



2018 State of the City – “Edgerton: New Horizons”

Mayor Donald Roberts delivered Edgerton’s fourth annual State of the City address on Thursday, February 21. To read the State of the City Annual Report, visit EdgertonKS.org.

Citizen Survey Results Confirm Top Priorities

In 2018, 200 households participated in the Edgerton Community Survey. This survey provides the Governing Body a critical tool in guiding the allocation of resources towards priorities most desired by the community. The 2018 Community Survey confirmed again that residents continue to prioritize investment in **STREETS** and **PARKS/TRAILS**. This feedback from residents has driven significant investment in these quality of life areas over the last several years including an aggressive annual street maintenance program and upgraded/replaced park amenities.

In 2018, when asked what capital improvement projects are most important, Edgerton residents ranked (1) reconstruction of existing streets, (2) new sidewalks/trail extensions and (3) upgrade of existing parks as the top three priorities. Edgerton City Council uses these findings to continue to prioritize investment of resources by the City in streets, parks and trail connectivity.

Building A Place for The Community to Gather

Maintaining the small-town values is a signature trademark of the residents of Edgerton. As part of the Parks Master Plan, 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. 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.



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Youth Art Classes: **Monday, March 4**

Youth Cooking Class: **Wednesday, March 20**

Senior Lunch & BINGO – Meatloaf: **Wednesday, March 20**

Spring Break Activities: **March 11-15**

Important Upcoming Dates:

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, March 14**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, March 28**

Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic: **Saturday, March 30**

Pet Registration Deadline: **Sunday, March 31**

Edgerton City Hall Open House: **Thursday, April 4**

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 and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Do you know how the main street in Edgerton, Nelson Street, got its name?

Answer on back.

Building A Place for The Community to Gather

Continued from Page 1. 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.

The Edgerton City Council included the construction of a new community facility in Downtown Edgerton as part of the annual capital improvement program. This facility could offer space to host community events such as Senior Lunch or the Visit from Santa, an emergency shelter for use during inclement weather, space for various community groups to hold meetings such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, sports or recreation area, or even an outdoor multipurpose area to

be used as the seasons change. It is likely additional parking downtown would also be needed to support this venue.

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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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.



Please mark your calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Edgerton City Hall Open House

Help plan the future of the Greenspace.

City to Begin Smoke Testing

Delayed by our recent winter weather, the City of Edgerton Utilities Department will soon be performing smoke testing on sanitary sewer lines in the city to identify locations where stormwater is penetrating the city's sanitary sewer system.

There are two ways that stormwater can enter into the city's sanitary sewer system negatively impacting its ability to transport water to be treated by the city's wastewater treatment facilities. The intrusion of ground water into the sanitary system is known as **Infiltration**. Unfortunately, some of Edgerton's sanitary sewer infrastructure is aging, and as it gets older cracks and loose joints can form in the underground pipes, particularly older pipes made of clay tile. As such, stormwater enters into the system through these cracks or loose joints impacting the capacity of the pipe to transport water to be treated at the wastewater treatment facilities and unnecessarily treating stormwater. The other way of intrusion is called **Inflow**. Inflow is allowing stormwater to enter the sanitary sewer system by sump pumps and drains, etc. Most of these connections are considered illegal connections. Together these impact on the sanitary sewer system as "**I & I**" (**Inflow and Infiltration**).

Smoke testing can aid in identifying sources of inflow and locations of infiltration in the City's sanitary sewer lines. Smoke testing is performed by blowing smoke mixed with large volumes of air into the sanitary sewer line through nearby manholes. This smoke will rise through the ground near cracks or breaks in public main lines and private lateral lines. This testing can also find illegal connections to the system by smoke coming out drain lines and vents.

The smoke is non-toxic, does not leave stains or residues and is of low odor. Residents should be advised that during the testing smoke can enter their home through their sewer line, but it is not dangerous and will dissipate.

Staff has identified targeted areas of concern and anticipate testing will begin in March, weather permitting. Advance notification will be provided to affected residents through door hangers and NotifyJoCo. Please call City Hall at 913.893.6231 if you have any questions.

Fourth Annual KansasWorks Statewide Job Fair

Thursday, March 7 • 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Job seekers can meet, connect and learn at the following locations:

- Wyandotte County Workforce Center
626 Minnesota Avenue • **Kansas City, KS**
- Peaslee Technical Center
2920 Haskell Avenue, #100 • **Lawrence, KS**
- Leavenworth Workforce Center
515 Limit Street, Suite 200 • **Leavenworth, KS**
- Johnson County Public Library
9875 W. 87th Street • **Overland Park, KS**

For more information, contact your local workforce center at 877.509.6757 or visit www.kansascommerce.gov.

Brush/Limb Drop Off Open Two Saturdays in March

Saturday, March 23 & Saturday March 30 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The winter of 2018/2019 has been one of the toughest in recent years! We recognize the challenges that recent storms have brought for residents including severe cold weather, significant amounts of snow and ice causing downed tree limbs, branches and other yard debris. To assist residents with the clean-up process, the City of Edgerton will open the brush/tree limb drop off area located at Public Works (710 East Nelson) on two Saturdays during the month of March. On March 23 and March 30, the brush/limb drop off area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with no appointment necessary.

Residents who would like to access the drop off area during the week, please call City Hall at 913.893.6231 to make an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. As part of the normal trash collection, Gardner Disposal will also collect storm debris with your regular weekly collection. Limbs should be placed at the curb, bundled in 4-foot lengths and tied with string. A single tree limb may not exceed 3" in diameter. Beginning March 1, the weekly limit for yard waste increases to 12 items. For more than 12 bundles per pick up, overage stickers may be purchased at Edgerton City Hall for \$1.50 each.

Please have all storm debris removal completed by April 1st. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Staff at 913.893.6231.

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.

Heating Safety from Your Friends at Fire District #1

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, March 30 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • 305 E 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 \$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.

Be Warm and Safe this Winter!

Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater. Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters. Never use your oven to heat your home. Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Annual Pet License

License Year: January 1 through December 31

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. Please register your pet at City Hall. **All animals must be registered by March 31st to avoid penalty.**

Annual Registration:

- Neutered/Spayed dog or cat: \$5
- Unneutered/Non-spayed dog or cat: \$25
- Seniors (Age 60 and over) with neutered/spayed dog or cat: No charge
- Registration fee for keeping chickens: \$50
- Breeder fee: \$500.00

Please fill out form below and either mail in with payment and proof of rabies vaccination or bring in to City Hall with proof of rabies vaccination. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Animal Control: Charlie Lydon at 913.893.6231.

404 East Nelson
PO Box 255
Edgerton, KS 66021

A late fee of \$25 will be applied after March 31, 2019.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PET INFORMATION • Current rabies certificate required to register.

Dog/Cat	Pet's Name	Sex	Spay/Neutered	Breed	Color	Fee	Vet Clinic

A: Edgepert Answer

Nelson Street was named after Nelson Myers, a Civil War veteran, resident of Edgerton, husband to Rebecca Warren Myers, great-uncle to Roberta Warren Knabe and a very good friend and neighbor to the residents of Edgerton. Nelson Myers was born in 1840 in Pennsylvania.

After battle ended in the Civil War, Nelson came to Kansas in 1875 and bought a farm just three miles south of Edgerton at 223rd and Sunflower Road. Here he met Rebecca Warren, who he married in 1888. The couple lived in a two-story home that Nelson had built on the farm. They later sold their farm and moved into Edgerton, buying four acres on the west end of Edgerton and building another two-story house with the same floor plan as their farm home.

The Myers never owned a car, relying instead on a horse and buggy for transportation. The main street in Edgerton was named “Nelson” Avenue (Street) after Nelson Myers’ death in 1925. His wife Rebecca lived nine more years and became “Aunt Becky” to most of the Edgerton citizens. Both Nelson and Rebecca Myers are buried in the Edgerton Cemetery. That is the interesting story of how Nelson Street got its name! This information was compiled by the late Mrs. Roberta Knabe, Nelson Myers’ great-niece.

