

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the Mayor's Desk: New Year, New Excitement for Edgerton!

Happy New Year, Edgerton!

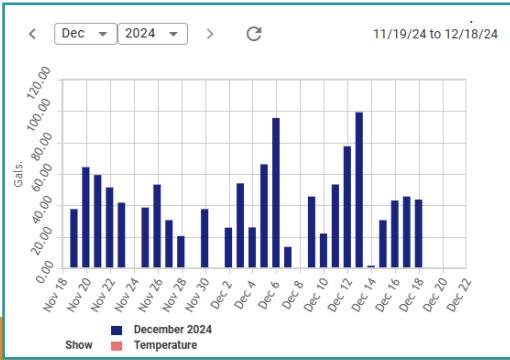
As we turn the page to 2025, I'm thrilled to share my excitement about what lies ahead for our incredible community. This year marks the opening of our brand-new community gathering space, The Greenspace, a place where neighbors can come together, families can create memories, and friendships can flourish. This project has been years in the making, and I know it will continue to be the heart of Edgerton. Be sure to join us for the grand opening celebration when its announced!

Looking ahead, 2025 will also kick off a very large infrastructure project. The 2nd and Edgewood Street Road reconstruction project will not only improve transportation and safety but also support future growth and development in Edgerton. While we may encounter some temporary inconveniences during construction, the long-term benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors will be worth it.

Edgerton continues to grow, and I can't wait to extend a warm welcome to the future residents that will soon join us in the Dwyer Farms subdivision and the new businesses that will put down roots along the Homestead Lane corridor.

As we embark on this exciting journey together, let's celebrate the new year with optimism, determination, and pride in all we've accomplished and all we will achieve. Here's to a prosperous 2025 and another year of making Edgerton the best place to live, work, and grow. Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy New Year!

*- Mayor Donald Roberts*



### Water Usage Available Online

Do you want to know how much water your household is using? You can see daily, monthly, and yearly water usage through Edgerton's utility portal.

The City uses smart meters, which regularly send updates to the system. Those updates help us identify potential leaks or unusual water usage.

Residents can also sign up for alerts to be sent to their phones or email. You can set up alerts to notify you if your water usage spikes so you can shut off a leak or if there is any usage while you're away from home.

To sign up for the City's utility portal, go to [municipalonlinepayments.com/EdgertonKS](http://municipalonlinepayments.com/EdgertonKS). While you're on the portal, you can pay your bill or set up automatic payments and go entirely paperless!

Questions? Contact City Hall at 913-893-6231 during normal business hours.



### Community

### City License Renewals for 2025

Have you renewed your pet tags, unconventional vehicle permits, or business license? The new year means it is time to renew!

Pet tags are \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and cats or \$25 for animals that are not fixed. Seniors ages 60+ can register their spayed/neutered animals for free. The City will again host a low-cost vaccination clinic in March for anyone who needs to get a rabies, distemper, or microchip for their pets. Appointments will be available starting in early February. **Pets not registered by March 31 may be subject to a \$25 late fee.**

Unconventional vehicle permits apply to anyone age 16+ that would like to drive golf carts, UTVs, side-by-sides, or similar vehicles on City streets. Vehicles must be insured. New tags are \$100. Renewals are \$25 as long as you did not have any traffic infractions in the past year. More details about the permits can be found at [edgertonks.org/unconventional-vehicles](http://edgertonks.org/unconventional-vehicles).

### NEW ONLINE PORTAL

The City launched a new online license portal to allow you to apply and pay for pet tags, unconventional vehicle tags and business licenses. The portal will allow you to upload documents and apply online without the need to come to City Hall in-person. Individuals must request access to the portal before applying for licenses. The portal is available at [municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks](http://municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks).

### Edgerton Community Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 18. It's located at the United Methodist Church. Customers should park on the west side of East 4th Street near the single glass door. Volunteers will load food in vehicles.

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

## Winter Weather

### 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](http://notifyjoco.org).



## Property Taxes

### Senior Property Tax Rebate Programs

The Edgerton City Council renewed the Senior Property Tax Rebate program for 2025. This program allows residents age 65+ to receive a rebate on the City portion of their property tax bill, up to \$766.36 this year. **Applications will be available at City Hall beginning January 20.**

To qualify for this program, you must be 65 or older in 2025 and live in your own home. Property taxes must be paid in full before rebates are granted. If you have a mortgage, property taxes are usually paid two times per year, in December and May. You can check your status at [taxbill.jocogov.org](http://taxbill.jocogov.org).

Johnson County is also offering a property tax rebate for qualifying seniors age 65 and up. You must apply between January 15 and April 15. The County will distribute about \$460,000 among those who qualify, with payments not exceeding the County's portion of a resident's tax bill. Learn more at [jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief](http://jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief).

## From FD#1: Carbon Monoxide Safety

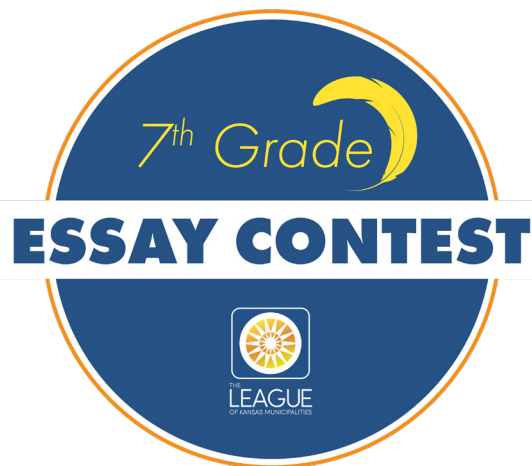


More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental nonfire-related carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, like a furnace, heater or generator is not working on 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.



The League of Kansas Municipalities hosts an annual 7th Grade Essay Contest. This year's question is: "How does local government or your community positively impact your life?"

Students can submit one 500-word essay by March 3, 2025. Five regional winners receive a cash prize of \$125. The sixth regional winner will represent the state of Kansas and receive a \$250 cash prize. Winning essays will be published in the Kansas Government Journal. We look forward to hearing why your student loves their hometown!

## January 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](http://edgertonks.org) or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231.

- January 1 - City Hall Closed  
*New Year's Holiday*
- January 9 - City Council Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- January 14 - Planning Commission Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- January 15 - Senior Lunch & BINGO  
*Community Hall*
- January 20 - City Hall Closed  
*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- January 23- City Council Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*