



## Greenspace Open House

Thursday, April 4 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Edgerton City Hall

Maintaining the small-town values is a signature trademark of the residents of Edgerton. As part of the Parks Master Plan, the Downtown Edgerton Plan and community surveys, residents expressed interest in the City investing in a new facility as a place for the community to gather and connect with their neighbors. This would be a place to hold community events, both indoor and outdoor, take shelter during an emergency event or hold meetings for local service organizations; a place where families could come to the Greenspace during all seasons to enjoy indoor and outdoor recreation activities.

Downtown Edgerton has long been the place where the community gathers together. Anchored by Edgerton City Hall and the Bank of Knowledge, today, Downtown Edgerton provides space for residents of all ages to enjoy opportunities to gather and recreate. Over the years, residents have gathered in the Greenspace to light the Mayor’s Christmas Tree, bid on auction items during Frontier Days or watch a movie with their family under the stars. The City-owned property, together with the Greenspace, offers space to construct a new venue for the community, while building on the synergy from Downtown.

Because the space and project budget are limited, the City plans to hold a public open house for residents to provide input on what type of amenities they would prefer in the available space. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, April 4th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Edgerton City Hall. We invite all residents to come, bring your family and friends, your neighbors and community members of all ages, and help plan the future of the Greenspace for the next generation of Edgerton residents.



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## Are you an Edgepert?

Each month we’ll share interesting and fun facts about Edgerton. If you have a surprising fact to share about living in Edgerton or about the City’s history, submit it to [aclower@edgertonks.org](mailto:aclower@edgertonks.org) and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

**Question:**  
Do you know the history of the Edgerton Assumption Catholic Church?

Answer on back.

### Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Youth Art Classes: **Monday, April 1**
- Youth Cooking Class: **Monday, April 8**
- Easter Egg Hunt: **Saturday, April 13**
- Senior Lunch & BINGO - Taco Casserole: **Wednesday, April 17**
- Senior Ice Cream Social: **Tuesday, April 23**

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- Greenspace Open House: **Thursday, April 4**
- Planning Commission: **Tuesday, April 9**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, April 11**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, April 25**
- City Wide Garage Sale: **Saturday, May 11**
- City Wide Clean Up: **Saturday, May 18**
- Edgerton Frontier Days: **Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15**

## KDOT to Begin Sunflower Bridge Replacement Project in April

KDOT has announced that beginning April 1st the Sunflower Road Bridge at Interstate 35 will be closed to traffic. The entrance and exit ramps to and from I-35 will close for intermittent periods through the duration of the project. The new bridge will be constructed on the existing alignment, and the project is expected to conclude in late December 2019. The new bridge will include one lane in each direction with a center left turn lane at each ramp extending across the bridge. Total project cost for KDOT is approximately \$8.5 MM. Residents interested in additional details about impacts to traffic may visit the KDOT website at <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/kcMetro/laneclose.asp>.

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 13 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Martin Creek Park**

Get your kids in the holiday spirit this year with the Easter Bunny at Martin Creek Park! Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. where families can enjoy a moon walk and face painter and take pictures with the Easter Bunny. At 10:30 a.m., children ages 12 and under will have a blast hunting for Easter eggs. Some might even come across the lucky eggs earning them a grand prize! Guests are welcome to stick around after the hunt to enjoy the park and activities.

**Rainout date:** Saturday, April 27



## Edgerton Elementary School Carnival

**Friday, April 26 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Edgerton Elementary School**

Come have a blast at the Edgerton Elementary School Carnival! This year's carnival will be complete with food, games, photo booth and more! Tickets available at the door. Everyone is welcome! All proceeds go to supporting the school.



## Senior Plumlee Buffalo Ranch Trip

**Wednesday, May 1 • Flint Hills of Kansas • Fee: Around \$20 (includes tour tickets) • Meet at City Hall at 8:15 a.m. (tour starts at 10:30 a.m.)**

Enjoy a tour at the 400-acre Plumlee Buffalo Ranch, home to 75 bison, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas. On this two-hour tour we will be able to see and learn all about the American Bison up close, so don't forget your cameras! There will be an opportunity to feed the catfish at one of their ponds and learn about the history of the Kansas Flint Hills.

After our tour, we will eat lunch at Alma Bakery and then head over to Alma Cheese for a quick history and some free samples!

Sign up for this trip at City Hall! This trip has limited spots available. We hope to have you join us! Any questions, please contact Maddie Becker, Parks and Recreation Coordinator at 913.893.6231.

## City Wide Garage Sale

*Saturday, May 11*

Mark your calendars for the Annual Edgerton City Wide Garage Sale. It's time to clean out your closets and clear your clutter! Stay tuned for information on registering your sale for publication.



## City Wide Clean Up

*Saturday, May 18*

Save the date! The 2018 City Wide Clean Up Date will take place Saturday, May 18. Seniors and residents that need assistance with disposing items and/or yard cleanup tasks should contact City Hall by Tuesday, May 14.

## Edgerton Ball Fields Reopening

The newly renovated ball fields re-opened on March 1st and are now available to reserve and begin practices. Please call City Hall at 913.893.6231 or visit us in person to reserve the fields.



**EDGERTON  
FRONTIER  
DAYS 2019**  
**June 14 - 15**



## Frontier Days Festival

*Friday, June 14 - Saturday, June 15*

A tradition since 1971, this festival fills downtown Edgerton with activities for all ages! This year, guests will enjoy nationally recognized musical entertainment, a full carnival, food and craft vendors, games for all ages, and other entertainers. For a complete schedule head to [www.frontier-days.com](http://www.frontier-days.com).





## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Food Pantry is open to all residents within the Gardner-Edgerton School District #231. The pantry is open on the third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The pantry is in the building across from the Methodist Church.

## A: Edgepert Answer

The first settlers in this area arrived in 1854 and nearly all of them came to the United States from Ireland and France. Several of these families were of the Catholic faith and hoped to establish a church in this area. The first priest to visit this local settlement was Father Bernard Donnelly who walked from Kansas City to celebrate the first mass in this area. This first mass of the then "Bull Creek Parish" was held on October 10, 1857 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy with six families in attendance. The McCarthy home was located just northeast of what would become Sunflower Road in Edgerton, Kansas.

In April of 1858, a priest named Father McGee helped the parish dedicate its "new" church. The church was made of logs and measured just 14' x 16'. The building was on land donated by Mr. Murtha Noland which was located on the east side of the current St. Columbine Catholic Cemetery—just southeast of present-day Edgerton. This church was built by the families who would be attending this church.

In 1867, a new larger stone church, again, built by the parishioners themselves, was built a few feet south of the original church that had been made of logs. Additional land was donated by Patrick Brickley, Michael Kennalley and Michael McCarthy.

By the late 1800s, an even larger church was needed for the Catholic families in the area to hold their services. Land was purchased in the actual town of Edgerton. The present church building, located at 1st and Nelson Streets, was constructed at a cost of \$3,000 and was dedicated "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother" on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15, 1893. This church building has served as the home of the Edgerton

Assumption Catholic Church ever since that time. The church "rectory" (the priest's residence) located directly east of the church, was built and finished in May of 1910, primarily by Father Dennis Fitzpatrick, at a cost of \$2,646.

The Assumption Catholic Church of Edgerton has a very long and proud history and has been a vital part of the Edgerton community for many years. For more history and information on the Edgerton Assumption Catholic Church, as well as other churches in Edgerton, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum's special exhibit, "Edgerton Churches....Past and Present."



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