

Wildland Fire Safety from Your Friends at Fire District #1

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property – and their neighborhood – much safer from wildfire.

Action steps for around your home:

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- **SCREEN** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **DISPOSE** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.



- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.

The more actions a community takes, the more fire adapted it becomes. Learn how you can make a difference in your community. Visit www.fireadapted.org and www.firewise.org for more information. If you have any questions, please call the Fire Department at 913.764.7625.

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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Don't Rake Your Leaves into the Street!

Why is it harmful to put grass clippings and leaf litter in storm drains? Storm drains carry rain runoff directly to our local lakes. This water is not treated or filtered before it enters the lake. When leaves and lawn clippings break down, an excessive amount of nitrogen and phosphorus are added to the water. This in turn leads to unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae, and native and non-native aquatic weeds.

While algae is a naturally occurring organism in lakes and ponds, excessive nutrients can lead to an imbalance. Apart from looking very unsightly, excess algae can lead to the deoxygenation of water with a detrimental effect on pond or lake life, including potential fish kills.

Leaves and lawn clippings can also lead to clogged storm drains causing street flooding. Mulch mow leaves and grass to return nutrients naturally and keep clippings and leaves out of storm drains.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Labor Day – City Offices Closed **September 3**
- Trash Delayed due to Labor Day Holiday – **Pick up September 6**
- Downtown Summer Movie Night **September 8**
- City Council Meeting **Thursday, September 13**
- Senior Lunch & BINGO (Spaghetti) **Wednesday, September 19**
- City Council Meeting **Thursday, September 27**

A: Edgepert Answer

The Edgerton Train Depot was located directly south of the current Nelson Street railroad crossing. Edgerton residents could board a train at the depot and travel to Kansas City to the north or to Ottawa to the south and return to Edgerton later that same day or they could depart to further destinations as well. Residents could ride on the “doodle bug” trains on these shorter excursions.

During World War I and World War II, Edgerton young men would depart from the depot to go serve their country. There would always be large crowds at the depot to send soldiers off and also to welcome them home.

The depot was also the location for mail to be picked up and dropped off. Someone on a passing train would throw

big heavy mailbags off the train then a person from the depot would take a cart and go pick up the bags to be sorted and delivered to residents. Sometimes the mailbags would roll for several hundred feet before they finally stopped and could be picked up. To send mail out, a depot employee would hang the bags from a long wooden “arm”, the train would pass by and a crew member would use a hook to lift the mailbag into the train.

The Edgerton Train Depot was a very vital part of Edgerton for many, many years and will forever be missed. The depot was torn down in the mid-1960s, but photos of the depot and more information can be found at the Edgerton Community Museum. The museum even has a wooden chair that was once used in the depot!

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 train depot?

Answer on back.

Edgerton Parks and Fields

The Martin Creek Park Ball Field renovations are complete! Our park staff has worked hard to renovate these fields for the community, so we ask that you please be respectful when using the fields. To reserve the fields, please stop by City Hall to fill out a form or call our Parks and Recreation Coordinator at 913.893.6231.



4th and Nelson Street Improvement Project to Begin Soon

On August 23, 2018, Edgerton City Council awarded the 4th and Nelson Street Improvement Project to Linaweaver Construction. The project will remove the existing Nelson Street (from East 5th to East 4th) and 4th Street (from Nelson Street to Hulett Street). Both will be replaced with new concrete roadway, new sidewalks and intersection improvements at 4th and Nelson. Construction is expected to begin in September.

Construction of the street improvements will require various road closures throughout the project. Residents are encouraged to sign up for notifications of upcoming road closures through Notify JoCo. To receive real-time alerts and notifications via phone call, text message and email, register at www.notifyjoco.org. Updates will also be posted to the City's website. Construction is anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of 2018.

NotifyJoCo.org



Martin Creek Trail Renovations

The Martin Creek Park Trail project began on Monday, August 20, 2018. This project will address the subgrade issues, replace the surface asphalt throughout the park, make additional connections to the trail network within the park as well as the connection to Big Bull Creek with a pedestrian crossing at Sunflower Rd. During the construction, the park will remain open, however access to the trail network will be limited and/or closed when necessary. The project will be completed in phases, with phase 1 consisting of the removal of surface material and fixing the base/subgrade issues. Phase 2 will be the paving of the trail network in its entirety.

Big Bull Creek Grand Opening

Saturday, September 22 • 11:00 a.m. • Big Bull Creek Park (20425 Sunflower Road)
Ribbon cutting location: Sunflower Road Access Point (North of 207th Street)

Bring the entire family to celebrate the grand opening of Big Bull Creek Park which will include comments from local officials, tours, light refreshments and giveaway items! During the grand opening, the public is invited to visit all three areas of the Phase I development at the new park.

The park now features new and updated playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, disc golf, camping and more. Don't miss this fun grand opening event! For complete details on all the amenities in Phase I, as well as a map to the park, visit jcprd.com

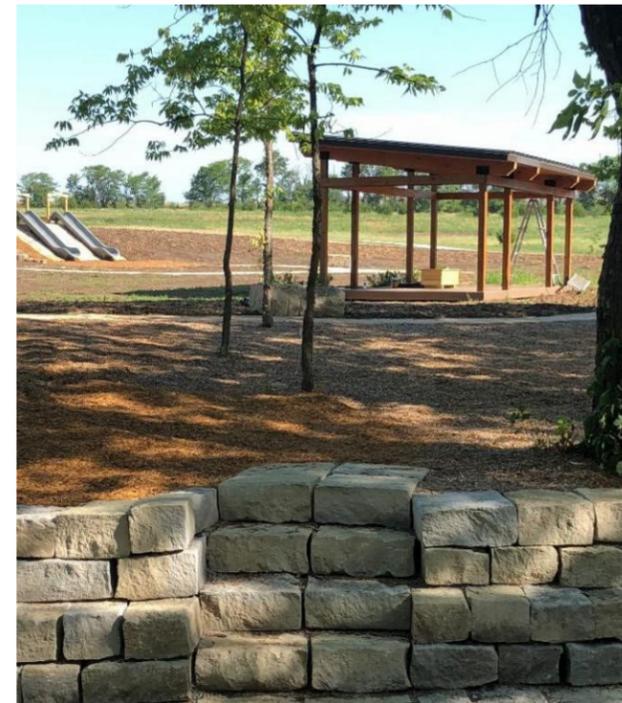
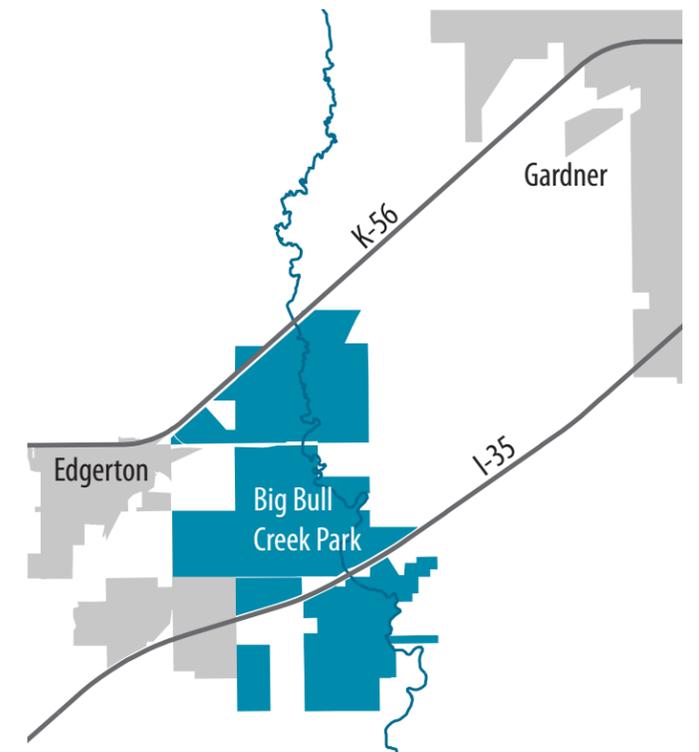


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Downtown Summer Movie Night: Coco

September 8 • Downtown Greenspace (319 E. Nelson) • Concessions available for purchase open at 7:00 p.m. • Movie begins at 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars this summer in the downtown greenspace! Yard games and concessions will open at 7:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free! Please bring your own chairs and blankets as seating will not be provided. We will have small pumpkins for kids to decorate and take home before the movie begins, so come and make a creation while supplies last!

