

NEWSLETTER

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Families enjoyed a week of free activities during Spring Break, including a koolaid playdough making class at Community Hall.

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Property Taxes

New Senior Property Tax Rebate Program Launches April 1

Seniors in Edgerton are now eligible for a property tax rebate. This program is designed to reduce the property tax burden for qualifying Edgerton residents who are age 65 or older.

“Seniors are some of the most vulnerable people in our population because many live on a fixed income,” says Mayor Donald Roberts. “We want to help keep these valued members of our community stay in their homes and in our City. I’m extremely grateful to the City Council for approving this rebate program.”

The property tax rebate program is only available for owner-occupied homes. Property owners must be current on property taxes and any special assessments to be eligible for the rebate. The maximum rebate for 2024 is \$715.51.

There are no income restrictions and no detailed financial information is required. The applicant must be listed on the County’s property records to qualify.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 1 through September 30 or until funds are depleted. Qualified seniors must show proof of paid property taxes when they apply.

Applications are available at edgertonks.org or at City Hall, 404 E. Nelson Street, during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.



Parks and Recreation

Glendell Acres Park Construction Project Underway

Glendell Acres Park is now closed to the public until late 2024. The City's contractors are building a new skate park and installing new playground equipment, pavilion shelter, fitness equipment, and a new looped walking trail.

Please do not enter the park during construction and remind children about the dangers of active construction areas. We are excited for this major park renovation project to be complete later this year.

Important Contact Information

EMERGENCY.....911

Non-Emergency.....913-782-0720

City Hall.....913-893-6231

- Animal Control
- Public Works
- Municipal Court
- Planning and Zoning

JoCo Fire District #1.....913-764-7635

Edgerton Post Office.....913-893-6784

Gardner Disposal.....913-856-3851

JoCo Library.....913-826-4600

City Hall is located at 404 E Nelson Street. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

edgertonkssurvey.org

Have you taken the 2024 Citizen Survey yet?

We need a few more responses and your opinions matter!



Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 17. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 district.

Code Enforcement

Recreational Vehicle Storage

As the weather warms up and families start pulling their RVs out of storage, make sure you're following the rules. The City allows up to three recreational vehicles per home. This includes boats, boat trailers, camper trailers, jet skis, etc. All of those vehicles must be stored behind the front edge of your home in either a backyard or side yard.

"They must be operational," says Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Lydon. "For example, if your boat doesn't have a motor or your RV's tires are all flat, it cannot be parked at your house."

Recreational vehicles and trailers are not required currently to be parked on a solid surface, so you can park on gravel or grass. If you have any questions about Recreational Vehicle Storage, please contact Code Enforcement at 913-893-6231.

Unconventional Vehicle Registration

Did you know that the City of Edgerton allows UTVs, golf carts, side-by-sides, and other low-speed vehicles to be driven on City streets? These types of vehicles must be permitted and inspected annually. No straddled vehicles, like ATVs, are allowed.

Other requirements:

- Drivers must hold a valid driver's license without restriction
- Vehicles must have operational seat belts and child safety seats/booster seat regulations apply
- Vehicles must have headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, and at least one rear view mirror installed on the vehicle
- Vehicles may only be driven between sunrise and sunset, except on nights of City-sponsored events



You can download a permit application on the City's website at edgertonks.org/unconventional-vehicles or by stopping by City Hall during normal business hours. Permits are \$100 for the initial year and then \$25 to renew as long as you have no tickets.



Brick laying is well underway at The Greenspace. In March, the contractor installed the splash pad basin and began work on the curb and sidewalk on the south side of Nelson Street.

Coming up in April, Nelson Street will be resurfaced and curb and sidewalk on the north side of the road will begin. Part of the project includes revamping the parking in downtown to add more spaces for vehicles and make it safer for both drivers and pedestrians.

From FD#1: Smoke Detectors

The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable. One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended. E-cigarettes should be used with caution. If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.



- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms
- Keep smoking materials out of the reach of children
- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray and place it away from anything that can burn
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses or leaves or other things that could ignite easily
- Never smoke or allow anyone else to smoke where medical oxygen is used. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.



We still need your input on two projects: Edgerton Lake and Dam Exploration & Trails Master Plan. If you weren't able to come to our open house, you still have time to make your voice heard.

Scan the QR code to the left with your mobile device camera to share your ideas for the future of Edgerton Lake and tell us how you want to use the City's trail system. The survey will be up through April 19.

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the recreation programs and events in April. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling 913-893-6231 during normal business hours.

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival.

- April 4- Make It: Hop Into Carrot Cake Class
Community Hall
- April 8 - Tales for Tots
Edgerton Library
- April 9 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- April 11- City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- April 17 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- April 25 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- April 27 - Compost 101 Class
Edgerton Lake