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Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall

City Council

Thursday, 4/8

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Tuesday, 4/13

City Council

Thursday, 4/22

Save The Date:

City-wide Garage Sale

Saturday, 5/8

City-wide Cleanup

Saturday, 5/15

207th Street Grade Separation Project

An important public safety project is underway in Edgerton.

Crews from Pyramid Construction have started work on the 207th Street Grade Separation. The off-grade crossing over the railroad tracks at 207th Street and Co-Op Road will give first responders a clear route into town and improve commute times for the traveling public whenever a train is blocking the crossings into the residential community.



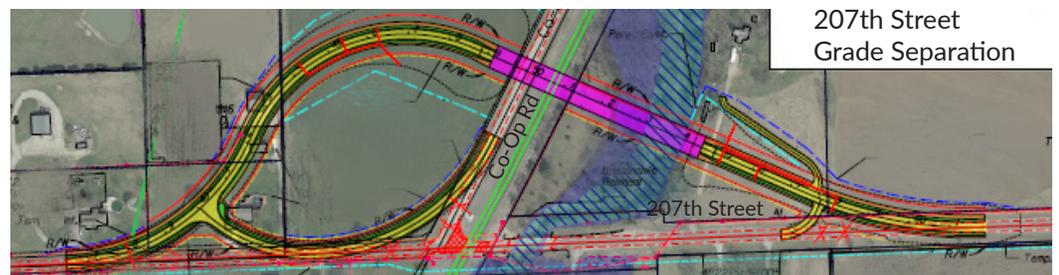
“This is a project that’s been talked about for my entire life,” says Mayor Donald Roberts. “I’m thrilled that we’re finally able to afford to make this critical link for public safety. Now there won’t be any worries that fire, police or ambulance crews won’t be able to get to homes if a train is blocking the intersection. This bridge has been years in the making and I thank our past and present Council members for their support to make this happen.”

This \$15 million bridge is paid for entirely by revenue generated by LPKC and a \$1 million CARS grant from the County.

During construction, traffic will be able to drive 207th Street until the final connections need to be made. At the end of March, crews began drilling for the new bridge supports, temporarily blocking traffic along Co-Op Road.

The City will post updates about the construction and any neighborhood impacts on our social media pages and on our website edgertonks.org. Sign up for alerts to be sent directly to your phone by going to notifyjoco.org.

Work is expected to be significantly complete before the end of the year.



Dates To Remember:

Edgerton Elementary PTO
Fundraiser
5/7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Memorial Day:
City Offices Closed
Monday, 5/31

Summer Kick-off Block
Party
Saturday, 6/5

Contact Us:

City Hall is open weekdays
from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

913.893.6231

edgertonks.org/contact

Facebook:
@cityofedgertonks

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@cityofedgerton

*If you have a good story or
questions about Edgerton, we
want to know!*

Email Kara Banks at kbanks@edgertonks.org or call City Hall. Your question may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

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From our friends at JCFD #1: Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.



- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.



Edgerton Elementary PTO Fundraiser

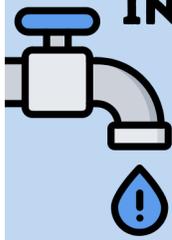
May 7th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 17. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church. Volunteers will load items into the vehicle.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours M-F 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.



INVESTIGATE WATER LEAKS

The EPA says the average household leaks nearly 10,000 gallons of water per year!



Examine your utility bill for January or February. It's likely that a family of four has a leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.



Source: EPA.gov

Did you know?

The City of Edgerton allows any Edgerton resident to drop off yard debris at the City's Public Works Facility. Only grass, leaves and tree branches are allowed. The brush pile is open by appointment only during the week from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. September-May and 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. June-August. Call City Hall to set a drop-off time.

Tax Help For Edgerton Residents

It's that time of year already! The annual tax deadline has been extended until May 17, 2021. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days. If you need help, many tax preparation sites are virtual this year.

AARP Kansas Tax Aide is available for low- and middle-income taxpayers with a special emphasis on those ages 60 and older. You do not need to be a retiree or an AARP member to use this service. Go to kstaxaide.com or call 913-735-5489 to get your name on the waitlist.

You can also use the Free Tax Preparation Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through the K-State Extension Office. This is only for taxpayers whose income falls below \$57,000 annually. Taxpayers can send copies of the required documents via mail. Call 913-715-7000 or contact Denise Dias at denise.dias@jocogov.org for more instructions on how to file your taxes.

FOCUS ON CODES: When Do I Need A Building Permit?

With the warmer weather arriving, you may be thinking about some home improvements. The City of Edgerton requires building permits any time you make a structural change to your home. This includes moving or removing walls, or any major plumbing, fuel gas, or electrical system changes, like replacing your main circuit breaker panel or installing a new water heater.

The City requires a permit for any outbuildings larger than 120 sq. feet and all decks. Pools must be permitted and inspected when they are installed. Permits are also required for new roofs.

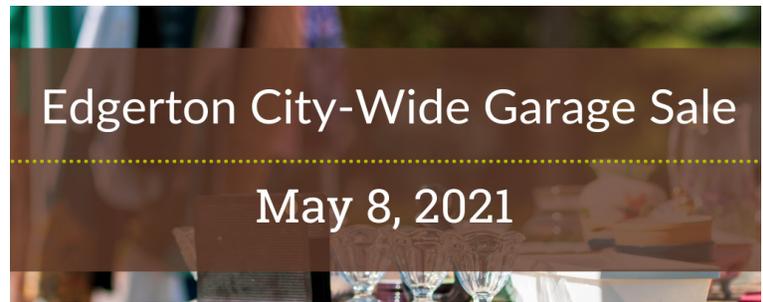
You do NOT need a permit if you are replacing a fixture, making cosmetic repairs, or doing routine maintenance on your home. The City of Edgerton does not require a permit to install fencing, however our Codes department highly recommends having your property surveyed so that you do not put up a fence in a right-of-way or on land that belongs to your neighbor.

Permit fees for most projects are based on total project cost. Residents over the age of 60 may qualify for reduced fees for certain building permits. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 913.893.6231.



City-Wide Garage Sale

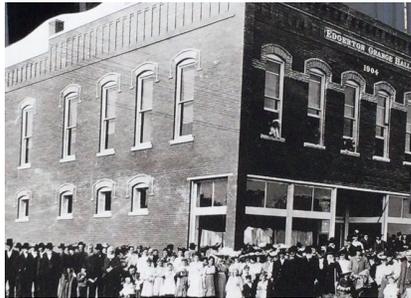
The annual City-Wide Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday, May 8. The City will once again be creating a map of sale locations. If you'd like to submit your garage sale, please register at edgertonks.org or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231. Information must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4.



City-Wide Clean-Up

The annual Edgerton City-Wide Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. Bulky items, including furniture, appliances without CFCs, carpet and construction debris can be placed at the curb. For disposal of other items, please see edgertonks.org. If you need help moving items to the curb or if you'd like to volunteer to help move items, call City Hall at 913.893.6231 by noon on Wednesday, May 5.

Are you an EDGEPERT? The History of the Edgerton Grange Hall/City Hall



Dedication 1904



Grange Hall 1920-30s



Grange Hall today

The National Grange Cooperative Association was founded in 1867, in response to declining grain prices following the Civil War. The Grange organization helped protect the interest of small-scale farmers and agricultural communities, and in turn helped unite farmers. In 1904, The Edgerton Grange Hall was constructed. Most if not all of the town's approximately 250 residents at the time attended the dedication ceremony. Everyone was dressed in their "Sunday-best" attire for this monumental event.

The front of the lower level had beautiful large windows across the width of the building. The Edgerton Grange used the top floor of the two story building, and the bottom floor was used by a variety of merchants including the Grange Store, The Farmer's Store, and the W.L. Douglas Store, which sold clothing and houseware items. Also during the early years of the building, there was other businesses attached to Grange Hall's east exterior wall. Even today, there is a piece of metal railing visible on the outside east wall, where a separate building had been attached many years ago.

The onset of the Great Depression ended commercial usage of the building. By the mid to late 1930's use of the building had diminished and there was a proposal to demolish it and put its bricks to other uses. The City of Edgerton purchased Grange Hall from the Edgerton State Bank in 1938 for \$450. For the next twenty years, the building served as the city's community hall, which was also used by all the community's churches for their gatherings and dinners. By the 1960's, the City needed additional office space, so they renovated a portion of the front section of the first floor, which has been occupied by city office staff ever since, and later added City Council chambers.



The Edgerton Community Museum, located at 406 E. Nelson, directly east of Grange Hall/City Hall, currently has a newly opened exhibit featuring the history of Edgerton Grange Hall. In addition, the museum has a "People of Edgerton" special exhibit, along with an Edgerton Rural High School exhibit, a tribute to Edgerton's railroad history, and a tribute to prominent Edgerton citizen Ray Braun and his service station, and other very interesting Edgerton history. The museum is currently open by appointment only by calling 913-893-6270, with hopes it can return to regular days and hours in the not too distant future. The Edgerton Community Museum is housed in the former family home of longtime Edgerton resident Donna Bratton, who donated the house to the City of Edgerton in 2004. The house was moved from 315 E. Martin Street to its' current location beside City Hall in 2005.