

NEWSLETTER

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The crowd gathered before a live musical performance at Frontier Days 2022.

Summer of Fun Edgerton Frontier Days Coming to Downtown

The volunteer-led Frontier Days Festival is just a couple weeks away! Edgerton residents can find the full schedule enclosed with their June utility bill. This year's festival features some of the classic events that have been around for decades, including the ice cream social and Cutest Baby contest on Friday and the parade on Saturday.

The Frontier Days Association is hard at work to make this another fun festival! To keep festival-goers safe, several streets will be closed in Downtown Edgerton and parking restrictions put in place. See the detailed map at edgertonks.org.



Frontier Days opens on Friday, June 16 at 5 p.m. and ends late Saturday night.

If you would like to help out with Frontier Days or get involved in another way, find more information at edgertonfrontierdays.com.

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The newest Consumer Confidence Report shows the City of Edgerton continues to meet federal and state drinking water standards.

This report is a snapshot of the quality of water that flowed through your pipes in 2022. The City publishes this report annually to help our customers understand where their water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

View the report at edgertonks.org/utilities or contact City Hall at 913-893-6231 to request a copy.



Public Works

Street Preservation Program for 2023

The Edgerton City Council recently approved new contracts for the 2023 Street Preservation Program. These treatments are designed to cost-effectively extend the life of our roads and maintain safe driving surfaces. The work has not been scheduled yet.

UBAS:

W. 5th Street: U.S. 56 to the cul-de-sac

Chip Seal:

E Martin St: 1st St - E 5th St

E McDonald St: 1st St - E 4th St

E 3rd St: E Nelson St - End of Roadway

E 4th St: E Nelson St - E McDonald St

E 5th St: E Nelson St - E Martin St

Overlay:

W 3rd St: W Edgewood Dr - W Meriwood St

W Meriwood St: 1st St - W 3rd St

Residents can sign up for road closure alerts and other notifications from the City of Edgerton at notifyjoco.com. Choose how you'd like to receive your alert: phone, text, or email.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10. This is a week earlier than normal due to Frontier Days. The Food Pantry is 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 USD 231 district.

EDGEPERT

The History of the Old Fire Station and Yellow House in Downtown

By: Charlie Troutner, Edgerton Museum Curator

These buildings, scheduled to be razed in early June in order to clear space for construction of the new Greenspace Building, have played a vital role in Edgerton's long and rich history.

The old fire station has been a part of Edgerton's downtown business district since the early 1900's. It served as the city's working fire station, and housed one fire truck inside. This building served as the fire station until the then new (the current fire station at Third and Nelson Streets) opened in 1976. Before Johnson County Fire District #1 was established in 1993, Edgerton's fire department was an all-volunteer department.

The old downtown fire station also housed the city jail cell (currently located at Edgerton City Lake) for many years. It has also been used for Frontier Days activities since 1971, including bands playing in the entrance of the building for the street dance. Edgerton Public Works and Johnson County has also stored equipment inside the building over the years. Yes, the old downtown Edgerton fire station building has played a vital role in the community over the years and has been a huge piece of Edgerton history.

The yellow house, located on Nelson Street, directly west of the old fire station, served as a private residence over the years, until it was purchased by the City of Edgerton a few years ago. This house was the home for many years of Fred and Mary Lewis, who owned the Lewis Drug Store across the street from the house, until the drug store was purchased by the Brassfield family in 1955. The separate garage building just west of the house was the location for city events over the years, such as serving as the location for the annual pet clinic in recent years.

For more information regarding these three buildings, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum at 406 East Nelson.



The Future of Downtown



The Greenspace is slated to break ground this summer! This new community gathering space is out for bid now. Please watch for an invitation to the groundbreaking ceremony.

The Greenspace will be the first brick building built in downtown Edgerton in more than 100 years. The design include a new outdoor splash pad and stage, indoor gymnasium and meeting rooms that will be available for the public to reserve.

FD #1: Grilling Safety



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food, but a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns. Follow these safety tips and you'll be on your way to safe grilling.

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

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- Never leave the grill unattended
- If you smell gas while cooking on a propane grill, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it



The Best Yard Contest drew more than 600 votes on Facebook!

The winning yard sign and gift certificate were presented to Janice Powers who submitted the beautiful photo to the left.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the recreation events in June. There is something happening every few days this month! 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.

- June 3 - Summer Kick-off Block Party
Downtown Edgerton
- June 8 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- June 7 - Animal Wonders
Community Hall
- June 9 - Red Cross Community Blood Drive
Community Hall
- June 13- Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- June 16 & 17 - Frontier Days
Downtown Edgerton
- June 21 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- June 22 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall