

Edgerton: A Tree City

In March of 2019, the City of Edgerton was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Edgerton achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Edgerton make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social, and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

Tom Hartzell: 36 years of DPW Service

Public Works Director, Tom Hartzell, retired on June 7 after 36 years of service to the citizens of Edgerton. Tom's last week of work was filled with celebrations and memories. The City Council honored him with an open house, a standing ovation, and an official declaration that included the following accounting of his efforts with the Department:

***WHEREAS,** during his tenure on the Public Works crew he plowed approximately 1,512 inches of snow, collected mounds of garbage, mowed numerous acres of grass, filled thousands of pot holes, and used not only pride, but 69,120 pounds of limestone to line the baseball diamonds;*

On Tom's last day, the flag poles at City Hall and the City garage were adorned with Chicago Cubs flags—Tom's favorite team. We wish Tom happiness and longevity as he stops living at the Public Works garage and starts going to Wrigley field.



Supporting Pollinators

A pollinator is any animal that visits flowering plants and transfers pollen from flower to flower, aiding plant reproduction. Wisconsin pollinators include bees, butterflies, moths, flower flies, beetles, wasps, and hummingbirds. Bees purposefully collect pollen as a protein source for their offspring, making them the most efficient pollinators.

High rates of annual honey bee colony loss are of concern in the United States and Europe. During the 2014-2015 winter season, Wisconsin was among the U.S. states suffering an annual honey bee loss greater than 60%. The City is exploring converting two parcels of land to plants that support pollinators. The first parcel is located on the west side of Lord Street across from South Avenue, and the other parcel is on Lyons Street, west of the community gardens. A grant application for free pollinator seed has been filed with the Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund.

If you are interested in helping pollinators, here are some actions you can take:

- Reduce pesticide use, especially to flowering plants and shrubs, or to areas where pollinators may be nesting.
- Cultivate or plant flowering trees, shrubs, and herbaceous flowering plants that bloom throughout the growing season from early spring until late fall, especially native species.
- Choose a variety of flower colors. Bees are most attracted to blue, white, yellow, and purple flowers. Butterflies like white, pink, red, yellow, and orange. Beetles are attracted to white and green flowers. Moths like white flowers that bloom at night.

Excerpt from Dane County Environmental Council and UW Extension.

Happy Fourth of July

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES

EVENTS

Large Item Pickup Large items will be picked up the **second and fourth Wednesday** of each month. To have Waste Management pick up a large item, residents must call 1 888-960-0008 **at least 24 hours** before pick-up day. Large items include appliances and furniture. Large item pick up does not include electronics and tires. Please do not place large items at the curb for collection more than 24 hours before collection day.

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 final electronic waste collection event for City of Edgerton residents who have collection through the City waste contract will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019 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.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a true sense of community. Furthermore it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. **Edgerton is hosting this year's event on August 6th, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm at Racetrack Park. Meet local law enforcement officers, climb on some fire fighting equipment, marvel over the brilliant K9 units, and enjoy the food and much more.** Become part of a tradition that is being celebrated across the nation.

Tree City USA Ceremony and Contest Winner

What: Celebration of the Tree City award and announcement of the winner of the memorial tree

Who: The Tree Board, Mayor Christopher Lund and enthusiastic citizens

When: Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 am

Where: Pottery Plaza (City Hall 12 Albion Street)

How to win: The winner of the Memorial Tree contest will be announced at the Tree City ceremony. The winner will be able to dedicate a tree to be planted in the Linear Arboretum at Racetrack Park to the person (or pet) of their choice. To register please visit www.facebook.com/cityofedgerton and follow the easy to win steps to become a part of history.

AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

The pool hours are as follows:

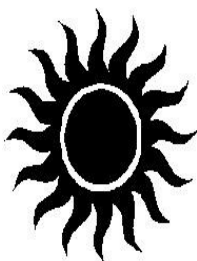
M-F 12:00-5:00p and 6:00-8:00p

Sat/Sun 12:00-7:00p

Please call 884-3232 for more information.



Pictured to the left is the City's gravel bed where many bare root trees are tucked in awaiting fall planting.



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.



Flip Flop Grants

During this year's summer months, downtown building improvement projects are eligible for greater grant funding, upon approval. During a limited time period, property owners can obtain a 60% grant (up to certain limits) as opposed to the typical 40% grant—we flip-flopped the grant amount from 40/60 to 60/40! Applications are available on the City's website and at City Hall.