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Fireworks explode at Martin Creek Park during the annual Community Picnic & Fireworks Show.

Happy Independence Day!

Celebrate our nation's independence during the annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Show at Martin Creek Park on July 3rd! This is the biggest, loudest, most fun event of the year in Edgerton. We thank Rausch Coleman Homes, A Lennar Company, for sponsoring the fireworks show this year!

The park opens at 6 p.m. This family-friendly event features a free community picnic with burgers and hot dogs while supplies last, free ice cream for dessert (thanks again to Rausch Coleman!), plus yard games and inflatables for everyone to enjoy. Once the sun goes down, fireworks will light up the sky around 9:45 p.m.

Parking at Martin Creek Park is limited, so consider taking our free shuttle from either The Greenspace or Edgerton Elementary. You can also park at Big Bull Creek Park, just across the street.

We look forward to seeing everyone celebrating the Red, White, and Blue on Thursday!



Photo: Matt Gillotti

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Pets and Fireworks

More pets go missing during the July 4th Holiday than at any other time of the year. The boom of fireworks can be a significant source of stress and fear for pets due to the loud noises and bright flashes. Help keep your pet safe by following these tips:

- Don't bring pets to fireworks displays. Keep them at home, indoors, in a space they feel safe
- Close doors and curtains to minimize noise and lights
- Block escape routes so your pets can't run away
- Consider turning on the TV or radio to help block out some of the firework noises
- Make sure pets microchip information is up-to-date in case they do become frightened and run away
- Offer your pets favorite toys or treats to help keep them distracted
- Talk to your vet about medications or other calming techniques that may be helpful

By taking these steps, you can help your pets stay safe and comfortable during fireworks season.



Parks & Recreation Movie Night: Moana 2

You voted! Moana 2 is our next featured film during Edgerton Movie Nights! Come to The Greenspace Lawn for a Hawaiian themed evening on Friday, July 11.

The movie starts at dusk (around 8:30pm), but before it starts we'll have a fun activity and yard games for the whole family. Bring blankets and chairs to get comfy. We'll have popcorn available, but feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy the film!



Edgerton Community Food Pantry

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

Distribution times remain the same from 10am-12pm on the third Saturday of every month. This month's food pantry is on July 19. 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. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

Public Safety

Fireworks Rules in Edgerton

With this year's July 4th holiday falling on a Friday, the Edgerton City Council has added an additional night for residents to shoot off fireworks. For 2025, fireworks can legally be set off within Edgerton City limits on July 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and on July 4 and July 5 from 10:00 a.m. until midnight.

Fireworks Rules You Need to Know

- You can't set off fireworks on public streets, sidewalks, alleys, in parks, or within 1,000 feet of any school or City building.
- Never throw fireworks at people, animals, or cars.
- Bottle rockets and M80s are illegal in Kansas – and they're very dangerous. Having or using them is a crime.

It's also illegal to use fireworks:

- On or under a vehicle
- Within 50 feet of a fireworks stand or storage area
- At gas stations or anywhere propane or liquid gas is kept

If someone is hurt by fireworks, call 911. If someone is not following the rules, you should call the non-emergency dispatch line at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office at 913-782-0720. Stay safe and follow the law this 4th of July!



Have you seen the new signs at a couple of parks in Edgerton? The Edgerton Parks and Recreation Department is working on a multi-year project to bring utility and beauty to our park system.

Coming soon: an exploration of Martin Creek Park, the largest park in our system. This includes an inventory of current park assets and an opportunity for the community to help vision the future of the park!

Public Works

2nd Street Reconstruction Project

Major work is underway on the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project this month. Crews will be removing and re-installing water, sewer and storm water pipes throughout Phase 1 of the construction zone, from Nelson to just south of Meriwood along East 2nd Street.

Drivers should expect daily closures while crews are working. Residents who live in the area will still be able to access their homes, but there may be some delays while heavy machinery is working on the street. Please use extra patience and caution if you are driving or walking in that area.

Updates on the project can be found at edgertonks.org/street-reconstruction.

From FD#1: Firework Safety

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually. Burns account for 38% of the injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4. Half of the firework injuries at emergency rooms were for extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head. Sparklers account for 29% of fireworks injuries for children under the age of 5 treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4. If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

- Use glow sticks. They glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
- Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement.
- Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and a projector. Just don't forget bug spray!
- Red, white, and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
- Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- Throw a birthday party for the USA and don't forget the cake!



Pool Rules

If you're thinking about getting a pool this summer, make sure you pull a permit. Anything deeper than 2 feet needs to be inspected for safety and have a fence around it. This includes those quick-set pools that you can put up and tear down in a single season.

Questions? Call the Community Development Department at 913-893-6231.

July 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.

- July 3 - Community Picnic and Fireworks Show
Martin Creek Park
- July 8 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- July 10 - City Council Meeting & Budget Work Session
Edgerton City Hall
- July 11 - Summer Movie Night - Moana 2
The Greenspace Lawn
- July 16- Senior Lunch & BINGO
The Greenspace
- July 24- City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- July 25 - Sunset at the Lake Painting Class
The Greenspace