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in Martin Creek Park!

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Grab your lawn chairs, gather the family, and get ready for a full day of hometown fun as Edgerton celebrates America's 250th birthday with the annual 3rd of July Community Picnic and Fireworks Show.

The day begins at The Greenspace with the America 250 Pancake Breakfast sponsored by ASSA ABLOY. From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., come enjoy pancakes, sausage, and orange drink from Chris Cakes. Breakfast is \$5 per person. Veterans and children under 5 eat free. While you're there, enjoy fun crafts and sign the Declaration of Independence. Stick around for a live bald eagle and golden eagle demonstration from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. that is sure to impress all ages.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., families can take part in the city-wide Founding Fathers Scavenger Hunt. Pick up your first clue at The Greenspace and then head out to all five of Edgerton's parks to find our Founding Fathers!

In the evening, head over to Martin Creek Park. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the park will be filled with activities, including bounce houses, an amusement ride, face painting, yard games, and music. Free burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream will be available while supplies last. Thanks to our sponsor Lennar Homes for the ice cream! At 9 p.m. we'll host an old fashioned watermelon eating contest. Then, as the sun sets, find your spot on the lawn and enjoy the fireworks show beginning at 9:45 p.m. The spectacular display is the perfect ending to a day filled with community spirit and patriotic fun.

Parking is very limited at the park. Shuttle service will be available from The Greenspace and Edgerton Elementary. For complete event details, visit edgertonks.org/3rd-of-July.

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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
- The Greenspace.....913-893-6801
- JCCFD #1.....913-764-7635
- Edgerton Post Office.....913-893-6784
- Eco-Waste Solutions.....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 second and fourth 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.



Edgerton History

How Edgerton's July 3rd Came to Be

Like many of us in Edgerton, Mayor Donald Roberts has always loved fireworks. That's why 30 years ago, he and his wife Shelby decided it would be fun to throw a barbeque and shoot off some fireworks for the local firefighters and police as a way to say thank you.

So, in 1996, they did it - grilled burgers and hot dogs at the lake and invited all the local first responders. They held the event on July 3rd so that folks could go be with their families on the 4th. Everyone had such a good time, they did it again the next year and the next. Pretty soon, more people started helping and bringing in the food. In 2000, they leveled up the fireworks and the Roberts became licensed pyrotechnic operators with the state of Kansas.

Eventually, the Roberts turned the event over to the City. They stayed on as the fireworks team, but City Council started serving the food and staff handled all the logistics for the day.

Today, the July 3rd Community Picnic and Fireworks Show is the largest event that the City holds. More than 2,000 people from across the region come to Edgerton to celebrate Independence Day with a free picnic and one of the best fireworks shows in the region!

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 June 20. 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.

Public Works

2nd Street/Edgewood Wraps Up

Construction is nearing completion for the 2nd Street and Edgewood Reconstruction Project. Crews will still need to finish pavement markings later this month. Additional signage and fencing will also be added later.

If you've driven through the area recently, you'll notice the smoother, safer roadway with sidewalks and new street lighting. This project was designed to improve both daily travel and long-term reliability.

We know construction can be inconvenient, and we appreciate the patience of everyone throughout this process. This street reconstruction is an important investment in Edgerton's infrastructure and help ensure our streets remain safe and functional as the community continues to grow.



Photo from the top of Ottawa Co-Op

Community News: Data Center Application

The proposed DAMAC Digital Solutions data center continues to generate significant interest in the community. As the review process moves forward, the City wants residents to understand both where the project stands and what is included in the application.

Following the Planning Commission's denial of the company's original Final Site Plan in June, DAMAC filed an appeal. The Edgerton City Council will hear that appeal during a special meeting on Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. During the meeting, the Council will serve in a quasi-judicial role, meaning members will determine whether the Planning Commission's decision was legal and reasonable based on the record before them. Because of that role, public comment will not be accepted. The meeting is open to the public and the Council will announce their decision before the meeting concludes.

In addition to the appeal, DAMAC submitted a revised final site plan application that will be considered separately by the Planning Commission on August 11.

As with many high-profile projects, information shared online doesn't always distinguish between this proposal and other data center developments around the country. The City encourages residents to review the application and supporting documents so they can understand what is — and is not — being proposed in Edgerton. For more project details and answers to frequently asked questions, please check out edgertonks.org/damac-data-center.

Logistics Park Kansas City has helped expand Edgerton's tax base, allowing the City to invest in infrastructure and amenities that would have been impossible for a community of our size to fund through residential property taxes alone. In just a little over a decade, we have been able to do projects such as The Greenspace, the 207th Street overpass, improvements to 2nd and Edgewood, Glendell Acres Park Renovation, and the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant because of the economic growth generated by LPKC.

From JCCFD#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.

Burns account for 38% of the 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4. Half of the fireworks injuries at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg.

Questions? Contact Johnson County Consolidated Fire District #1 at 913-764-7635.



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

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string ... fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

City Property Rebate Available for Residents

Edgerton residents who own and live in their homes are eligible for a 10% property tax rebate on the City portion of their tax bill. This rebate was approved by the City Council, who wanted to offset the average 6% increase in home valuations this past year.

Applications are available on the City's website at edgertonks.org or at City Hall. There are no income limits for the rebate. Identification is required.

Questions? Contact City Hall 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 - America 250 Celebration
Downtown Edgerton & Martin Creek Park
- July 6 - City Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 9 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- July 14 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- July 15 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
The Greenspace
- July 18 - Edgerton Community Food Pantry
10am-12pm at New City Church on Morgan Street
- July 23 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall