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Kids playing on the inflatable slide at Frontier Days.

Community Events

Summer events for the whole community

June and July are a busy couple of months in Edgerton! With a host of major events, there's something for everyone to enjoy in the summer. Slap on the sunscreen, grab your water bottles, and come hang out with your friends and neighbors at some of **these great community events which will all be held at Martin Creek Park!**

June 1 - The **Summer Kick-off Park Party**, hosted by Edgerton Parks and Recreation, is a fun summer evening event on Saturday, June 1st. Buy the kids some tacos from Taco Via food truck, enjoy free ice cream, bounce houses, yard games, Cops 'n Bobbers fishing demo, and hang out with our friends from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Fire District #1. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs through 8:00 p.m.

June 14-15 - The annual **Frontier Days Festival** features live music and performances. Plus inflatable rides, auction, baby race, food trucks and much more. The full schedule is included with your utility bill this month or you can go to edgertonfrontierdays.com for more information!

July 3 - The annual **Community Picnic and Fireworks Show** happens on July 3 at Martin Creek Park. Free burgers, hot dogs and ice cream while supplies last. Don't forget to bring water bottles, chairs and blankets to enjoy the fireworks. For more details and to purchase event t-shirts, go to edgertonks.org/3rd-of-July.

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Juneteenth - City Offices Closed
City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth

Edgerton Legend Named to Hall of Fame

by: Charlie Troutner, Curator at the Edgerton Community Museum

Lifelong Edgerton resident and businessman Ray Braun, will be posthumously honored as a member of the 2024 inaugural class of the recently established Gardner Edgerton Alumni Hall of Fame. The Alumni Hall of Fame's purpose is to recognize and honor graduates of Edgerton Rural High School, Gardner High School, and Gardner Edgerton High School, who have placed their alma mater in a positive light by their work in the community and/or profession.

Ray Braun is a 1939 graduate of Edgerton Rural High School. He served in the United States Navy after graduating from ERHS. After military service, he returned home to Edgerton and owned and operated Ray's Service Station for over sixty years. Ray held many public positions in Edgerton over the course of his life, including constable, town sheriff, fire department chief, city councilman, and mayor. He also played a major role in the Hillsdale Lake and Dam project, spending fourteen years traveling to Washington, D.C. for congressional hearings, and pushing for Hillsdale Lake to one day serve as a reliable water source for Edgerton. Ray also helped bring sewer and water services to Edgerton.

"Ray was a true public servant, doing whatever it took to make our community better," said Mayor Donald Roberts.

The official induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 9:00 am at Gardner Edgerton High School, and is open to the public.

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Events Coming Up

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



Ray Braun outside of his business in 1997

The Greenspace - Road Closures

Drivers should expect intermittent closures along Nelson Street between E 3rd and E 4th in downtown Edgerton this month. The contractor working on The Greenspace plans to complete much of the streetscape work in the coming weeks. This includes new parallel parking, new sidewalks and street lighting. Businesses are open! Customers should park along 4th Street and use the rear entrances while the sidewalk is replaced. We appreciate your patience during this work!

- June 1 - Summer Kick-off Park Party
Martin Creek Park
- June 11 - Tales for Tots
Edgerton Library
- June 11 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- June 13 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- June 14-15 - Frontier Days
Martin Creek Park
- June 19 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- June 20- Adult and Kids Cooking Classes
Community Hall
- June 27 - City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall