

NEWSLETTER

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Spectators enjoying the fireworks at the 2022 Community Picnic & Fireworks event.

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Summer Events

Celebrate Our Nation's Independence in Edgerton

The annual Community Picnic & Fireworks Show is July 3 at Martin Creek Park. The park opens at 6 p.m. No early admittance. For your safety, please do not line up on Sunflower Road.

Our Independence Day celebration is totally free for the community with hot dogs and hamburgers for the first 1,000 people, plus free frozen treats while supplies last. Don't forget to grab your free event t-shirt while supplies last. Check out the bounce houses, yard games, face painter, and bubble show before the fireworks light up the night sky at 9:45 p.m.

Please bring blankets and chairs, sunscreen, water, and any other items your family may need to be comfortable for the weather conditions. Make sure to take home everything you bring. No alcohol is allowed in the park.

Parking is very limited at Martin Creek Park. Handicapped parking is available near the main entrance to the park, however spots often fill up fast. Please follow the instructions of our parking attendants to keep everyone safe. Additional parking is also available across the street at Big Bull Creek Park. Please consider using the free shuttle that stops at City Hall and at Edgerton Elementary. The shuttle runs from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. You can see a map of the shuttle shops at edgertonks.org/3rd-of-July

Thank you to our sponsors at Central Bank of the Midwest and PepsiCo! We can't wait to see everyone on July 3!



Recycle Right Program

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

The City has partnered with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment's Recycle Right Campaign to educate residents about correct recycling habits. This month, DHE staff will go house to house to quickly scan for incorrect items in recycling bins. Bins with non-recyclables will have an "Oops!" tag placed on them letting the resident know about items that cannot be recycled curbside.

Stop poor recycling habits and wishful recycling by only recycling the correct items curbside. Items that don't belong in the bin often end up costing trash haulers and customers. Ultimately when recyclables become contaminated with non-recyclables, all of the items in the bin are sent to the landfill.

If you have questions about the program or about what items can be recycled curbside, please contact Recycle Right Program Coordinator Brandon Hearn at 913-715-6936.

State of Kansas

Participate in Internet Survey

The State of Kansas launched a new survey to help identify areas with under-served internet service or low speeds. Edgerton residents are invited to take this survey, which could help officials identify significant funding opportunities to expand broadband internet.

The test is available at *broadbandks.com* and it measures internet speed, general location and IP address. Residents' personal information will remain private.

You can also complete an optional survey about connectivity patterns, training requirements and affordability of internet services.

The Kansas Broadband Development Office asks participants to take five to seven tests at different times of day or days of the week. Each test takes a few minutes. Take the test while connected to Wi-Fi from your home or business networks with no use of a cellular network for accurate results.

If possible, people should take the test in the late afternoon or early evening, which is when service is typically the slowest.

Individuals without internet access at their homes or businesses can call or text 913-349-9555 to share their address where service is unavailable.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 15. 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 Gardner Edgerton USD 231 district.

Community Development

Envision Edgerton Open House

The draft of the City's updated Comprehensive Plan is almost ready for review! An open house will be held on Monday, August 7 at City Hall from 5-8 p.m. for the community to check out the revisions and make additional suggestions.

This Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for the future, including land uses, housing, commercial and industrial development, parks and recreation, city facilities, and more. To make the Comprehensive Plan best fit the needs and desires of this community, we need YOU! Make sure to stop by the Open House to check out the updates and share your thoughts.

After this open house, the Envision Edgerton Plan will be shared with the Planning Commission and the City Council before it is formally adopted.

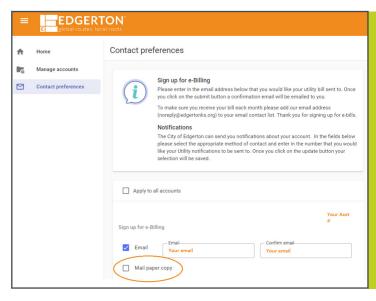
If you would like to have Planning Commission and City Council agendas sent directly to your email, fill out the form online at edgertonks.org or contact City Hall during normal business hours

Animal Control

Hot Weather and Pets

July brings summertime heat. Protect your outdoor pets this month by making sure they have a place to escape the hot sun. A shade tree or tarp can give your dog a place to keep cool while still letting air flow. Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors.

Don't forget to watch their paws on hot pavement. Asphalt and concrete can easily be over 100 degrees on a hot day and can burn an animals feet. Walk dogs early in the morning or keep them in grass to keep their paws healthy. If you have any questions or concerns about an animal's welfare, please contact Animal Control Officer Charlie Lydon at 913-893-6231.



Are you still receiving paper utility bills in the mail? Sign up for paperless billing through the City of Edgerton. Get your water/sewer/trash bill conveniently delivered to your inbox. Help us conserve paper and save money. Everyone who signs up for paperless billing automatically gets a notification when their bill is ready. There's also an option to schedule online payments or enroll in auto-pay and never worry about missing a payment again.

Change your preferences at municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks.

FD #1: Lithium Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes,

smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode. Stop using the battery if you notice an odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking or odd noises. Move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

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

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device and install the battery right away.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device. Do not use an extension cord.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.



Events Coming Up

These are just a few of the recreation programs and events in July. 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.

- July 3 Community Picnic & Fireworks Martin Creek Park
- July 6- City Council Budget Work Session
 Edgerton City Hall
- July 7- Animal Wonders Community Hall
- July 9 Deadly Vintage Murder Mystery White Tail Run Winery (21+ only)
- July 11 Planning Commission Meeting Edgerton City Hall
- July 13- City Council Meeting Edgerton City Hall
- July 14 Mobile Water Battle City-wide
- July 22 Edgerton Movie Night Downtown Greenspace
- July 27 City Council Meeting Edgerton City Hall



- 404 E Nelson Street edgertonks.org
- M-F, 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m. •913.893.6231