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An informational public meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM in The Greenspace.

There will be activities for the kids in the gym during the meeting. Please make plans to attend.

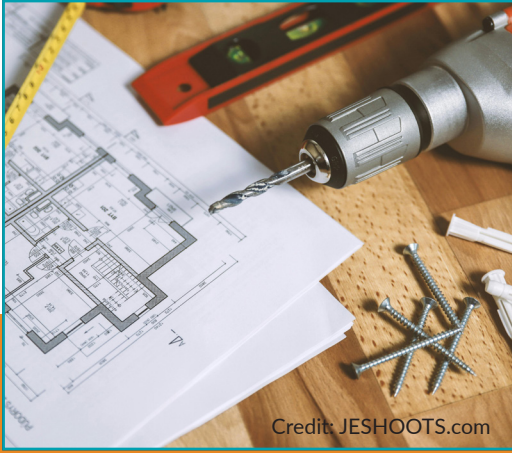
Mail-in Ballots Arriving Soon for STORMWATER & STREETS

Good streets and reliable stormwater systems aren't flashy – but they affect all of us, every single day. From getting to work safely, to protecting homes from flooding, to keeping businesses accessible, this infrastructure is the foundation of a strong community.

Later this month, Edgerton voters will be receiving a mail-in ballot for STORMWATER & STREETS, a 1-cent special sales tax dedicated solely to street and stormwater improvements. By law, this money can only be used for these specific projects – it cannot be spent on general city operations or other unrelated needs. Every dollar collected goes directly toward fixing and improving Edgerton's roads and drainage systems.

Edgerton residents would not be paying this alone. About 82% of the sales tax collected in Edgerton comes from businesses outside of the residential core, including LPKC. Businesses, visitors and anyone traveling through our community that make a purchase all help pay for our roads and infrastructure, easing the burden on local households.

If approved, the tax would be in place for 10 years and is expected to generate about \$7 million. This funding would allow the City to make meaningful progress on long-planned projects, including drainage improvements, efforts to reduce flooding in known problem areas, and street reconstruction. These projects are identified through the City's Stormwater Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program to ensure funds are used responsibly.



Building Permits 101

With warmer Spring weather approaching, you may be planning out your home improvement projects for 2026. The City of Edgerton requires building permits for some types of projects.

Many larger or structural projects do require a permit, including new construction, room additions, garages, decks and porches, covered porches, sun/three-season rooms, hot tubs, and pool installations. Repairs that affect **structural, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical systems** also need permits, as do major foundation work and roof replacements.

Smaller or purely cosmetic work — like painting, lawn sprinklers, fencing under six feet, routine HVAC repair, patios without structures, and playground equipment — typically do not require a permit.

You can apply for a permit through the City's online portal at edgertonks.org/departments/communitydevelopment.

When in doubt, contact the Community Development Department at 913-893-6231 for clarification.



Community Development

Low-Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic

The City's popular low-cost pet vaccination clinic is coming up on March 21 from 8am - 1:30pm. This clinic is for Edgerton residents only.

Appointments are required to attend. Register now at 2026petvaccineclinic.eventbrite.com or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231 during regular business hours.

Up to four animals are allowed per appointment. Please bring cash or check to your appointment. Fees for the clinic are below:

- Rabies - \$20
- Distemper - \$20
- 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 if pets are fixed.

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

Edgerton Community Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry is located at New City Church along Morgan Street/56 Hwy, just west of the Dollar General.

The food pantry is open from 10am-12pm on the third Saturday of every month. This month's food pantry is on February 21. Volunteers will load food in vehicles.

The food pantry is available to every family in the Gardner Edgerton USD 231 district. Food donations can be dropped off in the blue bin at City Hall or at The Greenspace. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

City Council

New Property Tax Rebate Program for Edgerton Homeowners

The Edgerton City Council has approved a new property tax rebate program for single family and duplex homeowners in Edgerton. The Residential Property Tax Rebate program is intended to reduce the tax burden resulting from increasing home values.

In 2025, the average Edgerton home value increased 6%. The City Council approved a 10% rebate on the City's share of a homeowner's property taxes to help offset that increase.

Applications are available from February 1 through September 30, 2026. Qualifying residents must show proof of fully paid property taxes at the time of application. For homeowners with a mortgage, property taxes are often paid in two installments - one in December of the prior year and again in May of the current year. Rebates are not available until both payments have been processed by the County.

To receive a rebate you must live in a single-family home or duplex, show proof that you own and live in your home, and be current on any property taxes and special assessments. Full details of the program are available at edgertonks.org/property-tax-rebate

SENIORS 65+

For seniors who own and live in their home in Edgerton, the Senior Property Tax Rebate Program has again been approved for 2026. The Senior Property Tax Rebate offers rebates of up to 100% of the senior's City property tax bill. Applications are available online or at City Hall through the end of September.

Community

Citizen Survey Coming Soon

We want to hear from you! The biennial Citizen Survey will be coming to your mailbox soon. This community wide survey is sent to every household in Edgerton.

We want to hear your thoughts about how our City government is working for you and what projects you want prioritized in the future.

Surveys will be sent out in March. Please fill them out and return them as soon as you can!

Keep Your Pipes From Freezing

- Seal cracks and holes properly
- Keep the heat in your home at a minimum of 55°F
- Allow your faucets to drip overnight
- Insulate pipes that are in cold, drafty places
- Disconnect all outside hoses



Get Involved, Stay Informed

- **City Council Meetings**
2nd & 4th Thursdays
7 PM in City Hall

- **Planning Commission Meetings**
2nd Tuesday of every month
7 PM in City Hall

From JCCFD#1: Carbon Monoxide Safety



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires - and home fire deaths. Remember a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

More than one-third of home candle fires start in the bedroom. Over half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

If you'd like more safety tips, contact Johnson County Consolidated Fire District #1 at 913-764-7635.

If you burn candles, make sure you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down – put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn
- Blow out candles before you go to bed



February Events

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival. Meetings start at 7pm.

Want to get meeting agendas, parks and recreation info, or other City announcements emailed directly to you? Sign up at edgertonks.org or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231.

- Every Thursday - February Flow Yoga Class
The Greenspace
- February 6 - Cooking Class: Pork Dumplings
The Greenspace
- February 10 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- February 12 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- February 18- Senior Lunch and Bingo
The Greenspace
- February 26 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- February 27 - Red Cross Blood Drive
The Greenspace