

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2023 State of the City All of Us. Together.

On Thursday, February 23, Mayor Roberts delivered the annual State of the City before the regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Roberts highlighted the success of the past year, including the announcement of a new 275 home residential housing development, the widening of 8th and Braun intersection, and a new attendance record for parks and recreation events and programs.

He also announced that the City accomplished the March to Zero in 2022, which is a street maintenance program dedicated to touching every road in the residential core. In the last five years every street has received at least some type of maintenance, from chip-seal to UBAS overlay to complete reconstruction.

The Mayor previewed major activities for 2023 as well.

- A new recycling education campaign
- Water pipe inventory
- Streetlight study and analysis
- Envision Edgerton update
- New recreation programs and events

He was joined by Commissioner Shirley Allenbrand, the District 6 representative on the Board of County Commissioners and Dr. Brian Huff, the Superintendent for USD 231. They both gave presentations as well. You can find videos and more information about the State of the City at [edgertonks.org](http://edgertonks.org).

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worth of free activities for your kids!

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Register dogs and cats by March 31 to  
avoid a \$25 late fee.



## Spring Break Fun!

Edgerton Parks and Recreation is hosting a week of events during Spring Break to keep the kids active and engaged. All of these events are free to attend. Check out details at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com).

Monday, 3/13: Drop-In Donuts and Board Games.

Stop by City Hall for a morning donut and stay to play a few games with your friends!

Tuesday, 3/14: Color Fight

Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy and come to the downtown greenspace. We'll be tossing powdered color into the air or at each other!

Wednesday 3/15: Rainbow Cloud Bread

Learn to make a light and airy bread using just four ingredients. Max 6 children

Thursday, 3/16: Leprechaun Hunt

If you're feeling lucky, you might be able to find all the leprechauns hiding around Edgerton in this fun scavenger hunt!

Friday, 3/17: It's Not Magic Science Show

Come to Community Hall to discover the science behind magic tricks!

## Severe Weather Safety

### Severe Weather Awareness Week

On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM State Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will conduct a Statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill.

Every school, citizen, and business is encouraged to participate in the drill. Residents should treat the drill as if it were an actual Tornado Warning. The purpose of the drill is to test everyone's readiness for life-threatening severe weather events such as tornadoes, flash floods, and damaging winds.

The drill is part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week, which is held annually during the first full week of March. Kansans are impacted by all types of severe weather, from lightning to floods to tornadoes. It is imperative that you and your family have a plan for when severe weather strikes.

The City of Edgerton utilizes NotifyJoCo to send emergency or important alerts to residents. You can sign up to receive weather, utility, and traffic alerts sent directly to your phone by going to [notifyjoco.org](http://notifyjoco.org).

The City does not currently have an emergency tornado shelter for residents, although one is planned in The Greenspace. Make sure you know where you'll go when severe weather strikes. The time to make a plan is *before* the sirens sound.



## Edgerton Food Pantry

The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 18. 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 USD 231 district.

## Community Housing

### New Housing Advocate Training Opportunity

Edgerton has been selected to host a Community Housing Advocate Training (CHAT) by United Community Services. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone in our community that wants to learn more about how to address housing issues in Edgerton or address a housing concern.

United Community Services and the Johnson County Health Equity Network are providing a free 6-session training that will be held in April and May. The goal is to help people find common ground when addressing housing challenges that affect everyone. CHAT brings together residents with diverse knowledge and experiences to be a part of the housing solutions conversation.

If you are interested in the CHAT training, please contact Kara Banks ([kbanks@edgertonks.org](mailto:kbanks@edgertonks.org)) at City Hall for more information.

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## Edgerton Parks

### New Picnic Tables

You'll soon see new picnic tables in the shelters at Lake Edgerton. Edgerton Parks and Recreation staff will be installing the outdoor seating this month.

The new 4-ft. square picnic tables are made from UV-protected composite material, which will not rot, splinter or crack. Each table is designed to seat up to 8 adults.

Anyone who lives within Edgerton city limits can rent a shelter at Martin Creek, Edgerton Lake, or Manor Park for free. Please contact City Hall or go online to [edgertonks.org](http://edgertonks.org) to make your reservation.



The Edgerton Senior Committee is hosting Senior Lunch and BINGO on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. in Community Hall.

The entree for this month is Corned Beef & Cabbage.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## FD #1: Replace Smoke Alarms



Did you know that smoke alarms have an expiration date? Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture date on your alarms today!

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire, test your smoke alarms at least once a month, and get outside immediately if you hear your smoke alarm sound! If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

### How do I check my smoke alarm?

1. Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling
2. Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture
3. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture
4. Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

## Annual Pet License

Every dog and cat over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a City pet license. Licenses are valid January 1-December 31. Please register your pet at City Hall. **All animals must be registered by March 31st to avoid penalty.**

Annual registration:

- Neutered/Spayed dog or cat: \$5
- Unneutered/Non-spayed dog or cat: \$25
- Seniors (60+) with neutered/spayed dog or cat: FREE
- Registration fee for chickens: \$50
- Breeder fee: \$500

**A late fee of \$25 will be applied after March 31, 2023.**

Please fill out the form below and either mail in with payment and proof of rabies vaccination or bring in to City Hall with proof of vaccination. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Charlie Lydon, Animal Control at 913.893.6231.

404 East Nelson  
P.O. Box 255  
Edgerton, KS 66021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PET INFORMATION • MUST HAVE CURRENT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION

Dog/Cat	Pet's Name	Sex	Spay/Neutered	Breed	Color	Fee	Vet Clinic