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Wildflowers bloom in Big Bull Creek Park in Edgerton. The park is the largest in Johnson County.

Community

Survey Reveals High Ratings for Citizen Satisfaction in Edgerton

Residents gave the City of Edgerton high marks for satisfaction in our recent Citizen Survey. The City continues to rank above the national average for the overall quality of services provided by the City, overall image of the City, and overall value that you receive for your tax dollars.

Results from the survey were shared with the City Council in July. Nearly a third of all households in Edgerton responded to the survey, which was sent to every household in early 2024. The six-page survey was conducted by ETC Institute.

Residents also gave high marks to our public safety partners at Fire District #1 and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. 91% of respondents say they are satisfied with the overall quality of fire protection and 79% said they are satisfied with the overall quality of our contracted police protection.

"We all know that Edgerton is a great place to live and raise a family," says Edgerton Mayor Donald Roberts. "Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out a survey. We will now use these survey results to prioritize projects and plan for the future."

The full survey results are available on the City's website at edgertonks.org.

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Back-to-School Glow Foam Party

Let's celebrate the end of summer with a glow foam party! Edgerton Parks and Recreation is turning Martin Creek Park into a wonderland of neon lights, rockin' music and mountains of bubbly fun!

The foam cannons will be in full force, creating a frothy paradise where you can let loose and have fun with friends before you head back to school.

This event is free and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Did You Know?

Edgerton Parks and Recreation offers tons of free or low-cost activities every month! From reading programs for pre-schoolers to art and cooking classes for adults, there's always something to do in Edgerton.

You can see just a few of the fun activities happening this month on the back of the newsletter. Please check out the full schedule of events at edgerton.recdesk.com.

Community

Fentanyl Awareness Day is August 21

Mayor Roberts issued a proclamation to recognize the impact of fentanyl on the Edgerton Community during a recent City Council meeting.

During the ceremony, Lee and Sharen Lucero spoke about their daughter's death because of a fentanyl overdose.

"It takes so little to fentanyl to cause a death," said Sharen. "We need to educate our children and family members about this horrible drug so more families don't have to go through a similar loss."

Just 2 mg - about the amount that would fit on a pencil tip - is enough fentanyl to kill an adult. The Lucero's also shared information about how to obtain the opioid reversal drug naloxone. More information is available at City Hall. You can obtain free kits by going to dcca.org/naloxone-program



Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 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.

Johnson County

Need Help? Options Available Through Multi-Service Center

Johnson County Aging and Human Services has been operating Multi-Service Centers (MSCs) for nearly fifty years to offer assistance to local residents in need. Among the vital services provided by the MSCs is utility assistance. Financial assistance is available for utility bills such as electric, water, gas, wastewater, or propane (for home heating). This assistance is open to Johnson County residents facing overdue utility bills or requiring help with current payment plans. To be eligible for assistance, residents must live in Johnson County, have a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, present identification, and proof of employment/income, and ensure the utility bill matches their current residence and is under their name.

The MSCs provide a food pantry as an additional resource. Once qualified, residents can access the food pantry every thirty days for non-perishable food and hygiene items. The food pantry offers up to 5-7 days' worth of meals (when supplies permit), alleviating financial strains on households for other necessities like transportation and medication. Food pantries are available at three MSCs, Olathe does not host one.

In addition to these services, the MSCs offer resources and light case management with goal setting to promote self-sufficiency.

Residents in need can conveniently access centers in Gardner, Lenexa, Mission, and Olathe. Edgerton residents are directed to the Gardner center, but if a resident works in a city closer to another MSC, an appointment can be arranged there. Services are provided by appointment only. For more information, contact 913-715-6653 or visit www.jocogov.org/utilityassistance.



Road Safety

Back-to-School Bus Safety

August is back to school time and that means drivers should be on the lookout for kids near Edgerton Elementary, especially between 7:45 am-8:25 am and 3:25 pm-4:00 pm during the week.

Drivers also need to remember the rules of the road for school buses. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

The City of Edgerton wants everyone to stay safe. The first day of school for most children in Edgerton is Aug. 14.



Greenspace Update: August

The interior of The Greenspace is shaping up. Most windows are in, tile is going up and painting is starting. The contractor will continue to work on the lawn, splash pad and stage over the next couple of months in preparation for the colder weather coming.

The project remains on schedule to open in early 2025.

From FD#1: Prevent Youth Firesetting

Children are often curious about fire. While curiosity is normal, there are things you can do to prevent your child from experimenting with fire.

Teach your child:

- Fire is dangerous
- Even small fires can spread very quickly
- Fire is a tool, not a toy and must only be used by adults

If you feel your child is at a higher risk of experimenting with fire, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.



Make your home safer by:

- Inspecting it for fire hazards.
- Keeping lighters and matches away from children.
- Supervising children.
- Having working smoke alarms on every level and inside and outside all sleeping areas.
- Planning and practicing your home fire escape plan.



Let's Get The Lead Out!

Please complete a the EPA-required water service line inspection soon to help the City meet new federal Lead and Copper Rules. Go to edgertonks.org/lead to take this easy survey and submit your findings. Any non-responses may require further investigation.

DEADLINE EXTENDED:

Everyone who completes the inventory by August 9th will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card.

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the recreation programs and events in August. 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.

- August 2 - Animal Wonders
Community Hall
- August 8 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- August 9 - Glow Foam Party
Martin Creek Park
- August 13- Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- August 21 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- August 22 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- August 23 - Murder Mystery: Once Upon a Murder
Community Hall
- August 24 - Pizza Party Bingo Bonanza
Community Hall