

NEWSLETTER

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Edgerton Elementary will welcome students back later this month. The school playground (above) was recently updated!

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Back-to-School Safety Reminder

August is here and that means its almost time to send the kids back to school. The City of Edgerton reminds drivers to pay extra attention in school zones and slow down.

Whether you're rushing to work or running errands, here is a quick refresher on what every driver needs to know when sharing the road with school buses.

Know the Flashers

Flashing Amber/Yellow Lights:

This is your early warning signal. The bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Slow down and prepare to stop yourself—do not speed up to pass before the door opens.

Flashing Red Lights & Extended Stop Sign:

Stop immediately. Children are actively entering or exiting the vehicle. You must remain stopped until the red lights turn off, the stop arm retracts, and the bus begins moving.

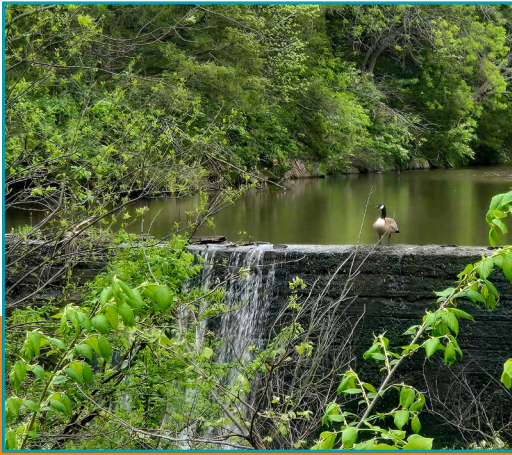
Mind the "Danger Zone"

The ten feet immediately surrounding a school bus is known as the Danger Zone. This is where blind spots are largest and young children are hardest to see—especially when crossing in front of the bus. Give buses extra space so you can see smaller kids.

Edgerton employs a crossing guard in front of Edgerton Elementary. Make sure to wave hi to Dolly and please stop if she's got her stop sign out!

It's not just school buses either. School season also means more young drivers on the road especially before school and as school lets out. Give new drivers extra space and patience.

Have a great school year, 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

The Greenspace.....913-893-6801

JCCFD #1.....913-764-7635

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

Eco-Waste Solutions.....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 second and fourth 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.



City Council

Proposed 2027 Budget Includes 40% Property Tax Rebate

Good news for Edgerton homeowners! Three buildings at LPKC are coming fully back onto the tax rolls this year. Because of this new revenue, Mayor Roberts and the City Council gave preliminary approval to increase the Residential Property Tax Rebate Program for 2027.

If the budget is approved this fall, homeowners could get back 40% of the City's share of their property tax bill, up from 10% this year. There are no income limits to qualify. You only have to own and live in your home within City limits. The Senior Property Tax Rebate program will also continue for its fourth straight year. Details about the property tax rebates are available at edgertonks.org/property-tax-rebate.

The Edgerton City Council will conduct a public hearing on the 2027 budget and exceeding the revenue neutral rate (RNR) during their meeting on August 27. Read more about the budget at edgertonks.org/budget. If you'd like to testify on the budget, details are available on the City Council agendas at edgertonks.org/city-council-docs.

City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Edgerton Community Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry is located at New City Church along Morgan Street/56 Hwy, just west of the Dollar General.

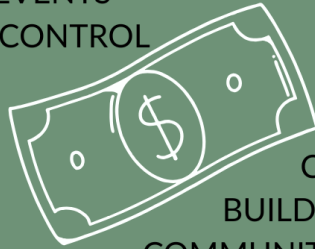
The food pantry is open from 10am-12pm on the third Saturday of every month. This month's food pantry is on August 15. Volunteers will load food in vehicles.

The food pantry is available to every family in the Gardner Edgerton USD 231 district. Food donations can be dropped off in the blue bin at City Hall or at The Greenspace. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

VALUE OF YOUR EDGERTON DOLLAR

This is a sample of the City Services residents receive for the average \$69.33 per month City property tax

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
POLICING SERVICES • ANIMAL CONTROL
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS
GRANT MANAGEMENT •



THE GREENSPACE • MUNICIPAL COURT
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL • SPLASHPAD
STREET REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY CODES ENFORCEMENT
BUILDING INSPECTIONS • TRAFFIC CONTROL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT • STREET LIGHTING

Utilities

Don't Flush Wipes

Disposable wipes have been causing problems in communities around the country and Edgerton is no different. Wipes — used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more — cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Though many of these products are labeled “flushable” or “septic safe,” they are anything but. The same goes for facial tissues, baby wipes, paper towels and other products.

While they may be labeled “flushable,” wipes don't degrade in the system. Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other item made of cloth. Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a “ball” that will grow to plug the pipe. They also get drawn into sewer-line and wastewater treatment plant pumps and clog and damage them.



A clogged pump from one of our lift stations

Our sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and cost taxpayers and residents lots of money in additional maintenance costs.

If you must use wipes, put them in the trash, not the toilet!

Community Interest: Data Center Citizen-Petition Update

In July, the City of Edgerton received a citizen-initiated petition seeking the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting “high impact” data centers. The City Council at their meeting on July 23 voted to ask a judge to determine if the ordinance is legally eligible to be adopted through the petition process under Kansas law.

This action does not challenge the petition signatures. Instead, it asks the court to decide whether the proposed ordinance is legislative or administrative, since Kansas law only allows certain types of ordinances to be adopted by petition.

The City has also asked the court to temporarily pause the statutory timeline while that legal question is resolved. Further, Council directed staff to explore options to bring in an impartial third-party firm to gather resident feedback and make updates to the City's Unified Development Code.

From JCCFD#1: Grill Safety

If you're using a portable grill, consider the following as you head out to the nearest campground, park or beach.

Certain areas have restrictions regarding campfires and grills. Check if your areas has any fire restrictions in place. Choose only those areas where fires are permitted. Don't forget to check the fire danger rating in your area to determine if weather or other factors make it dangerous to light a fire in a grill.

Questions? Contact Johnson County Consolidated Fire District #1 at 913-764-7635.



To start charcoal for cooking:

- If you use a charcoal chimney, use a long match to avoid burning your fingers.
- If you use lighter fluid, use only fluid intended for charcoal grills. Never add starter fluid to coals or kindling that has already been ignited.

While cooking and after:

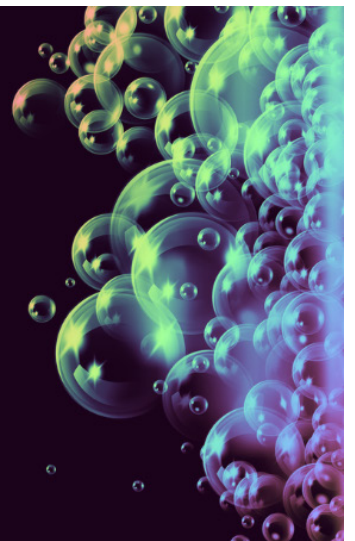
- Keep the grill well away from overhanging branches, play areas and foot traffic
- Keep children and pets, and anything that can burn, at least 3-feet away from open flames and the grill
- Dispose all used charcoal into a metal container outdoors away from anything that can burn

Back-to-School GLOW FOAM PARTY

AUGUST 7, 2026 AT 8:30PM
MARTIN CREEK PARK

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August Events

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival. Meetings start at 7pm.

Want to get meeting agendas, parks and recreation info, or other City announcements emailed directly to you? Sign up at edgertonks.org or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231.

- **August 7** - Back-to-School Glow Foam Party
Martin Creek Park
- **August 11** - **Planning Commission Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **August 13** - **City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **August 15** - Edgerton Community Food Pantry
10am-12pm at New City Church on Morgan Street
- **August 19** - Senior Lunch & BINGO
The Greenspace
- **August 27** - **City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **August 28** - Nerf Battle and Outdoor Movie Night
The Greenspace