



Street Reconstruction Project Begins

Crews are starting a major road reconstruction project on six streets this month. Residents will be significantly impacted.

Crews will be tearing up the asphalt and road bed and making stormwater improvements on the following streets:

W. Cumberland—between 5th and 7th streets;

W 7th St.—between Edgewood and Cumberland;

W. 5th—between Edgewood and Cumberland;

W. 4th St.—between Edgewood and Meriwood;

Shanandoah—between 4th and 7th streets; and

Heather Knoll Drive—between 3rd Cir. and Edgerton Road.

People who live along those streets may temporarily lose access to their driveways and their street during parts of the project.

The work is necessary to fix the deteriorating pavement and flooding on the roadway.

The work will be inconvenient, but hopefully only for a short time. Plans call for the project to be finished before the end of the year.

Check out edgertonks.org/streetreconstruction for information and updates on the project. Contact City Hall at 913.893.6231 if you have any questions



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Downtown Summer Movie Night – How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World: **Saturday, August 3**

Art Class: Let’s Paint Nature: **Monday, August 5**

National Night Out: **Tuesday, August 6**

Cooking Class: Bread: **Monday, August 12**

Senior Trip: Lexena Farmer’s Market: **Tuesday, August 13**

Senior Lunch & BINGO - Salad bar : **Wednesday, August 14**

Important Upcoming Dates:

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, August 8**

Planning Commission: **Tuesday, August 13**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, August 22**

Are you an Edgert?

Each month we’ll share interesting and fun facts about Edgerton. If you have a surprising fact to share about living in Edgerton or about the City’s history, submit it to aclower@edgertonks.org and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Did you know that there was a major train derailment at the Edgerton Train Depot many years ago?

Answer on back.

Drivers Should Be Careful as Kids Head Back to School This Month

August is back to school time and that means drivers should be on the look-out for kids near Edgerton Elementary, especially between 7:45 a.m.—8:25 a.m. and 3:25 p.m.—4:00 p.m. during the week.

Pay extra attention in school zones and abide by posted speed limits.

The first day of school is August 13.

The City of Edgerton wants everyone to have a safe first day back!



School Bus Safety for Drivers

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.



Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Meet Jennie Adrian, the New Principal at Edgerton Elementary



Edgerton Elementary has a new principal this upcoming school year: Jennie Adrian. The mom of two comes to Edgerton from GEHS, where she was the assistant principal. We had a few questions for her.

EDGE: So, tell us a little about yourself.

Jennie Adrian: I grew up in Tonganoxie, Kansas, so I'm familiar with the area. We played Gardner quite a bit in athletics. I went to MidAmerica Nazarene and did my undergrad there. I earned my masters degree at Emporia State. I married a college basketball coach, so that took me to Wisconsin and Ohio. About five years ago now, we decided we wanted to come home, which is here, and be close to family. We live in Gardner and really enjoy being a part of the community.

EDGE: That's a big change—going from the high school to elementary-aged kids.

JA: Everybody kind of gives me that look, like “do you know

what you're doing?” But I am so excited to be with kids on the front end of their journey when you can still make a difference. At the high school level, kids are already pretty set in their ways, so I wasn't always sure I was making an impact. So I'm excited for that opportunity to maybe have some impact as they start their journey through school.

EDGE: Any big plans for your first year?

JA: They've got a phenomenal staff here at Edgerton Elementary, so this first year I just want to sit back and enjoy what's this school's built before me. They've been successful. Their scores are great. Their kids are great. The staff is great. This first year, I'm probably going to be learning as much from them as anything and watching how things are done, then I'll slowly put my personality into things as well.

EDGE: What do parents need to know before the first day of school?

JA: I would tell parents to be patient as they drop off and pick up kids those first few days because that's always a little bit chaotic, especially when you had someone like Mrs. Woolery who knew every car and every parent. That was probably a little bit faster process than it will be for the newbie who doesn't know everybody yet. So, just please be patient. I'm excited to meet as many people as possible.

Homestead Lane/207th Street reopens

A major road improvement project along Homestead Lane and 207th Street is now complete. The work was done to handle the increased traffic for the new Kubota warehouses, and eventually for the Hostess warehouse, which is currently under construction. The four-lane divided concrete street features landscaping, a 10-foot wide trail and new street lighting.

New Advance Voting Location Opens in Southern Johnson County

The Johnson County Election Office is adding a seventh advance voting location to serve voters in Edgerton and in southwest Johnson County. The new location is at New Century Fieldhouse, 551 New Century Parkway in Gardner.

The primary is set for Aug. 6.

City Council to Hold Hearing on 2020 Budget

Thursday, August 22 • 7:00 p.m. • City Hall (404 E. Nelson St.)

Later this month, a public hearing will be held on the 2020 budget. Council members will take comments from residents and interested stakeholders about the proposed budget during the City Council meeting on August 22. Everyone is invited.

Among the recommended items, council members will decide on funding a “power shift” with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office. A deputy would be assigned exclusively to patrol Edgerton’s residential areas for 40 hours per week.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

55+ Trip: Lenexa Farmer’s Market

Tuesday, August 13 • 9:00 a.m. • Max participants: 11 • \$5/person

Join us for a fun morning exploring and shopping at the Lenexa Farmer’s Market! The group will be departing from City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13th. The Farmer’s Market will be followed by a meal at the Lenexa Public Market. You will need to bring your own money for the meal, as well as whatever you would like to spend at the Market. Call City Hall at 913.893.6231 to register.

From your friends at Fire District #1: About Heat Waves

In recent years, excessive heat has caused more deaths than all other weather events, including floods. A heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat, generally 10 degrees or more above average, often combined with excessive humidity.

It’s important to pay attention to weather forecasts and have a plan for what you and your family will do in extreme temperatures.

What to Do During a Heat Wave

- Never leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun’s rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

If you have questions please call the Fire Department at 913-764-7635.



National Night Out: Party in the Park with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office

August 6 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Martin Creek Park

The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office invites you to attend National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th at Martin Creek Park. We invite you to celebrate first responders and citizens working together to make our community safer. Come out and get to know your neighbors. Emergency vehicles, safety information, games, music, popsicles and fun for the whole family!

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Food Pantry is open to all residents within the Gardner-Edgerton School District #231. The pantry is open on the third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The pantry is in the building across from the Methodist Church.

Crews smoke testing in August

The City of Edgerton will be performing additional smoke testing the week of August 5th through August 9th. This is a continuation of the project that began last spring, but the testing was postponed due to the unusually wet weather. Smoke testing is used to identify sources of inflow and infiltration into the City’s sanitary sewer lines by rising smoke through cracks or breaks in the lines as well as any illegal connections. City crews will be smoke testing every sanitary sewer line in the City within the scheduled week, weather permitting. Smoke testing will start for all lines north of McDonald and once that is complete crews will move south.

Residents should be advised that during the testing, smoke can enter their home through their sewer line, but it is non-toxic and will dissipate. The City will be sending out information through Notify JoCo to alert residents when the testing will begin in their area.

More information is available on the City’s website as well at www.edgertonks.org

Edgerton Featured on CNBC

Edgerton Mayor Donald Roberts was interviewed by CNBC for a story about BNSF's inland port and Logistics Park Kansas City. The story was part of the business network's annual Top States for Business special reporting.

"LPKC is a real asset for Edgerton. We've worked hard with the developers to make sure this project is successful both for the businesses involved as well as our taxpayers. The tax revenue generated from the park goes to support our roads, parks and other community amenities. We're thrilled to see our efforts recognized on the national level by CNBC," Roberts said.

ElevateEdgerton! President James Oltman said, "We're capitalizing on how the economy is changing. Logistics Park Kansas City meets the delivery needs of both businesses and individuals. The labor basin here makes it possible. Thanks to CNBC for recognizing the growth and the potential of this area."

The report highlighted how BNSF Railroad's burgeoning inland port supports thousands of jobs in LPKC and how businesses in the logistics park are taking advantage of their proximity to the rail hub.



You can watch the video at edgertonks.org

"Johnson County has a strong record of growth and it's projects like Logistics Park Kansas City and the intermodal facility that contribute to that success," Commissioner Mike Brown said.

The rankings are based on a number of factors, including workforce, the cost of doing business and quality of life. CNBC has been ranking state business climates annually since 2007.



Final Summer Downtown Movie Night

Saturday, August 3 • Concessions open at 8 p.m. • Downtown Greenspace (319 E. Nelson St.)

Join us on August 3rd for our final summer movie. On Saturday, we'll be showing *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*. This family-friendly event is free! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Concession sales begin at 8 p.m. The movie starts at dusk.

A: Edgepert Answer

On October 31, 1948, a fast-moving (50-55 miles per hour) northbound Santa Fe freight train, heading to Kansas City from Emporia, derailed in a heavy fog at 7:05 am very near the Edgerton train station. Thirty-two freight cars left the tracks and crashed into the wooden depot and the brick storage building, piling up one on top of another across both sets of tracks. The jumbled wreckage and two hundred yards of track were strewn along the line for several hundred yards.

The only persons inside the depot at the time of the derailment were 26-year-old train station agent William Adams, and 12-year-old Edgerton resident Gail Sawyer, who was filling in that day for his grandfather Fred Sawyer, whose job it was to deliver the daily mail from the train station to the Edgerton Post Office. Right before the derailment, the many switching levers in the cupola of the depot began to strongly vibrate, and Adams and Sawyer knew it was time to quickly evacuate the building through the back window of the building. Both escaped and were uninjured. The derailment was later ruled to have been caused by a broken axle, caused by an overheated journal box, which weakened the bearing on the twenty-ninth car back from the locomotive engine.

For more information on all the train derailments in Edgerton, and other railroad history, including photos and news articles, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum, 406 E. Nelson. Some of the information for this story was contributed by Gail Sawyer, who was in the depot the day of that derailment in 1948.