

Don't Forget to Register Your Animals

Remember, every dog and cat over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a City pet license.

City pet licenses are valid January 1 – December 31.

Registering your pet allows Animal Control to quickly identify your pet and assist in getting them back home quickly. Registration also helps verify current rabies vaccination information in case of a bite. Failure to register your pet by March 31st **will result in late registration fees and may result in a citation for municipal court.** Please register your pet at City Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Animal Control at 913.893.6231.

Notify JoCo Sign Up

Residents can now sign up for Notify JoCo, a mass notification system designed to notify residents and businesses of emergencies including weather warnings, water main breaks, public safety alerts and natural disasters, as well as City or Parks and Recreation activities.

To receive real-time alerts and notifications via phone call, text message and email, **register at www.notifyjoco.org.**



A: Edgepert Answer

In September 1911, President William Howard Taft spoke from the back of a train stopped at the Edgerton Railroad Depot. The Depot was located at the present Nelson Street railroad crossing. The President's train was on the way from Chanute, Kansas to Kansas City. About three hundred people were present to greet the President's party and the depot was decorated with American flags and sunflowers. Senator Charles Curtis and ex-congressman, Charles F. Scott, were also present at the depot to hear President Taft's remarks. A great day in Edgerton's history!

EDGERTON[®]
global routes. local roots.

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 jrawles@edgertonks.org and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Did you know that a United States President once spoke in Edgerton?

Answer on back.

Mayor's State of the City

Thursday, February 15, 2018 • 6:00 p.m. • City Hall

This is a free event and all residents are welcome to attend!

On February 15, Mayor Donald Roberts will deliver the fourth annual Edgerton State of the City address at 6 p.m. at City Hall. This event will outline the progress we have made in the last year, along with a preview of what's ahead in 2018. Light refreshments will be provided.



Save The Date Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, March 24 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
305 East Nelson, Downtown Edgerton

Help keep your pets happy, healthy and safe with a low-cost rabies vaccination and a city pet license at the annual Edgerton low-cost vaccine clinic. The clinic is for both dogs and cats over six months of age. All animals must be registered with the City by March 31 to avoid penalty.

Costs for the Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic are as follows:

Rabies Vaccine \$10 • Distemper/Rabies \$15
Microchip \$15

Please call Charlie Lydon, Code Enforcement Officer at 913.893.6231 with any questions.

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.

Please note, the food pantry will no longer be open Wednesday nights.

IN THIS ISSUE:

- Save the Date for Mayor's State of the City
- Changes to Water & Sewer Rates
- Sheriff's Corner
- Fire District #1
- Edgerton Food Pantry
- Pet Registration Reminder
- Notify JoCo Sign Up

IMPORTANT DATES:

City Council Meeting – Thursday, February 8

Mayor's State of the City – Thursday, February 15

City Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day – Monday, February 19

City Council Meeting – Thursday, February 22

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Youth Art Class* – Monday, February 5 and Monday, February 12

Edgerton Bookends – Tuesday, February 13

Lego Camp: Batman Master Mechanics* – Wednesday, February 14 – Friday, February 16

Senior Lunch & BINGO – Wednesday, February 21

* register at edgertonparks.org

Changes to Water and Sewer Rates Effective March 1st Billing

Water Rates

A 2% increase in water rates applies to both the Customer Service Charge (based on size of meter) and Volume Rate (charge per 1,000 gallons of usage). The new rates are listed below.

		Current	New	Difference
Customer Service Charge	5/8" meter, inside city	\$19.23	\$19.62	0.39
Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)	0 – 2,000	\$3.95	\$4.03	0.08
	2,001 – 10,000	\$8.89	\$9.07	0.18
	> 10,001	\$12.27	\$12.52	0.25

Sewer Utility

A 5% increase in the sewer rates applies to the Customer Services Charge and the Volume Rate (based on winter average water usage for residential). The new rates are listed below.

	Current	New	Difference
Customer Service Charge	\$5.84	\$6.14	0.30
Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)	\$6.76	\$7.14	0.38

Comparison to Other Communities

Even after the 2018 rate increase, Edgerton has lower combined utility bills than most of the surrounding cities. The average monthly consumption in Edgerton is 3,000 gallons. Using this average, Edgerton residents will spend about \$64.19 compared to \$65.25 in Spring Hill and \$71.49 in Gardner for utility bills. This calculation does not include the cost of residential trash service. Residential trash services for Edgerton residents will remain the same for 2018 at \$7.50 a month. See chart below.

Utility Rate Comparison

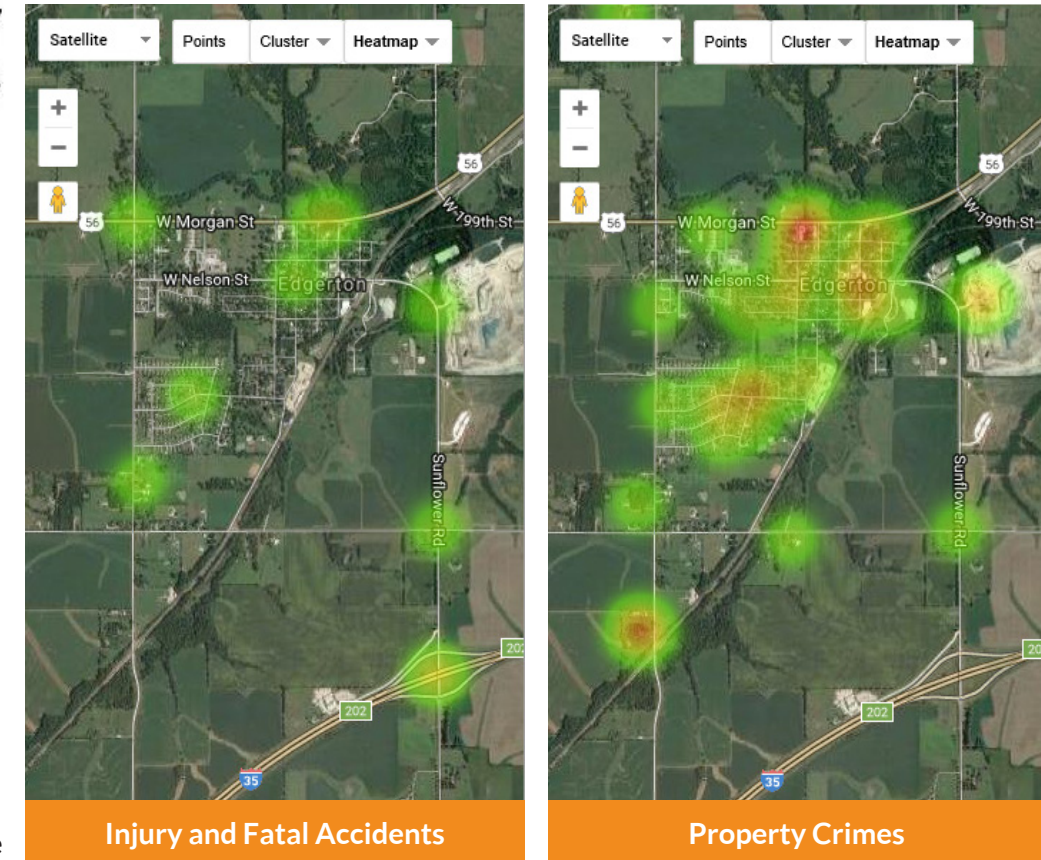


NEW RATES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH THE MARCH 1, 2018 UTILITY BILLING.

Sheriff's Corner



Stay in-the-know about crime in your town. The Sheriff's Office provides a free crime mapping service to the public on our website. Crime mapping allows us to share crime data with our communities by allowing citizens to track crime and/or sex offender movement in any area of interest. The maps included provide a visual representation of Crimes Against Property and Injury/Fatal Accident reports taken from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. There was a total of 43 property crime reports taken which included burglary, destruction/damage/vandalism of property, theft, motor vehicle theft, stolen property and trespassing. There was a total of 10 injury/fatal accidents throughout the year as well.



To follow crime data in Edgerton, go to www.jocosherriff.org/public-information/sheriffs-crime-mapping.



From your Friends at Fire District #1 Johnson County: Space Heater Safety

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. These fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage.



Portable electric space heaters can be a convenient source of supplemental heat for your home in cold weather. Unfortunately, they can pose significant fire and electric shock hazards if not used properly. Safety should always be a top consideration when using space heaters. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

- Turn off space heaters when you're leaving a room or going to sleep and always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.
- Don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.