

City of Edgerton Completes Post-Election Audit

Edgerton residents can be confident that votes were counted accurately in the November 2022 election following the completion of a post-election audit of voting equipment used in Edgerton on November 8.

On November 30, 2022, election workers completed an audit of voting equipment used in Edgerton Wards 1-6. Wards were randomly selected for audit by the Wisconsin Elections Commission during an event open to the public. The audit provides an additional way to ensure that voting machines worked properly, and that the election was conducted accurately.

Wisconsin statutes require a post-election audit of voting systems used in Wisconsin after each General Election. During the post-election audit, election officials check to make sure the vote totals compiled by the voting equipment on election night are accurate. During this process, elections workers conduct an independent hand count of paper ballots and tally the results of the selected contests. The final hand-count tally total is compared to the election night voting system results.

The City of Edgerton audit showed the voting Equipment results were 100% accurate.

Once completed, the audit materials are submitted to the WEC for review. The WEC analyzes the audit results and investigates any discrepancies and can request the voting

machine vendor provide an explanation for any unexplained discrepancies. Once this work is complete, WEC staff will prepare a public report for review by the six Commissioners during the February 2, 2023 Commission meeting.

Post-election audits, conducted in a record 10% of reporting units across Wisconsin for the November 2022 election, serve as a triple check on the election results. While not every reporting unit or municipality is selected for post-election audit, state election officials ensured that the 2022 sample of 358 reporting units includes at least one reporting unit per county, and at least five reporting units for each type of equipment used.

Discrepancies in the vote totals are infrequently reported, and if they are, they are typically due to human error, which election officials then work to prevent by developing new training protocols.

In a separate pre-election voting equipment audit that occurs before every election and in every municipality, voting machine programming is verified by feeding a set of pre-marked ballots into each machine and reviewing the results tape that is generated. An errorless count is required at the conclusion of the testing.

Additionally, election officials at the county and state level review state election results for any discrepancies before they are certified by the chair of the WEC.

DRIVE LIKE YOU WORK HERE

Remember, when you enter a work zone, be patient. Worrying about the time and traffic won't get you anywhere faster. Instead, slow down and pay attention to your surroundings. These tips can help you get in and out of a work zone safely:

Eliminate distractions like eating, drinking, talking on the phone, or fiddling with electronic devices.

Expect the unexpected. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.

Slow down. A car traveling 60 mph travels 88 feet per second, and the faster you go the longer it takes to stop.

Give yourself room. Rear-end collisions are the most common work zone crashes, so don't tailgate.

Allow about four seconds of braking distance. At 60 mph, this equates to about 350 feet.

Look for signs. Orange, diamond-shaped signs usually give you ample warning of lane closings, construction

areas, and flaggers and other workers ahead.

Be patient. If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work zone.



Plan ahead. Leave early or map out an alternate route. Find the latest road conditions and work zone news at 511 Wisconsin.

Follow the law. When you see flashing lights, slow down and move over, if possible.

Additionally, remember that texting and driving is illegal throughout the state, and it's illegal to talk on a handheld cell phone while driving through a work zone. Please give undivided attention to the road.

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 has been plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the posted areas during any snowfall.

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. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



Christmas Trees: Starting January 9, 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 away. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using devices 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 appreciated.

PET LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2022. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2023 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.

Chicken permit renewals are also due by March 31, 2023.

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.

Shared Ride Taxi Service

The City offers a taxi service through Brown Cab Taxi Service. To schedule a pickup, call 884-9847

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday..... 7:15 am to 5:15 pm
Saturday9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Due to staffing shortages, the above hours may vary.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The following local offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. Terms begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Aldersperson District 1	2 year
Aldersperson District 2	2 year
Aldersperson District 3	2 year

The final day to file nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Papers for all offices except the Municipal Judge are filed in the office of the City Clerk. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.elections.wi.gov/voters for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin.

Revive Edgerton Funding Available for Homeowners

There is more than \$300,000 available in low interest loans or grants to owners of affordable homes who want to improve and update their homes. Eligible projects include increasing the size of a home or modernizing outdated housing units resulting in improved livability, increased resale values, improved energy efficient (including adding solar and geothermal).



How can I apply?

Applications are available at City Hall, from the City's Website at www.cityofedgerton.com, or by calling 1-800-552-6330.

School Resource Officer Appointed

The Edgerton School Board and the City of Edgerton City Council cooperated to create a School Resource Officer (SRO) position. Officer Brody Kapellen of the Edgerton Police Department was appointed to the position. The goal of the SRO position is to provide a safe educational environment, enhance communication, understanding; and provide positive relationships between law enforcement, schools, and youth in the community.



Water Rate Increase

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) approved a 4.5 % water rate increase for 2023 for Edgerton water customers. Sewer rates will not increase. The increase in water rates is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. Examples of the effect of the increase for various costumers are shown below.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate	Change in quarterly bill for water only
Average Residential	3/4"	12,000	\$67.03	\$70.03	\$3.00
Large Residential	3/4"	18,500	\$90.30	\$94.34	\$4.04
Commercial	1"	58,000	\$231.01	\$241.37	\$10.36
Multifamily	2"	91,500	\$393.90	\$411.67	\$17.77
Industrial	4"	860,000	\$2,821.04	\$2,948.30	\$127.26