

## Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit from Santa

Friday, December 7 • 6:30 p.m. • Downtown Greenspace

Kick off the holiday season with the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit from Santa! Join Mayor Roberts at 6:30 p.m. in the greenspace next to the library as he welcomes the holiday season. Mayor Roberts will light up downtown as we hear songs from the Edgerton Elementary School choir. Afterward, warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie at City Hall. At 7:00 p.m., Santa will be here to greet and listen to holiday wish lists from kids of all ages. Kids won't want to miss the fun door prizes!



Celebrate the reason for the holiday season! Donate to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund to help local families in need. Donations of any amount can be made to Edgerton City Hall.

## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Trees available for pickup on Nov. 1st  
Return finished tree to City Hall by Nov. 30th

If you registered for the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, don't forget to pick up your wooden Christmas trees from City Hall! Trees will be available for pickup on November 1st and you will drop off your finished product back at City Hall by November 30th.

Decorated trees will be put on display at our annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in December where the community will be able to view each tree and vote for their favorite one! Winners will be announced at the Ceremony, and the top three groups will win a prize!

### 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.*

## A: Edgepert Answer

Yes, the community of Edgerton has five city parks that it is responsible for operating and maintaining. From east to west, there's Martin Creek Park at the top of the hill on Sunflower Road. It is a large park with ball fields, soccer field, horseshoe pits and a playground. Next is Edgerton City Lake Park, a lake which can be fished, the lake park also features shelter houses, picnic areas and on a small rise at the lake park is the 1902 Edgerton City Jail, which was used to hold prisoners (but not at this site).

Then is Manor Park, a small neighborhood park, which was originally constructed by the Edgerton Jaycees in the early 1980's and renovated by the City in May 2016. It contains playground equipment and a small basketball court. Glendale Skate Park is in the Glendale Acres section of town at Fourth and Edgewood Streets. This park was partly financed and designed by an Edgerton teen group in the late 1990s/early 2000s with the intent of having a place for kids to safely skateboard.

Last, there is Bridgewater Lake Park on West 7th Street, just south of Nelson Street, between the

elementary school and the mobile home park. There is a lake for public fishing that can be accessed by a sidewalk connecting to West Seventh Street. In addition, Big Bull Creek Park, a Johnson County Park, opened on September 22, 2018 for area residents to use and enjoy. There will soon be an official pedestrian path with a traffic signal across Sunflower Road connecting Martin Creek and Big Bull Creek Park. The community of Edgerton is blessed to have so many unique and varying parks of all shapes and sizes for residents to enjoy!



### 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:

*Did you know that Edgerton has five city parks?*

## Sheriff's Corner: School Supply Drive Success



The Sheriff's Office teamed up with Gardner Police Department to collect school supplies for the students and staff at Edgerton Elementary. Deputies and officers spent a day at the Gardner Walmart collecting an incredible amount of writing utensils, notebooks, folders, markers and more!

We stopped by Edgerton Elementary a few days later and dropped off the donations that we know will be put to good use by the teachers and students. We were so happy to have the opportunity to help support our local students and staff and can't wait to do it again next year!



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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Election Day: **Tuesday, November 6**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, November 8**
- City Hall Closed - Veterans Day: **Monday, November 12**
- USD 231 - Thanksgiving Break: **Wednesday, November 21 - Monday, November 26**
- Senior Lunch & BINGO: **Wednesday, November 21 - Thanksgiving Meal**
- City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving: **Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23**

## Changes to Water and Sewer Rates Effective January 1

The City of Edgerton water and sewer utility functions are enterprise operations designed to be self-supporting functions. The revenue provided by the rates should be sufficient to cover the costs of the operations, capital projects and debt service. An industry best practice is to review rates and financial plans for the utility operations on a regular basis to ensure the utilities remain self-supporting.

In 2015, the City engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants (RFC), a firm specializing in water and sewer enterprise operations, to review the financial status of both utilities and update the rate study. The objectives of the study were to (1) develop financial plans for the water and sewer enterprises to ensure financial sufficiency, meet operation and maintenance (O&M) expense, debt service and improve the financial health of the utilities; and (2) develop sound and sufficient reserve fund targets.

In 2017, the City worked with RFC to update the 2015 rate study. The 2017 Report recommended small rate increases in each year of the forecast period in order to avoid large rate increases in the later years of the forecast period. RFC presented the findings to City Council at the September 13, 2018 City Council meeting.

### WATER UTILITY

Based on recommendation by RFC, the Edgerton City Council approved a 2% increase in water rates. This increase 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	Different
<b>Customer Service Charge</b>	5/8" meter, inside city	\$19.62	\$20.02	\$0.40
<b>Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)</b>	0-2,000	\$4.03	\$4.12	\$0.09
	2,001-10,000	\$9.07	\$9.26	\$0.19
	>10,001	\$12.52	\$12.78	\$0.26

### SEWER UTILITY

Based on recommendation by RFC, the Edgerton City Council approved a 5% increase in the sewer rates. This increase applies the Customer Services Charge and the Volume Rate (based on winter average water usage for residential). The new rates are listed below.

	Current	New	Different
<b>Customer Service Charge</b>	\$6.14	\$6.45	\$0.31
<b>Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)</b>	\$7.10	\$7.46	\$0.36

### COMPARISON TO OTHER COMMUNITIES

Even after the 2019 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 \$66.35 compared to \$67.68 in Spring Hill and \$71.49 in Gardner for utility bills. This calculation does not include the cost of residential trash service. See chart below.

### NEW RATES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2019 UTILITY BILLING.



Utility Bill Comparison



## Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips from Fire District #1

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop, so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
- The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.

- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children – up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

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



## Improvements to 4th and Nelson Streets Continues

Construction is underway for the 4th and Nelson Street Improvement project. As part of the approved Downtown Edgerton Plan, the project includes expanding and resurfacing the intersection of 4th and Nelson and surrounding amenities. The project also includes the removal of the existing roadway (both Nelson and 4th Street) and replacing the failing asphalt with concrete, as well as address the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for the E. 4th St. intersection. This construction is being completed as part of the County Assistance Road System (CARS) program funded through Johnson County.

Construction is nearly complete for Nelson Street. Weather permitting, Nelson Street from 5th Street to 4th Street will open Saturday, November 3rd. Upon opening of Nelson Street, residents are encouraged to access City Hall offices from Nelson Street.

On November 1, 2018, construction will begin on 4th Street from Nelson Street to Hulett Street. The 4th and Hulett Street intersection will remain open until after election day on Tuesday, November 6th. Both 4th Street and Nelson Street will both be closed for a short period of time on Thursday, November 1st and Friday, November 2nd. Project is anticipated to be substantially complete before the end of the year.

We appreciate your patience during the construction!



## Cops n' Bobbers Fishing Derby

On September 29th Edgerton hosted its 22nd annual Cops n' Bobbers Fishing Derby Event at Edgerton Lake. We had many participants and every kid went home with a prize! Winners from each category are pictured below.



## Edgerton Elementary School PTO Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**  
**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Edgerton Elementary School**  
**(400 W Nelson St, Edgerton, KS 66021)**



Join us for Chris Cakes Pancakes and a chance to shop for last minute Christmas gifts from our many local vendors. Swing by the Edgerton Parks and Recreation booth for a fun activity and don't forget to visit Santa and have your picture taken.

Don't miss all you can eat pancakes for only \$4.50 at the door.