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**Happy Holidays in Edgerton!**

*There's plenty to do during the holiday season*

**Holiday Home Decorating Contest:**

Who has the best lights in Edgerton? We want to see your best and brightest holiday displays for this year's Holiday Home Decorating Contest! Snap a picture of your favorite holiday light display and submit it at [edgertonks.org/holidays](http://edgertonks.org/holidays) by noon on December 9. This year, the community will vote for the winner on Facebook or in-person at City Hall. Winners will be announced on the 19th.

The highest vote getter wins a \$100 Walmart gift card, second place will win \$75 gift card, and third place receives \$50 gift card. The winners will also be recognized at the first City Council meeting in January.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony:**

The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is Friday, December 2. Join your friends and neighbors in the downtown greenspace at 6:30 p.m. to light up your holiday season. The Mayor and a special guest will flip the switch on the tree. Afterward, head over to Community Hall to enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies, meet Santa, and tell him what's on your list this Christmas. The first 150 children can pick up a free gift.

**Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund:**

As we approach the holidays this year, many families are struggling with the high costs of everything. The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund is once again helping Edgerton families that need a hand-up during the holiday season. The Fund also supports our community members throughout the year.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, scan the QR code to the right or stop by City Hall during regular business hours. Your donations help make sure every child in our city has a gift under the tree and food in their belly on Christmas morning.



**Upcoming Meetings:**

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

Special City Council  
Thursday, 12/1

City Council  
Thursday, 12/8

Planning Commission  
Tuesday, 12/13

**City Hall Closure**

Edgerton City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

## Dates To Remember:

Mayor's Tree Lighting  
Friday, 12/2

Senior Lunch  
Wednesday, 12/21

Christmas-City Hall Closed  
12/23 - 12/26

## Contact Us:

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

913.893.6231

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@cityofedgertonks

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

*Email Kara Banks at [kbanks@edgertonks.org](mailto:kbanks@edgertonks.org) or call City Hall. Your question may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.*

[Edgertonks.org](https://edgertonks.org)



## Utility Bill Payment Provider Changing

In early 2023, the City's is switching to a new utility bill payment provider. For customers who pay their bill in-person, via the drop-box, or through the mail, you will notice a difference in how your bill looks and your account number will change. For those with auto-pay or who pay online, you will need to set up a new online account. Customers do *not* need to take any action right now. Specific details will be released in the coming months. The new provider should improve the customer experience and allow you to see payments made to your account immediately.

## New Utility Rates Take Effect in January

As the city works to remain self-sustaining with our water and sewer utilities, annual rate adjustments are necessary to account for inflation and maintenance costs. For most residential customers, bills will increase slightly in 2023. The total monthly increase for the average customer is \$4.61, which is less than a pound of butter or one signature sandwich at a fast food restaurant.

By law, fees charged by a specific utility can only be used to fund the needs of that utility. Rates paid by customers for water and sewer help pay for: operational and maintenance costs to keep our systems running efficiently, safely, and effectively, costs associated with meeting state and federal regulatory requirements, and materials, chemicals, equipment and other items needed to provide service on a daily basis.

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.

### Utility Rates

Utility	2023 Monthly Rate Change	Typical Customer Bill 2022 (3,000 gal)	Typical Customer Bill 2023 (3,000 gal)
Water	<b>\$2.06</b>	\$40.57	\$42.63
Wastewater	<b>\$2.55</b>	\$31.72	\$34.27
Trash	<b>\$0</b>	\$7.50	\$7.50

## Snow Season Arrives

As snow arrives back in our forecast, the City of Edgerton is ready for whatever Mother Nature throws at us this winter! Public Works snow plow crews prioritize streets for snow plowing. Major thoroughfares and arterial streets are cleared first, then neighborhood streets and finally cul-de-sacs and alleyways. If you'd like to find out where your street sits on the priority maps, scan the QR code to the right.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Pet tags expire at the end of this month! Renew your pet's license today by stopping by City Hall. All dogs and cats over 6 months of age are required to be licensed annually before March 30. Animals that have been fixed are \$5 each. Seniors over the age of 60 can get their spayed or neutered pets licensed for free. Any intact dog or cat is \$25 each. Please bring a copy of your pet's proof of current rabies vaccine. The City will host a low-cost vaccine clinic in March. Watch for details on how to sign up early next year.

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 17. 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 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.

## Goodcents Opens in Edgerton

Edgerton has a new restaurant, the first in decades! A ribbon cutting was held for Goodcents in late November. Mayor Roberts, ElevateEdgerton! and the Gardner Chamber of Commerce helped open the new sandwich shop on November 22. Goodcents started in Lenexa in 1989 and now has more than 80 locations nationwide. The Edgerton restaurant is located at the On The Go Travel Plaza along Homestead and 200th Street. Online and to-go ordering ifs available in the app.



## Trash Collection and Recycling During the Holidays

Trash collection will run on normal schedule the week before and after Christmas. Make sure you have your bins to the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesdays. Gardner Disposal will pick up extra trash on Wednesday, December 28. Up to 10 extra bags are allowed per household. Outside of that time frame, overage stickers can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.50 each for any bags that do not fit in your bin.

### Recycling Info for the Holidays:

The holidays are not the time for "wishful recycling." Make sure you limit your recycling to paper, plastic, and aluminum or steel cans. Don't throw in things that you hope are recyclable. **Gardner Disposal will take glitter-free wrapping paper and gift tags, glitter-free cards and envelopes, paper or plastic decorations and any clean tinfoil.** Please flatten any cardboard boxes.

Do not place any trash or food contaminated items in your recycling bin or the whole container may be sent to the landfill. Remember that all recycling should be left loose. Plastic bags, Styrofoam, and glass CANNOT be recycled curbside.



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

Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year. Make sure you stay safe all winter long! If you have any questions, contact FD #1 at 913-764-7635.



### Safety Tips

- 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.

### Portable Heater Safety Tips

- Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface. Keep them at least three feet from things that can burn.
- Check your space heater for cracked or damaged cords and plugs. Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, don't use an extension cord or power strip.



Letters  
to  
Santa

The Edgerton Post Office wants to make sure your letters to Santa arrive on time! Every child who writes a letter will get a response from Santa. **Letters are due by December 23.** Make sure to place them in the green mailbox inside the Post Office. You can also address letters to Santa at the North Pole and leave it in your mailbox for the postal carrier to pick up.

## Recreation Programming: December 2022

Register for all Parks and Recreation programs and find more info at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com) or call City Hall at 913.893.6231.

### December 13: Tales for Tots -FREE

Pre-school reading program at the library, includes a craft and snack. This month's theme is the Gingerbread Man!

### December 14: Silver Screen Cinema - FREE

Come to Community Hall for a vintage movie and popcorn. We'll be showing The Great Rupert from 1950. This is geared toward folks 50+, but all ages are welcome.

### December 16: Kids Night Out - FREE

Send the kids to Community Hall while you finish your holiday shopping or wrap presents! The kids will decorate cookies, enjoy a pizza party and watch Minions: The Rise of Gru.

### December 21: Senior Lunch and BINGO - FREE (\$5 donation suggested)

The Edgerton Senior Committee is hosting a Christmas-themed lunch in Community Hall on the third Wednesday of December. They're serving ham and scalloped potatoes. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Stay after for a fun round of BINGO!

