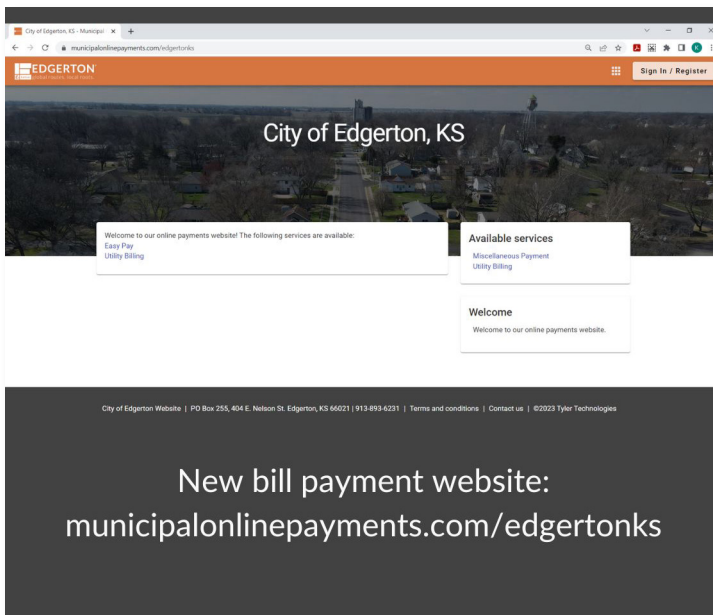


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Edgerton Utilities New Bill Portal Launches

Utility bills look different in Edgerton this month. The City switched from Payment Service Network to Tyler Technologies for our bill payment provider. The new service aims to provide a better customer experience with real-time account updates and an easier to use payment portal.

Customers who normally receive a paper bill will receive their bill as normal. It has a new account number and a new look. The City continues to accept cash, check, and card payments per usual through the drop-box or in-person at City Hall.

Customers who normally receive their bills electronically will receive an e-bill in the email account you previously had on file. Follow the links to set up a new online payment account.

Customers may also pay their bill online without creating an account. Select the quick pay option if you do not want to register. You will need your new account number found on your paper or e-bill.

IMPORTANT: If your utility bill payment is automatically deducted from your account, your bill will NOT be paid in February. You must set up a new account to turn on auto payments.

Set up your new account by logging on to municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks. You can also call 877-947-8583 to make your payment over the phone.

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Annual Low-Cost Animal Vaccine Clinic

The popular low-cost pet vaccine clinic has been scheduled for March 4, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Community Hall. This clinic is only available to Edgerton residents.

Edgerton residents can sign up for a 15 minute time slot. Up to four pets are allowed per resident, per appointment.

We will offer low cost rabies and distemper vaccines, as well as microchips. Prices are below. CASH or CHECK ONLY required at time of service.

Rabies Vaccine: \$15
Distemper Vaccine: \$15
Microchip: \$20

Annual registration of cats and dogs is required and licenses run on the calendar year. Pet licenses are \$5 each for spayed and neutered dogs and cats. Registration is free for those age 60 and older.

Non-spayed or unneutered animals can be registered with the City for \$25.

Register for the clinic at edgertonks.org or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231.

Safety in Edgerton

Crime Rate Drops Further

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office reports a 27% decrease in the number of crimes reported in Edgerton between 2020 and 2021.

In 2020, there were 52 total index crimes reported. In 2021, that number dropped to 41 total index crimes. Index crimes are defined by the FBI and the KBI as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault/battery, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft. The vast majority of crimes reported in Edgerton were thefts.

"Our residents are seeing the difference since we added a power shift from the Sheriff's Office," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "Investing in a full-time deputy that is dedicated to Edgerton has proven to help keep our community safer."

The City Council recently received the update from Master Deputy Brad Johnson, who is the Edgerton community officer.

"The most important thing that people can do is lock their vehicles," Johnson said. "We see more thefts from cars and trucks than any other category. Most of the time, a locked door is enough to stop a would-be thief."

Edgerton is four points below the state crime index rate. We are in line with overall crime trends across the state of Kansas, which dipped in 2021 to their lowest level in the last decade.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 18. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 district.

Solid Waste Program

Recycle Right Campaign Coming

Nearly 23% of what we toss into our recycling bins are items that cannot be recycled. Items like glass, styrofoam, organic waste, and plastic bags do not belong in your curbside bin.

Poor recycling habits or wishful recycling often leads to higher costs for trash haulers and customers. Ultimately when recyclables become contaminated with non-recyclables, all of the items in the bin are sent to the landfill.

In response to this problem, the City has partnered with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment's Recycle Right Campaign to educate residents about correct recycling habits.



Through Recycle Right, DHE staff will work with our trash hauler at Gardner Disposal to go house to house to quickly scan for incorrect items in recycling bins this spring. Bins with non-recyclables will have an "Oops!" tag placed on them letting the resident know about items that cannot be recycled curbside.

Information will also be provided to let the residents know what options are available for recycling certain items, like plastic bags or glass. Additional information is also sent out with a reminder about what items do belong in the recycle bin (paper, cardboard, aluminum or tin cans, plastic bottles, and containers with the 1-7 chasing arrow on them.)

The Recycle Right campaign has been used in several other municipalities in Johnson County and has resulted in better recycling habits. If you have questions about the program, please contact Brandon Hearn at 913-715-6936.



Meet Zachary Moore, the new Development Services Director for the City of Edgerton. Zachary comes to Edgerton from Olathe, where he spent the last five years as a city planner. As the son of a US Coast Guard member, he's lived across the country but has always been a lifelong Chiefs and Royals fan. Zachary enjoys sports and reportedly makes excellent tortilla chips. #TeamEdgerton



FD #1: Open Flame Safety

Many things in your home can catch fire if they touch a flame or something hot. Children under four years old are at higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children. Lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles. Remember to never smoke around medical oxygen.

If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

- Always smoke outside and make sure cigarettes are put out completely
- Put water on cigarette butts before throwing them in the trash
- Make sure candles are in sturdy holders at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn
- Blow out all candles before you leave the room, get sleepy, or go to bed
- Protection is key. Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and in sleeping areas



You're invited to the annual State of the City address. **This year's event will be held at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall before the February 23 City Council meeting.** Come hear Mayor Roberts review the accomplishments of the past year. There will also be short presentations from USD 231 Superintendent Dr. Brian Huff and Johnson County District 6 Commissioner Shirley Allenbrand. Light refreshments will be served.

Events Coming Up

Register for Parks and Recreation events at edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling 913-893-6231 during normal business hours

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival.

- February 8 - Silver Screen Cinema Club Community Hall
- February 9 - City Council Meeting Edgerton City Hall
- February 10 - Sweetheart Boogie Community Hall
- February 14 - Tales for Tots Bank of Knowledge
- February 14 - Planning Commission Meeting Edgerton City Hall
- February 15 - Senior Lunch & BINGO Community Hall
- February 17 - Kids Spa Morning & Kids Car Track Afternoon - Community Hall
- February 21 - Mardi Gras Beignets & Masks Community Hall
- February 23 - City Council Meeting Edgerton City Hall