



## Community Picnic and Fireworks Show

*Wednesday, July 3 • Picnic and entertainment begin at 6:00 p.m.*

*Fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. • Martin Creek Park (20200 Sunflower Rd.)*

Join the fun! Celebrate our nation's Independence Day at Edgerton's annual Community Picnic and Firework Show! Guests can enjoy the park with free food during the picnic while supplies last, music, inflatables, face painting, yard games and our famous firework show!

Due to limited parking at the event, there will be event bus shuttles operating from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Bus stop locations will be located at City Hall (404 E. Nelson) and Edgerton Elementary School (400 W. Nelson).



## Payment Service Network Goes Mobile

Did you know that you can pay your Edgerton utility bill online? Not only is Payment Service Network set up for mobile devices, there's now an app available for Apple and Android devices. It's free in your app store. All you have to do is register. Access your account and pay your bill online or through the app. You can set up auto-pay or recurring payments and manage multiple accounts all in one place.



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## Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Youth Art Class: **Monday, July 1**
- Youth Cooking Class: **Monday, July 8**
- Downtown Summer Movie Night - The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part: **Saturday, July 13**
- Open Gym: **Each Tuesday and Thursday**
- Game Day at City Hall: **Each Wednesday**
- Senior Lunch & BINGO - Cold Deli & BBQ Sandwiches: **Wednesday, July 17**

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- Community Picnic and Fireworks Show: **Wednesday, July 3**
- Planning Commission: **Tuesday, July 9**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, July 11**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, July 25**

## Are you an Edgert?



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 who is the only United States President to have visited Edgerton, KS?*

Answer on back.

## From Your Friends at Fire District #1: Fireworks Safety Tips



Consumer fireworks are any small devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion as approved by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. Examples of legal fireworks are firecrackers, skyrockets and sparklers. Are you planning on using fireworks this Fourth of July?



### **CITY ORDINANCE: FIREWORKS**

The Edgerton City ordinance allows for the use of fireworks on July 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and July 4 between 10:00 a.m. and midnight. **The use of bottle rockets is prohibited.**

The majority of annual fireworks injuries occur during the four-week period surrounding Independence Day. On the Fourth of July itself, fireworks usually start more fires nationwide than all other causes combined. Approximately 7,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms every year for fireworks-related injuries and most of those incidents involve children. To prepare for a safe and fun holiday celebration, follow these fireworks tips:

- Always read and follow directions on the labels of fireworks
- Only use fireworks outdoors
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- Only light one firework at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Fireworks should only be used with close adult supervision
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Be sure to have water handy
- Never throw fireworks at another person

Remember to call your local 911 for emergencies!

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Department at 913.764.7635.

## Downtown Summer Movie Night: The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part

*Saturday, July 13 • Concessions available for purchase at 8:00 p.m.  
Movie begins at dusk • Downtown Greenspace (319 E. Nelson)*

Enjoy family-friendly movies under the stars this summer in the downtown greenspace! Yard games and concessions will open at 8:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk. Admission is free! Please bring your own chairs and blankets as seating will not be provided.



## USD 231 Gardner Edgerton Summer Meals

Monday, June 3 – Friday, August 2 • Edgerton Elementary School

Gardner Edgerton School District is offering the Summer Food Service Program to area youth. The program provides FREE meals for all children 1 to 18 years of age. Persons over 18 years of age may also dine at any of the sites for a minimal fee. Meals are served Monday thru Friday until August 2nd. No meals will be served on July 4 or 5. For additional information visit our website at [usd231.nutrislice.com](http://usd231.nutrislice.com) or call 1.866.3HUNGRY(348.6479).

## Coldpoint Logistics Named Finalist for Kansas Governor's Award of Excellence

ColdPoint Logistics has been recognized as a finalist for the Kansas Governor's Award of Excellence. Based in Logistics Park Kansas City, ColdPoint Logistics was one of four finalists out of 96 nominations from across the state.

The Governor's Award of Excellence is the highest award given to a business by the State of Kansas. The program recognizes Kansas businesses for their contributions to the local and state economy.

ColdPoint recently broke ground on its Phase 4 expansion. The new 147,820 square foot expansion will bring ColdPoint's total space to just over 621,000 square feet in LPKC.



## Beware of West Nile

The Kansas Department of Health and Human Services warns that every county in Kansas is at moderate risk of West Nile Virus infections. High numbers of mosquitos that can spread West Nile have been detected. With all of the rain recently, KDHE suggests residents empty any standing water on their property twice a week, use insect repellent, and wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors, especially at dawn and dusk. So far, no human cases of West Nile have been reported in Kansas.

## 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.



## Summer is Off to a Spectacular Start in Edgerton

The 48th annual Frontier Days on June 14–15 drew lots of families to downtown Edgerton. The kids made sure to line up early for the Frontier Days parade, grabbing up as much candy as they could before heading over to play all day on the carnival rides. The winners of the annual Baby Contest are posted on EdgertonKS.org. The auction on Saturday evening brought in nearly \$3,900, which will be used for next year's event. The headliners on the stage really rocked this year, with Vixen and Kentucky Headhunters performing for appreciative crowds on Friday and Saturday night.

The summer downtown block party was held June 1. Residents enjoyed getting their pictures taken in the New City Church's photo booth and crunching on snow cones afterward. Children tried their hardest to catch the plastic fish in the Cops N' Bobbers fishing derby booth. The Sheridan's Frozen Custard booth almost always had a line for free frozen custard. And just about every child, including those kids-at-heart like Mayor Donald Roberts, had their face painted and hair temporarily colored.

The summer fun continues! Make sure to join us for the Community Picnic and Fireworks Show at Martin Creek Park on July 3 and for our second downtown movie night on July 13.



## A: Edgepert Answer

On Monday, September 25, 1911, the twenty-seventh president of the United States, William Howard Taft, stopped in Edgerton while on a train tour of eastern Kansas.

On Sunday, September 24, 1911, President Taft had spoken at Baker University in Baldwin City. Father McGeary of Edgerton attended that speech and met Kansas Senator Charles Curtis. Father McGeary informed Senator Curtis that the citizens of Edgerton were under the impression that President Taft was scheduled to make an appearance in Edgerton the next day. That information was then passed on to President Taft's private secretary, Mr. Hilles. Hilles informed Father McGeary that Edgerton had not originally been a scheduled stop on the president's train tour, but if arrangements could be made in time, the president would be glad to make a brief stop in Edgerton to meet citizens and other area residents. On the morning of September 25, Father McGeary received a telegram from Mr. Hilles stating that President Taft's train was coming from a previous stop in Chanute and would indeed be stopping in Edgerton at the Santa Fe Depot (located at the Nelson Street railroad crossing) around 5:00 that evening so that the president could make a few brief remarks. The news of Taft's impending visit

was telephoned throughout the county all day. Edgerton Mayor Kelly and W.L. Hale decorated the Edgerton Depot with American flags and sunflowers. Several attendees also carried large sunflowers with them.

That evening, the president's train pulled into the depot. Along with the president and Senator Curtis, former Congressman from Kansas, Charles F. Scott, was also aboard the train. Senator Curtis made some short remarks then introduced President Taft who spoke from the platform of the rear coach. Taft was greeted by cheers from the crowd of approximately three hundred people and made a few brief but happy remarks about Kansas and its people. The train then departed the depot and headed on to Kansas City, MO. Although President Taft's stop in Edgerton was short, Edgerton was envied by other local communities for having the president of the United States stop and speak there. According to the Friday, September 29, 1911 edition of the Edgerton Journal newspaper, "Edgerton and its citizens feel highly honored with having the highest official in the land pay us a visit, brief though it was." If not for the efforts of Father McGeary, this monumental day in Edgerton's history may never have taken place!