

# NEWSLETTER

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A rendering of The Greenspace, Edgerton's new community gathering place.

## Downtown Edgerton

### Community Invited to The Greenspace Groundbreaking

The wait is over! Construction is set to begin soon on The Greenspace, the new community gathering place in downtown Edgerton. This new building will feature meeting rooms, a gymnasium with basketball, volleyball and pickleball courts, a fitness room, outdoor stage and splash pad.

To celebrate, you're invited to a groundbreaking ceremony in downtown Edgerton on Friday, August 11 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. We'll have a taco truck giving out two free tacos to the first 100 people (additional tacos will be available for purchase), free frozen treats while supplies last, a construction-themed inflatable slide for the kids and live music after the ceremony.

"This is an historic moment for Edgerton," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "The Greenspace will be the first brick building built in downtown in more than 100 years. I'm very excited that we'll have a new space to come together as a community, right in the heart of Edgerton."

After the groundbreaking is over, families can stick around for a Glo-Foam Party with Edgerton Parks and Recreation. That will run from 8:00 pm -9:30 pm. There is no cost to attend.

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Friday, August 11

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Downtown Edgerton



## 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.

## Community Development

### Envision Edgerton Open House

The draft of the City's updated Comprehensive Plan is almost ready for review! An open house will be held on **Monday, August 7 at City Hall from 5-8 p.m.** for the community to check out the revisions and make additional suggestions.



This Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for the future, including land uses, housing, commercial and industrial development, parks and recreation, city facilities, and more. To make the Comprehensive Plan best fit the needs and desires of this community, we need YOU! Make sure to stop by the Open House to check out the updates and share your thoughts.

After this open house, the Envision Edgerton Plan will be shared with the Planning Commission and the City Council before it is formally adopted.

If you would like to have Planning Commission and City Council agendas sent directly to your email, fill out the form online at [edgertonks.org](http://edgertonks.org) or contact City Hall during normal business hours.

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 19. 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, Monday-Friday from 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 Gardner Edgerton USD 231 district.

## Public Safety

### E-bikes, Electric Scooters allowed on certain Edgerton Streets

Electric bicycles and electric scooters can be ridden on Edgerton city streets after the City Council amended traffic laws during their July 13 meeting. The move now allows anyone over the age of 14 to ride on streets within corporate City limits with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or lower during daylight hours.

E-bikes and e-scooters are still banned on truck routes, sidewalks, trails and multi-use paths. Riders cannot cross or travel on any interstate, federal or state highway, including U.S. 56. E-bikes and e-scooters must follow the same rules of the road as regular bicycle riders.

Remember to practice safe riding.

- Keep as far right as possible on roadways
- Don't carry more passengers than the bike or scooter is designed to hold
- Keep hands on handlebars
- Make sure you're visible by using reflective tape or reflectors

City Council also amended the City's standard traffic ordinance to allow children to drive toy vehicles on sidewalks and trails. Toy vehicles have a maximum speed of 5 mph. Parents must remain within 15 feet of the child and maintain visual sight of the child operating the toy at all times.

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## Edgerton Elementary

### Back-To-School Safety

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians or cyclists crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for the school crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas, especially in the mornings and mid-afternoons
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a school bus on a two-lane road when the stop sign is deployed and lights are flashing

By exercising caution, you can keep kids safe this school year!



The Edgerton City Council has scheduled a public hearing on next year's budget for August 24.

Anyone wishing to make comments or testify about the budget should make plans to attend the meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

If you cannot attend, please call or email your City Council members. Contact information is available at [edgertonks.org](http://edgertonks.org).

## FD #1: Vehicle Fire Safety



It's important to act quickly if your car catches fire. Make sure you have your vehicle serviced regularly by a trained mechanic and drive safely to avoid an accident.

If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

- Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe.
- Stop and turn off the engine. Get everyone out of the vehicle and move back at least 100 feet.
- Never return to a burning car. Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- If you think the fire is under the hood or in the truck, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow.
- Call 9-1-1.



## Events Coming Up

These are just a few of the recreation programs and events in July. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://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.

- August 7 - Envision Edgerton Open House  
*Community Hall*
- August 8 - Planning Commission Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- August 9- Teen Craft: Boondoggle Keychains  
*Community Hall*
- August 10- City Council Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- August 11 - The Greenspace Groundbreaking & Glo-Foam Party  
*Downtown Edgerton*
- August 16- Senior Lunch & BINGO  
*Community Hall*
- August 24 - City Council Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- August 31 - Senior Trip: Sparks Flea Market  
*Community Hall*