



The Edgerton Elementary Choir performs during the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Santa Visit

The holidays are officially here! We're kicking off the season by lighting up downtown during the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5 at 6:30 PM.

The fun starts with a special performance from the Edgerton Elementary choir. Then Mayor Roberts will choose a special child from those attending the event to help him flip the switch.

After the tree is shining bright, the whole community is welcome to come inside The Greenspace for hot cocoa and cookies provided by Central Bank of the Midwest and Edgerton United Methodist Church. Kids will then get a chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they want for Christmas. Families can snap photos and enjoy some festive fun and a few Reindeer Games. Every child who attends will take home a gift. This is an entirely free event for the community.

The Edgerton community is also encouraged to make a donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. All the money raised stays right here in Edgerton and helps families who are struggling to enjoy a holiday meal and put a few gifts under the tree.

If you'd like to make a donation, scan the QR code to the right. All donations are tax-deductible. We thank you for generously supporting your neighbors this year.



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With all the cooking around the holiday season, the Edgerton Utilities team would like to remind you to keep fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of your pipes. Don't pour cooking oil, leftover grease from meat or any dairy products down your drain. When poured down the drain (sink or floor), FOG can build up, blocking sanitary sewer lines. This accumulation not only reduces the capacity of the wastewater collection system, but can also lead to sewage backups into homes and businesses.

Here are some tips to help you properly dispose of FOG:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a container and put the container in the trash. If you don't have a container, place tin foil into a coffee cup or similar, add FOG, allow to cool and dispose
- Before washing, use a paper napkin or paper towel to wipe FOG from dishes and dispose of it in the trash
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste
- Put food scraps in the trash, not through the garbage disposal

Lastly, don't put rags, paper towels or baby wipes in your drains or toilet. They do not break down, creating major clogs that are expensive to fix.



Community

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Are you the Clark Griswold of your neighborhood? Love to decorate your house and showcase your Christmas spirit in the brightest way possible? Sign up for the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest by December 10 at edgertonks.org/holidays.

Submissions will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page for the community to vote. The top three vote getters will win a gift card just in time for the holidays!



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 December 20. 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. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

Utilities

New Utility Rates Take Effect Jan. 1

As the City works to remain self-sustaining with our water and sewer utilities, rate adjustments are necessary to account for inflation and maintenance costs. Customer charges are based on what it costs to operate and maintain the utility. The City regularly conducts rate studies to ensure the financial health of our utility systems. The 2024 rate study recommends small yearly increases to avoid large rate increases in the future.

Water Utility

The average household uses approximately 3,000 gallons of water per month. In 2025, the typical bill totaled \$46.93. In 2026, the cost for the typical household will increase by \$2.14 to \$49.07.

Sewer Utility

The average household sewer bill will increase \$1.55 to \$40.08 in 2026. Sewer rates are based on each customer's winter average. Calculated in the months of December, January, and February, the winter sewer average is based on the average water usage during those months, when outdoor usage is very limited.

Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste

The City's solid waste contract with Gardner Disposal renewed last year. Rates are not changing in 2026. The city subsidizes half of the cost of trash pick-up, so residents will continue to pay \$11 per month. Additional trash carts can be added to individual accounts at any time for \$7.50 per month or \$3 for additional recycling carts.

The combined total utility increase is \$3.69 a month for the average household. The new rates become effective with the January 1, 2026 utility bill. The City's Utilities department is committed to ensuring every member of our community has safe, reliable service.



Go paperless! Never miss a paper statement again. Save money and time by setting up your account at municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks. Need help? Current users can call City Hall at 913-893-6231 and request email only.

Community

Assistance Programs Available

Families in need of assistance have multiple resources available. This is just a sampling of some of the programs that will help serve Edgerton residents. Some may have income requirements. Please contact the organizations below to apply or get more information. More services are available at edgertonks.org/assistance-programs

Johnson County Multi-Service Center: 913-715-6653

The Hope Market: 913-586-6110

JOY Closet: 913-856-8868

United Way: 2-1-1



From FD#1:

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. More than two out of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Stay safe this holiday season by blowing out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

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

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.



Register Your Pets

Pet tags expire at the end of this month! Make sure your pet stays current by picking up your 2025 tags before March 31. All animals over 6 months old are required to be registered. Tags are \$5 for all neutered/spayed animals or \$25 for non-neutered/non-spayed pets. Those over the age of 60 can register pets for free if they are neutered/spayed. All animals must have a current rabies vaccination.



December 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.

- December 5 - Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting
The Greenspace
- December 7 - Gingerbread Faceoff
The Greenspace
- December 9 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- December 11 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- December 12- Kids Night Out
The Greenspace
- December 17 - Senior Lunch and Bingo
The Greenspace
- December 25 - Christmas Day
City Offices Closed