E-waste and large items can be picked up by calling Advanced Disposal at 800-248-2373. Large items include appliances and furniture. E-waste is any electronics, computers, printers, televisions, etc. There is no charge for any special pickup for the City of Edgerton residents. Just call the number above to schedule a special pick up on Thursdays. Place items at the curb and secure any doors for safety.

Grass and Weeds Grass must be maintained at six inches or less, weeds at nine 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.

****Please do not blow your grass into the street****

August 12, 2014 is Election Day!

The Wisconsin Partisan Primary is August 12th. Electors may vote for candidates of only one political party. You can vote straight ticket by selecting a party at the top of the ballot, or you can vote each race but you cannot vote for candidates in both parties.

AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

The pool hours are as follows:

M-F 12-5 and 6-8

Sat/Sun 12-7

Please call 884-3232 for more information.



**Hazardous Waste Collection
Rock County Clean Sweep**

What: Bring hazardous waste products that are not collected during weekly collection. (Quantities are limited. Check website for specific items being collected.)

When/Where: Friday, August 22, 1:00p-4:00p at the Orfordville DPW Garage, 734 Beloit St. Saturday, August 23, 8:00a-12:00p, at the Rock Co. Hwy Garage, 3715 Newville Rd., Janesville, WI.

How: RSVP REQUIRED!!! Go to www.co.rock.wi.us or call 754-6617 ext. 3(before 12p) or ext. 118(aft 12p)

Facts About WI Municipalities

Cities and Villages in Wisconsin are incorporated municipalities that provide a full range of services to persons and properties within their boundaries, including street maintenance and snow plowing, sewer, water and electricity, police and fire protection, garbage collection, libraries, parks and recreation, zoning and planning, and public transportation.

- Number of Cities: 190
- Number of Villages: 407
- Percentage of State Population Residing in Cities and Villages: 70%
- Largest Municipality: Milwaukee (595,525 in 2011)
- Smallest Municipality: Village of Stockholm (66 in 2011)
- Number of Municipalities with populations below 2,500: 378
- Number of Municipalities with populations above 2,500: 219
- Oldest Municipality: Green Bay
- Newest Municipality: Village of Harrison (March 8th, 2013)

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Please call 884-3341 for reservations and pricing information for the enclosed shelter at Racetrack Park.

Shared Ride Taxi Service

The City offers a taxi service through Brown Cab Taxi Service. Please call 884-9847 for ride info or to schedule a pickup. The hours are:

Monday-Friday..... 7:15 am to 5:15 pm

Saturday9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The fares are as follows:

Adult 18-25.....\$3.25

Seniors over 59.....\$2.00

Handicapped & Students 6-17.....\$2.25

Children under 6.....free

Mileage.....\$1.75/mile beyond city limits

Additional Riders.....\$1.75

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL WITH AUTO WITHDRAW

The City of Edgerton offers an auto withdraw option for payment on your water/sewer bills. The full amount is withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the Friday before the due date. The entire amount due must be withdrawn on that day. No more writing checks or remembering to pay the quarterly bill. If you are interested in this option please stop in at City Hall to complete an authorization form. For questions please call 884-3341.

Happy Fourth of July