

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 28 • 4:00 p.m. Community Hall
Hosted by Edgerton Frontier Days • Free

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to this great Edgerton fall tradition! The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. where guests can sit back with friends and family and enjoy a complimentary hot dog dinner. Don't forget to stop by and check out our family-friendly Haunted House downtown. Guests are invited to bring their own carved pumpkin to enter a contest to win a prize as well! The night will conclude with the annual Edgerton Costume Contest—all ages are invited to participate! Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this event.

Don't forget to check out our Parks and Recreation Activity Guide on the City's website to see what upcoming activities we have to offer!



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.

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Improvements to 4th and Nelson Streets Begin

Construction work started on the 4th and Nelson Street Improvement project. As part of the approved Downtown Edgerton Plan, the project will start the initial work of expanding and resurfacing the intersection of 4th and Nelson and surrounding amenities. The 4th and Nelson project will remove the existing roadway and replace 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. Project extents are along 4th St. from Nelson St. to Hulett St. and along Nelson St. from 4th St. to 5th St. The timeline for the project is below:



**Construction project begins
Monday, September 24**

**Nelson St. Road & Sidewalk Closure
Monday, September 24**

**4th St. Road & Sidewalk Closure
Monday, October 22**

**Sidewalks & Drives installation
Friday, November 23**

**Substantial Project Completion
Monday, December 17**

**Schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.*



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- City Hall Closed – Columbus Day
Monday, October 8
- City Council Meeting – CANCELLED
~~Thursday, October 11~~
- City Council Meeting
Thursday, October 18
- USD 231 Fall Break
Tuesday, October 16 –
Friday, October 19
- Senior Lunch & BINGO – Chili
Wednesday, October 17
- City Council Meeting
Thursday, October 25

A: Edgepert Answer

Edgerton City Park and Fairgrounds sat down in a valley just below the tracks to the east and on the north side of Nelson Street. It was located in the area between the tracks and the present-day City Public Works Facility before you go around the curve towards Interstate 35. It was a beautiful and spacious park and was the center of many community activities. Edgerton had town baseball and softball teams that would play their games at the park. The entire community turned out for these games. The community also had town picnics and fireworks shows at the park.

Back in the 1890s, when Edgerton hosted the annual Johnson County Fair, the fair was held at the fairgrounds at the park. The old Edgerton City Park was full of activities and excitement and will forever be remembered. Unfortunately, there is not much of the park left today as it has become overgrown with trees and brush but back in its "heyday", this park was loved and enjoyed by all. The Edgerton Community Museum has photos and more information about this community treasure from the past!

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 and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:
Did you know that Edgerton used to have a big City park just east of the railroad tracks at the Nelson Street crossing?



Answer on back.

Big Bull Creek Grand Opening

Nearly 500 residents attended the September grand opening of Big Bull Creek Park. During the grand opening, the public was able to visit all three areas of the Phase I development at the new park which now features new and updated playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, disc golf, camping and more. The Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department estimates that there were approximately 3,000 visitors during opening weekend.

Located between Edgerton and Gardner in southwest Johnson County, Big Bull Creek Park totals 2,060 acres and is the largest park in the Johnson County Park and Recreation District park system.

The first phase of development focused on three areas:

Sunflower Road – access point (North of 207th Street)

- Nature Play area
- Three-quarter-mile paved loop trail
- Picnic shelters, restroom facility and parking lot
- Prairie restoration area

199th & Four Corners Road

- Combined park police and park maintenance facility
- Restroom facility
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Parking lot

213th Street East of Spoon Creek Road

- Organized group camp area by reservation only
- Restroom facility, picnic shelter and parking lot

For more information, call 913.888.4713 or visit www.JCPRD.com.



Photos courtesy JCPRD

Smith Appointed to City Council

On Thursday, September 13th, Katee Smith was appointed to Edgerton City Council. Smith most recently served on Edgerton Planning Commission and is active in the Edgerton Frontier Days Association. Edgerton City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

From Your Friends at Fire District #1: Close Your Door, It Could Save Your Life.

Fire is getting faster, so if you can, get out. But if you can't, a closed door could make a life-saving difference. Because of the plastics in most modern furniture and household items, fire is more toxic and much faster than ever before.

A closed door can help slow fire's spread and keep dangerous smoke away from you. A fire needs heat, fuel and oxygen to exist. Closing the door when exiting a burning structure can cut off the oxygen and stop the growth of fire. A closed door can hold back fire's heat. In tests, an open-door room reached dangerous temperatures while a closed-door room stayed under 100° F.

A fire needs oxygen to burn. Don't let it take yours! A closed door can keep more oxygen in the room – and away from the fire – so you can breathe better. Closing the bedroom door at night could give you more time to react to if the smoke alarm sounds.

Close the door and better your chances! A closed door could buy you time in a fire, and that's not all...

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

Christmas Party Contest

Register by October 31st • Trees available for pickup on Nov. 1st
Return finished tree to City Hall by Nov. 30th • \$40/group

Calling all Edgerton businesses, churches, scout groups, school groups, sports teams, etc. to participate in our first Christmas tree decorating contest! Edgerton Parks and Recreation will be supplying 3x4 ft wooden Christmas trees for groups to paint and decorate according to a theme, which will be announced at the time you pick up your group's tree and contest rules. These trees will then 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!

The cost to enter this contest is \$40/group and proceeds will be donated to The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Winners will be announced at the Ceremony, and the top three groups will win a prize! To register your group, call our Parks and Recreation Coordinator at 913.893.6231 or stop by City Hall. There will be 50 trees available to decorate, so make sure to register your group by the deadline on October 31st! Trees will be available for pickup on November 1st from City Hall and you will drop off your finished product back at City Hall by November 30th.

