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Upcoming Meetings:

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

City Council

Thursday, 12/9

Planning Commission

Tuesday, 12/14

Senior Lunch

Seniors 55+ are invited to Community Hall on December 15 for lunch, sponsored by the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Lunch will be a traditional Christmas meal. Please bring a dessert to share!

Holidays in Edgerton

There's plenty of ways to celebrate in Edgerton this month: Santa's Visit, Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, Holiday Home Decorating Contest and more!

Come celebrate the season as we flip the switch at the **Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** in downtown Edgerton on **December 3rd**. The Edgerton Elementary School Choir will perform at **6:30 p.m.** and then Mayor Roberts and a special guest will light the tree. Afterward, head over to Community Hall to meet Santa! Every child will get a gift to take home. We'll also have treats. The hot chocolate and cookies are provided by Central Bank of the Midwest and the Edgerton United Methodist Church. Don't forget to grab a candy cane from the members of New City Church too. This event is entirely free for everyone in our wonderful community!



The **Holiday Home Decorating Contest** is underway. We want your nominees for the best and brightest houses in Edgerton. First place gets a \$100 gift card, second place will win \$75, and third place receives \$50. The winners will also be recognized at the first City Council meeting in January. Nominate the best decorated homes in town by December 8th by calling 913.893.6231 or going to edgertonks.org/holidays.

The **Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund** is also accepting donations. All the money raised goes to support families here in Edgerton during the holidays and throughout the year. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to City Hall during normal business hours or go to edgertonks.org/holidays to donate online.



Because of the holidays, there are some changes to regularly scheduled meetings and City Hall hours. The City Council meeting on December 23 has been canceled. Edgerton City Hall will be closed on December 23 & 24 and on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31 in observance of the holidays.

Happy Holidays from the City of Edgerton!

Dates To Remember:

Tree Lighting Ceremony:
Friday, 12/3

Deadline to submit
Holiday Home Decorating
Contest nominees:
Wednesday, 12/8

City Hall Closed:
12/23 & 12/24

Contact Us:

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

913.893.6231

Edgertonks.org/contact

Facebook:
[@cityofedgertonks](https://www.facebook.com/cityofedgertonks)

Twitter:
[@cityofedgerton](https://twitter.com/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.*

Edgertonks.org



USPS: Santa Letters

The Edgerton Post Office is sending letters to Santa! If your child wants to send Santa their list and get a note back from the Jolly Old Elf himself, drop their letters in the special mailbox at the post. After hours, you can slide your letters under the glass door and they'll take care of the rest. You can also address your letter to Santa and put it in your mailbox for the carrier to pick up. All letters must be received by December 22nd for Santa to have time to write back and don't forget to include your address!



Edgerton Food Pantry: Helping Families Throughout the Year

On a chilly Saturday morning, about a dozen people helped fill bags and load them into waiting vehicles at the Edgerton Food Pantry at 4th and Hulett. The volunteers know that for the people in those cars, those bags may mean the difference between paying a bill or eating that week.

"We're giving a hand up," says Cheri Magee, a volunteer. "Months can get really long and this helps. We know that this isn't enough food to get them through the month. We just want to fill a gap."

The bags contain all sorts of items. Each month families receive two bags of staple items - like canned veggies, hot dogs, and paper goods - plus a third bag that contains a special meal. In November, it was a frozen turkey and all the fixings for the rest of a Thanksgiving dinner. In December, they'll take home a ham and sides for a traditional Christmas meal.

Magee says she feels volunteering at the food pantry is a calling. "I like helping those people that need help. I know what that need is like, I've been there," she says.

The Edgerton Food Pantry receives support from a variety of sources, including the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, Edgerton Elementary, and local businesses. The kids at Edgerton Elementary recently donated thousands of items through a food drive, as seen in the picture above. Magee called the community generosity "overwhelming."

If you'd like to make a donation to the food pantry, they always need items like peanut butter and jelly, bread, canned fruit, Spaghettios or ravioli, ramen, granola bars, and cereal. You can drop off donations at City Hall during normal business hours. The Edgerton Food Pantry is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting Planned for Major Public Safety Improvement Project



The 207th Street Grade Separation is on track to be finished before the end of the year. To celebrate this major milestone, a ribbon cutting will be held later this month. Our public safety partners at Fire District #1, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and MED-ACT will help us mark the achievement with a ceremonial first drive over the new bridge.

A specific date is TBD, but please watch the City's website and social media pages for details.

2020 Census Edgerton, Kansas

1,748

total population

+4.4%

increase (2010-2020)

96%

housing
occupancy rate

70%

population 18+

Water and Wastewater Rates for 2022

Annual rate adjustments for water and sewer begin in January. For the average residential customer, bills will increase slightly by about \$2.45 per month, which is less than a single gallon of gas or a large coffee.

Both water and sewer are considered enterprise funds, which means they operate like a business. The user charges are based on how much money is needed to run the utility, any debt service payments and capital costs. Our utility rates are competitive with other cities in the area. Edgerton customers continue to pay less for water than some of our neighboring communities.

The City's Utilities department is committed to ensuring every member of our community has safe, reliable service.

Winter Weather: Clearing Snow

The City of Edgerton's Snow and Ice Control Program removes snow and spreads anti-icing material to promote safe and efficient movement of traffic through the winter months. The goal is to have at least a single drivable lane on every road in Edgerton within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. That timeline may be delayed if we receive more than 4 inches of snow in one storm. Primary routes are prioritized, followed by neighborhoods, cul-de-sacs and alleyways. Plows are not rerouted except in cases of emergency.

Whenever more than 2 inches falls, a snow event may be declared. Under city ordinance, residents have 2 hours to move their vehicles off the street. Any vehicle not moved may be towed at the owner's expense. This allows plows to efficiently move through neighborhoods and clear the streets. We encourage residents to sign up to receive text and email alerts at NotifyJoCo.com. Alerts are also posted on the City's website and social media pages.

Crews will also clear trails and sidewalks outside of City-owned facilities. Private sidewalks outside residents homes must be cleared within 48 hours after the snow stops falling.



From Your Friends at FD #1: Heating Your Home Safely

Did you know that home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of year? Follow these heating tips to prevent winter fires and stay safe this season.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters or candles.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.

Be fire smart this holiday season! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Johnson County Fire District #1 at 913.764.7635.



Parks & Recreation Events: December

You can find a full listing and register for all of these events by going to edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231 during normal business hours.

Kids Night Out: Have last minute gift shopping? Need to wrap those gifts? Kids night out is the perfect opportunity! Join us at Community Hall on *Friday, December 10 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.* We will be playing the movie *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. We will have green snacks to go along with the movie and will be making an ornament. This is for ages 5-16. Register by December 8.

Nerf Battle: If your kids are getting a new foam ammo gun for Christmas, let them test it out at the Nerf Battle! The Edgerton Library will turn into a battlefield as two teams compete to capture the other team's flag. You must supply your own weapon; we will supply the foam ammo and eye safety glasses. The Battle starts *Wednesday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m.* This is for ages 7-15. Register by December 27.

Xmas Cookie Exchange: Share a cookie, get a cookie! On *Saturday, December 4*, bake up some of your favorite Christmas cookies and bring them to Edgerton Community Hall to exchange with local friends. The Edgerton Parks and Recreation Department will provide coffee, hot chocolate, and punch to enjoy with the cookies. This *free event starts at 10 a.m.* but you need to let us know if you're bringing cookies by December 3.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Thank you for your contribution to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Your donation will help provide gifts, food, and other items to families in need this holiday season.



Please make checks payable to:

City of Edgerton
Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund
PO Box 255
Edgerton, KS 66021