

## City Will Receive \$1.6 Million Grant

The City will receive one of the largest grant awards in recent history from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the **South Main Street** project. The \$1.6 million grant through the Surface Transportation Program will pay for 80% of the storm sewer and street reconstruction costs for South Main Street from Lord Street to the cemetery. In addition to the street improvements, the Edgerton Utilities will reconstruct the sanitary sewer and water infrastructure in South Main Street. This sanitary sewer and water project will be completed in 2021, and the street reconstruction will follow in 2022. On top of the DOT grant, the Sewer Utility received a \$219,000 grant and a \$405,000 low interest loan from the USDA Rural Development program. These grant awards will significantly decrease the impact to local taxpayers and utility ratepayers. Planning for the project will begin soon, with opportunities for public involvement.

### INFORMATIONAL LEAD NOTICE UPDATE

Through its regular 2017 water testing program, the City of Edgerton's Water Utility detected lead over the action level of 15 ppb in three of twenty homes where the Utility collects water samples. This quantity of noncompliant samples is considered an Action Level Exceedance by state and federal standards and requires the Utility take steps to further evaluate lead in the drinking water by increasing the number and frequency of samples taken from homes. The Utility completed two series of sample collections from 40 different homes in 2018. The first set of samples was collected between January 1 and June 30, 2018. Of the 40, only one sample exceeded the 15 ppb standard. A second set of samples was collected from the same homes between July 1 and December 31, 2018. Of those 40 samples, six samples were over the action level of 15 ppb. This is considered an exceedance by WDNR standards, therefore the Utility will undertake another sampling sequence in 2019. In addition to samples in individual homes, the Utility retested water from all three wells. There was no lead detected in the source water from the wells, indicating the lead is coming from private laterals or plumbing within homes.

The advice of experts regarding the most efficient way to reduce lead in drinking water is to **run your water in the morning** for two to three minutes (or until it gets as cold as it will get) before you drink it. Please visit the City website at [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com) for more information on lead in drinking water.

The Utility will keep the public informed regarding the sample results. Testing from individual homes is a requirement of the WDNR testing program and the Water Utility thanks those customers for their cooperation.

### Linear Arboretum Grants

The last newsletter described a multi-year project initiated by the Edgerton Tree Board, explaining that it will create a "linear arboretum" in Racetrack Park. Well, thanks to a \$1,500 donation from the **Edgerton Rotary Club**, the first trees were planted this fall. The following nine types were planted: Turkish Filbert, American Hornbeam, Sentry Linden, Greenspire Linden, Red Horse Chestnut, American Yellowwood, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn, Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac, and Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry.

The **Alliant Energy Foundation** is the second donor to the project, giving **\$2,500**. Thank you to the donors for giving us a great start on this exciting project.

### Lights of Central Park

#### 2018 Donors

- Edgerton Congregational United Church of Christ
- Red & Candy Davis & Family
- Sterling North Society
- Edgerton Youth Soccer Association
- Cowley's Piggly Wiggly
- Arts Council of Edgerton
- The Banushi's
- Steponkus Tax Service

### \$5,000 DNR Grant for Gravel Bed

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources awarded a \$5,000 Urban Forestry Grant to the City for the construction of a gravel bed. A gravel bed is an irrigated bed or pile of gravel, where bare root or washed containerized trees are "heeled in" for 3 to 6 months. This process dramatically increases fibrous root volume, decreases transplant shock, and increases survivability of the tree. Edgerton's Tree Board hopes to use the gravel bed as a cost-effective means for generating plant stock for use around the community. This tree replacement program is especially important given the ongoing loss of hundreds of trees to the Emerald Ash Borer. Look for more information in future newsletters about the trees developed in the gravel bed.

***Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2019!***

## 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 2, 2019 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, 2018. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2019 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 your pet's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.

## PROPERTY TAXES

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

## Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

### OFFICE

Alderson District 1  
Alderson District 2  
Alderson District 3

### TERM

2 year  
2 year  
2 year

The first day to circulate nomination papers was Sunday, December 1, 2018, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Papers for Aldersons are filed 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, it will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at [www.gab.wi.gov/voters](http://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](http://BringIt.Wisconsin.gov)

## Recycling 101

More than ever, markets that take our recycled bottles, cans, and paper are demanding clean materials. Are you ready to help? Test your knowledge!

1. Plastic bags are recyclable, so you can put them in your recycling cart: True or False
2. Only use your recycling cart for items you're absolutely sure belong there: True or False
3. A little pizza crust and leftover soda can't hurt recycling: True or False

### Answers:

**1. False.** Plastic bags are easy to recycle . . . but never put them in your recycling cart! Instead, bring empty plastic bags to one of the many bag drop-off points at local stores. Find one nearby at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org). Bags in recycling carts have to be picked out one at a time by hand. That drives up costs. Worse, the bags become too dirty for markets to accept and wind up in landfills.

**2. True.** Unwanted materials can ruin entire loads of recycled materials, so don't take the chance. Use your cart only for paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, tubs, and jars. When you're not sure whether an item belongs in your recycling cart, check the city's website or call Waste Management at 888-960-0008.

**3. False.** Food debris and leftover beverages spoil recycling loads. Manufacturers that make recyclables into new products want clean material, just like any other manufacturer. So empty and rinse your beverage bottles; compost your food scraps; and discard your residue-covered materials (like greasy cardboard pizza boxes).

Remember, *clean* recycling is *sustainable* recycling. Thanks for doing your part!

