

EDGERTON REPORTER

Vol. 157 No. 28 Edgerton, Wisconsin Proudly Serving the Community Since 1874 \$3.00 February 08, 2023

Edgerton recognized for water pipeline changes

By Casey Langan and Sam Martino
Special to the Reporter

Edgerton was among several cities recognized by the White House last week for its progress in removing lead pipe laterals from aging water utility lines, some as old as 100 years.

At a Jan. 27 White House gathering hosted by Vice President Kamala Harris, and attended by President Joe Biden, Edgerton was the smallest Community recognized for its two-year effort to replace 75 percent of its private lead service lines.

So far, the city has replaced 71 public lead laterals and 266 private lead laterals at residential sites.

The White House forum, called "Get the Lead Out Partnership," was aimed at creating new awareness about the need to continue to replace lead water pipes.

National attention was focused on the issue in 2014 when the water supply system in Flint, Mich., was contaminated from water drawn from

the Flint River after Detroit abandoned its water supply to Flint.

Lead and other contaminants were found in the municipal drinking water supply which led to a major public health issue.

Since then other communities have found above normal lead levels in their water supplies.

City Administrator Ramona Flanigan attended the White House forum.

In November the Edgerton City Council approved a resolution to replace all remaining private lead lines within five years using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and funds provided by water utility rate payers. More than \$1 million in principal forgiveness funding was provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 2021 and 2022.

Vice President Harris convened the White House Summit on Lead Pipe Replacement, where Flanigan and other municipal leaders and founding partners heard the

Administration's commitment to supporting full replacement of all lead pipes within 10 years.

"I commend the leadership and innovation our city staff, city council, and utility commission members have shown to provide safe drinking water for our residents," said Edgerton Mayor Christopher Lund. "I am very proud that Edgerton has been recognized for its work on this issue on the national stage."

"I especially want to thank City Administrator Ramona Flanigan and City Council member Casey Langan. None of this would have happened without them," Lund said.

"Ramona initiated and successfully sought funding to replace Edgerton's lead pipes," Lund added. "Casey works in the conservation field, and advanced Edgerton's story to his colleagues at the Environmental Policy Innovation Center.

"Replacing all of America's six to 10 million lead pipes is a solvable problem in a gener-

See EDGERTON, page 2



Edgerton City Administrator Ramona Flanigan was in attendance at an event at the White House, where Vice President Kamala Harris announced the founding of the Biden-Harris Get the Lead Out Partnership, a network of more than 100 communities and organizations that have committed to seven principles that will quicken and guide the replacement of harmful lead water pipes across the United States.

Photo submitted

New dog rules adopted by City Council

By Sam Martino
Special to the Reporter

Edgerton's Common Council adopted a new dog ordinance aimed at stiffer regulations against dog or other animal pet owners whose animals run wild and attack other animals.

The ordinance was prompted following an attack last year by an unleashed German Shepherd against a Chihuahua Yorkshire Terrier, killing the Terrier.

The new ordinance sets five criteria for declaring an animal to be vicious.

1. The animal has attacked, bitten, injured or killed another animal or a human being.

2. The animal has, off the property of its owner, chased, confronted or approached a person in a menacing fashion that would put a reasonable person in fear of being attacked.

3. The animal, while on the property of its owner chases, confronts or approaches a person located on an adjacent public or private property in a menacing fashion that would put a reasonable person in fear of being attacked.

4. The animal has been trained for fighting or attack.

5. The animal has acted in any manner demonstrating that the animal is a threat to public safety.

Alderspersons said the new ordinance was needed to protect animals and others from being attacked by an unleashed dog.

Aldersperson Tim Shaw said the new ordinance allows for more enforcement "with more teeth."

At a recent Public Safety Committee meeting several residents said they feared pit bull when they are out walking their dogs.

Of the city's 237 dogs who are licensed, there are only six pit bulls.

The new ordinance requires all dogs to be on a leash if they leave their owners property.

The only exception for dogs not to be on a leash is at dog parks where they can run freely on the home site of their owner.

Aldersperson Casey Langan said persons who are threatened by other dogs should call police.

Police Chief Robert Kowalski earlier had campaigned to change the city's dog ordinance because he said it was too vague.

He noted that as police chief in an Illinois suburb of Chicago, he had trouble with pit bulls attacking other dogs.

Under the new ordinance the chief has the authority to order a vicious dog removed from the community. Also, violators could face a fine of up to \$500.

Meanwhile, Alderspersons James Burdick and Langan said they would seek to review the ordinance on banning rabbits from being kept outside.

The new ordinance states that rabbits must be kept inside a residential structure.

The aldermen said the ordinance discriminates against rabbit pet owners who want to have their pets outdoors.

Stricker says he'll play more in 2023

By Sam Martino
Special to the Reporter

With the first of the season PGA Senior Tour Champions win under his belt from a bounce back performance last year, Edgerton native Steve Stricker plans to pick up his time on the links in 2023.

While still recovering from a mysterious illness a year ago that sidelined him for months, Stricker bounced back to win four PGA Seniors events, including three in a row.

He began the new season Jan. 21 by winning his 12th Champions tour title at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship in Hawaii, including a record 60 score on the second day of the event.

He told Adam Woodward of Golf Magazine following the Mitsubishi Championship he plans "to play a pretty full schedule" this year, including some PGA events with one of them the John Deere Classic in the Quad Cities July 5-9.



Steve Stricker chips onto the green from the sand on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA QBE Shootout Golf tournament at the Tiburon Golf Club, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, in Naples, Fla.

AP Photo/Chris Tilley

Stricker pulled out of the event last year because of medical reasons. He had won the John Deere Classic three times.

The John Deere event is only days before the U.S. Senior Open Championship in Stevens Point, which Stricker won in 2019. The Senior Open is June 29-July 2.

Stricker is expected to be in the event after hosting the American Family Insurance Championship at University Ridge Golf Club between June 9-11.

On the new 2023 Senior Tours calendar, Stricker has committed to playing in the Chubb Classic Feb. 17-19 in Naples, Fla.

He won the Chubb championship in 2021.

Among the early commitments to play in the Chubb Classic beside Stricker are Ernie Els and Jim Furyk.

One of Stricker's Senior Tours wins last year was an event hosted by Furyk, at the Constellation Furyk & Friends Tournament in Jacksonville, Fla. Stricker's other wins were the Regions Tradition in Birmingham, Ala., the Ally Challenge in Grand Blanc, Mich., and Sanford International at the Minnehaha Country Club in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Despite his medical issue, Stricker had the most Senior-Tours wins with four last year, ahead of Madison golf rival Jerry Kelly and Padaig Harrington, his Ryder Cup opponent from Europe, with three wins each.

See STRICKER, page 2

Edgerton-Milton Fire-EMS Department announces official start of newly integrated entity

By Tristan McGough
Special to the Reporter

As specified in the 10 municipality Inter-Governmental Agreement, Feb. 1, 2023 was the officially agreed-upon date for the commencement of integrated operations between the former Milton Fire Department (MFD) and Edgerton Fire Department.

Though the Edgerton Fire Protection District remains the legal entity for the merger, for clearer recognition of the collaborative enterprise now covering over 220-square miles of fire and EMT services, the parties involved decided to re-brand the operative name of the merged department. The final name is yet to be chosen.

In an official announcement by Fire Chief Randall Pickering, "Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023 marks an exciting new era of fire and emergency medical service for the greater Edgerton and Milton areas in south central Wisconsin with the launch of the integrated



Representatives from the 10 IGA signing municipalities forming the newly merged fire district at Fulton Town Hall, Nov. 2, 2022, at the close of their historic Multi-Municipality Joint Meeting.

Photo by Tristan McGough

Contact Us
21 N. Henry St., Edgerton, WI 53534
608-884-3367
info@edgertonreporter.com
facebook.com/EdgertonReporter

Index
Church..... 7
Sports..... 9
Opinion..... 11
Classified..... 14

What's Inside
Dip for Dozer, 4
Valentine story, 7
Pigskin Predictions, 12
Candlelight Walk, 16

Inserts
Edgerton Piggly Wiggly

Gas Watch

Nat. Average.....	\$3.479
WI Average.....	\$3.190
WI lowest - Luxemberge.....	\$2.190
Janesville.....	\$3.040
Milton.....	\$3.040
Newville.....	\$3.090
Edgerton.....	\$3.090
Evansville.....	\$3.100
Fort Atkinson.....	\$3.180
Stoughton.....	\$3.190
Cambridge.....	\$3.140
Madison.....	\$3.040
Milwaukee.....	\$2.940

Latest prices reported for one gallon of unleaded gasoline according to local observations Monday, February 6, 2023. Prices listed are the lowest in each city, which may be one or more stations.

