



## Save the Date: State of the City Address

Mayor Donald Roberts will deliver the annual Edgerton State of the City Address at Community Hall on February 20 at 6:00 p.m. He will be highlighting progress made in 2019 and talking about what the future holds for Edgerton. Please make plans to attend.

This is a free event. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



## Dot's Pretzels Comes to Edgerton

Dot's Pretzels, LLC has selected Edgerton for their new manufacturing facility. The premiere pretzel brand in North America plans to begin operations later this year.

Dot's Pretzels is purchasing a 186,107 square-foot building at 32180 W. 191st Street.

"I'm happy to welcome Dot's Pretzels to Edgerton," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "This is a great company with some of the best pretzels in the world. We look forward to having a great partnership with Dot's for years to come."

During the City Council meeting on January 23, a representative from Dot's said, if all goes according to plan, that they will open in September.

"We're excited about opening our new plant here in Edgerton," said Dot's CEO Randy Johnson, as he passed out pretzels to Council Members and those in attendance.

Dot's is a family-owned business based out of North Dakota. The new facility in Edgerton will be their fourth location and the second in the Kansas City region.

## Are you an Edgepert?



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](mailto:aclower@edgertonks.org) and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

### Question:

Did you know that the Johnson County Fair was once held in Edgerton?

Answer on back.



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## Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Princess Tea Party: **Saturday, February 1**
- Youth Art Class – Hand Sewing: **Monday, February 3**
- Youth Cooking Class – Ice Cream: **Monday, February 10**
- Valentine's String Art Class: **Wednesday, February 12**
- School's Out Kids Club: **Thursday, February 13**
- Senior Lunch & BINGO – Chicken Soup: **Wednesday, February 19**
- Important Upcoming Meetings:**
- Planning Commission Meeting: **Tuesday, February 11**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, February 13**
- State of the City: **Thursday, February 20**
- City Council Meeting: **Thursday, February 27**

## SAVE THE DATE: March 21, 2020 Annual Low-Cost Animal Vaccine Clinic

Help keep your pets healthy and safe. The City of Edgerton will host the annual low-cost animal vaccine clinic at City Hall (404 E. Nelson Street) on March 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You can also pick up your annual City pet license. All animals must be registered by March 31 to avoid penalty.

Rabies Vaccine \$10 • Distemper Vaccine \$15 • Microchip \$20

Please call Charlie Lydon, Animal Control Officer, at 913.893.6231 with any questions.

## 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 to the north, across the street from the Methodist Church. The food pantry is always accepting donations. You can drop off your donations at City Hall during normal business hours.

## From JoCo FD #1: You can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure



More than 4,000 people are hospitalized due to carbon monoxide poisoning each year in the U.S. Your Friends at Johnson County Fire District #1 have some tips to prevent carbon monoxide exposure:

- Do have your heating system, water heater, and/or gas, oil, or coal burning appliances served by a qualified technician every year.
- Do install a battery operated CO detector in your home and check the batteries every spring and fall.
- Do seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseous.
- Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement or garage or near a window.
- Don't run a car or truck inside an attached garage, even with the door open
- Don't burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- Don't heat your house with a gas oven.
- Don't use any equipment that has a gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.

Any questions, please contact the Fire Department at 913.784.7635.

## Need a Job? Become A Census Taker

The Census Bureau is still looking for hundreds of workers in Johnson County.

If you're looking for a temporary job, check out [2020census.gov/en/jobs](https://2020census.gov/en/jobs). These jobs pay \$15.50-\$17.00 per hour. Census workers also receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and applicable expenses.

"For every household that doesn't get counted, we lose \$39,000 over a ten year period, that could have been used for maintaining roads, funding for Medicare and other important federal funding uses," says Alan E. Organ, M.D., PhD, Census Bureau Partnership Specialist.

The 2020 U.S. Census begins April 1.



# Count Me In JoCo

Everyone counts for the 2020 Census

## JCSO: Drive Safely in Winter Weather



With the ice and snow upon us, it's a good time to revisit safety tips for when you are driving this winter. The Sheriff's Office wants you to focus on safety when you're behind the wheel of your car!



- Avoid risky driving behavior such as texting or phone calls, speeding, or driving under the influence. These activities are always dangerous, but the risk is much higher in winter weather.
- Prevent a bad situation from getting worse. If you're involved in an accident, try to pull your vehicle off the road and use hazard lights, flares, reflectors or flashlights to warn other drivers. **STAY OFF THE ROAD**, dial 9-1-1 (or our non-emergency number 913-782-0720) and wait for deputies to arrive. These actions can help prevent multi-vehicle crashes in winter weather.
- Wear your seat belt. Accidents happen more frequently with wet and icy roads. Always wear your seat belt and ensure everyone in your vehicle does the same, including young children in proper car seats.
- Build an emergency supply kit for your car. Items such as a cell phone charger, first aid kit, jumper cables, bottled water/snacks, blanket, cold weather gear, an ice scraper, and a full tank of gas are going to be essential tools if you encounter winter weather and your vehicle breaks down or you're in an accident. Always be prepared!
- Avoid leaving running vehicles in driveways/parking lots. Don't become a victim and don't make it easier for criminals.

Remember – don't hesitate to report any suspicious activity (no matter how small) to the Sheriff's Office. The non-emergency number is 913-782-0720 and in the case of emergencies, dial 9-1-1. Please stay safe this winter!



### Valentine's String Art Class

Wednesday, February 12 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • \$20 each • Edgerton Community Hall • Ages 12+ • Min: 5; Max: 25

Learn a new skill in this Valentine's String Art Class taught by local artisan Katee Smith from the Barefoot Builder. You will create your own Valentine-themed item to take home or give as a gift.

This retro craft is an easy way to add some personality to your decor!

Register today by going to [Edgerton.recdesk.com](http://Edgerton.recdesk.com) or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.

### School's Out Kids Club

Thursday, February 13 • 1:00-4:00 p.m. • \$5 each • Edgerton Community Hall • Ages 5-12 • Min: 5; Max: 20

Beat those winter doldrums with a fun afternoon at Edgerton Community Hall. Children who attend will be building with LEGOs, creating take-home crafts, and making Valentine's for local nursing home residents.

Sign up today at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com) or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.

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

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

**A late fee of \$25 will be applied after March 31, 2020.**

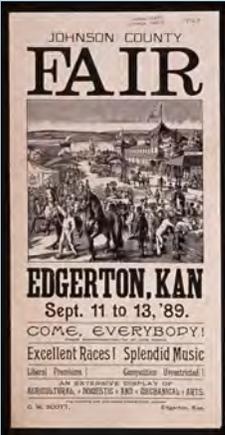
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**PET INFORMATION • MUST HAVE CURRENT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION**

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

**A: Edgert Answer**



Kansas State Historical Society

The Johnson County Fair dates all the way back to 1858, when the very first county fair in the Kansas territory (Kansas didn't become a state until 1861), was held in the small town of McCamish, located two miles northeast of what would later become Edgerton. This fair was held just three years after Johnson County was created in 1855. After the fair at McCamish, the county fair took place in several Johnson County communities, including Edgerton.

The Johnson County Fair was held in Edgerton from 1889 to at least through 1896. The Edgerton fairgrounds were located on the east side of the railroad tracks, just north of the Nelson Street crossing. That location is now the Public Works facility property. The county fairs held in Edgerton in the late 1800's included agricultural implements, machinery, livestock, band music, ball games, foods, and the highlight event of the fair was horse races! Also, during the fair each year, railroad rates were reduced for passengers wanting to come to Edgerton to attend the fair. The railroad depot was located just south and west of the Nelson Street crossing, and was only a short walk from the fairgrounds.

The Johnson County Fair was usually held for three or four days in September when it took place in Edgerton. The fairgrounds were spacious and beautiful, and also included a lovely picnic area and baseball field. The Johnson County Fair was an annual highlight for Edgerton citizens as well as for other residents of Johnson County, and was a huge source of pride for this community. For more information on the Edgerton fairgrounds and the county fair in Edgerton, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum at 406 E. Nelson.