

NEWSLETTER

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The 2024 Governing Body

Governing Body

New City Council Sworn In

The City of Edgerton has a new governing body. New and returning members of the Edgerton City Council were sworn in on Thursday, December 14. Deb Lebakken, Clay Longanecker and Ron Conus took their oaths of office.

Council members then selected Clay Longanecker to again serve as Council President. The Council President presides over meetings if the mayor is absent.

During their December meeting, Mayor Roberts presented former Council Member Josh Beem with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the community over the past four years. The Mayor specifically called out Beem's dedication to the community through his past service on the Frontier Days Committee and the City's annual July 3rd Community Picnic and Fireworks Show.

Members of the City Council are responsible for discussing and guiding the overall direction of the City through the adoption of City policy, ordinances, and resolutions. Each member of the Governing Body is elected at-large and serves a term of four years.

The Edgerton City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend. Public comments are accepted at the beginning of each meeting.

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Important Contact Information

- EMERGENCY.....911
- Non-Emergency.....913-782-0720
- City Hall.....913-893-6231
 - Animal Control
 - Public Works
 - Municipal Court
 - Planning and Zoning
- JoCo Fire District #1.....913-764-7635
- Edgerton Post Office.....913-893-6784
- Gardner Disposal.....913-856-3851
- JoCo Library.....913-826-4600

City Hall is located at 404 E Nelson Street. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Winter Weather Preparations

Snow Events and Plowing

The City of Edgerton Public Works crews are responsible for clearing streets during winter storms. Crews use a variety of treatment options — including salt, brine, and plowing — to keep our roads as safe as possible for travelers. Any time the City receives two or more inches in frozen precipitation, a snow event may be declared. Snow events include snow, ice, freezing rain and sleet.

Once a snow event is declared, vehicles must be removed from the road within two hours. Any cars or trucks that are left on the street during a snow event are subject to being towed away at the vehicle owners' expense, per Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code.

Why do I need to remove my car from the street?

Many of the streets are narrow with ditches on both sides. Vehicles parked in the street make it difficult and unsafe for a snow plow to pass down the street. This can make it difficult for emergency vehicles or needed vehicular traffic to maneuver safely.

How do I find out if a snow event has been declared?

Notification of a snow event is sent out via a text or call through NotifyJoCo and posted on the City's social media pages and our website. You can sign up for alerts at notifyjoco.org.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 20. 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 M-F 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.

Holidays

Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Helps Families

After months of fundraising and work, volunteers on the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund delivered gifts and meals to dozens of families in Edgerton in the days before Christmas.



"It's nice to be able to check on our neighbors this time of year," said Clay Longanecker, President of the Edgerton Senior Committee and one of the volunteers. "This is what this season is supposed to be about: giving back and taking care of one another."

"Thanks for letting us be a part of this," said Ben White, one of the volunteers. "It's an amazing experience where we can let the community know that we care and help unseen people feel seen."

The annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund assisted more than 200 people total in Edgerton this holiday season, thanks to corporate and private donations which raised more than \$15,000. All of the money raised stays local and goes directly to help families.

Families are nominated by other organizations in the community, like the Edgerton Food Pantry, churches, and schools. The program is designed specifically to catch families that may fall through the cracks of other holiday giving programs.

The Edgerton Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund also provides a small gift and a ham to as many senior citizens in the community as possible. The hams were donated by ColdPoint Logistics and delivered by the men and women at Johnson County Fire District #1. The gifts are delivered by Deputy Brad Johnson, Edgerton's Community Policing Officer.

"The Fund helps our most vulnerable families year round here in Edgerton," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "When we started this program, we helped just four families. We've expanded tremendously over the years to help more people in need. My goal is to continuing expanding the program and offer more services in the future."

Donations are accepted year round at edgertonks.org/holidays. All donations are tax-deductible.

TRASH COLLECTION

Trash collection will be delayed by one day the week of New Year's Day. Please put out your bins on **THURSDAY**. Trash services will **NOT** be impacted by the MLK, Jr. Holiday on Monday, Jan. 15.



The Greenspace building is starting to take shape! The south wall is topped out and the rest of the walls should be completed soon. In the coming weeks, the steel trusses and decking for the roof will arrive.

City Council Members heard an update on the project during their December meeting. The project remains on schedule with an estimated completion date in early 2025. We will be sharing project updates monthly.

FD #1: Carbon Monoxide Safety

More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental non-fire-related carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator, is not working or vented properly. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

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



- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.



Do you have your pets registered? Every dog and cat over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a City pet license. Licenses are valid Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Please register your pet at City Hall. All animals must be registered by March 31 to avoid penalty.

The City will again offer a low-cost vaccination clinic on March 30. Appointments will be available beginning Feb. 1.

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the recreation programs and events in January. Check out the full schedule and 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.

- January 1 - City Hall Closed
New Year's Day
- January 9 - Tales for Tots - Penguins
Edgerton Library
- **January 9 - Planning Commission Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **January 11- City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- January 15 - City Hall Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 17 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- January 24- Silver Screen Cinema
Community Hall
- **January 25 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall