

# 2020

## New Year, New Opportunities

My wish for 2020 is that we continue to build and strengthen this wonderful place we call home. Over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to help some of our families who are struggling. It's heartwarming to see the community come together and bolster their neighbors. I hope that, no matter what the future brings, Edgerton always steps up to support each other.

When it comes to the New Year, we have plenty going on right now. The City is working on several big capital improvement projects, including the 207th Grade Separation (a bridge over the BNSF crossing at Co-Op Road) and a new trail along 56 Highway, which will allow pedestrians to safely access Edgerton Elementary and Dollar General.

We're going to be seeing increased policing in 2020 here in town. The City Council approved the addition of a new power shift from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, which will mean a designated deputy will patrol Edgerton streets 40 hours per week. Deputy Brad Johnson has been named our new community policing officer. Please help me welcome Deputy Johnson to Edgerton! Watch the City's Facebook page for an interview with him coming soon.

Later this year, Edgerton will get its first truck stop at I-35 and Homestead. Developers plan to break ground this spring on a new TA Express, the first one in the whole state. Plans call for about 70 truck parking spots, a truck wash and maintenance facility, and quick-serve food on the east side of Homestead Lane just north of I-35.

Keep an eye on your mailboxes too. The City is once again surveying residents to find out what YOUR priorities are in the new year and for years to come.

I'm excited about this New Year and I wish you and your family health, happiness, and new opportunities in 2020.

-Mayor Don Roberts



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### Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Winter Kids Club:  
Thurs. & Fri, Jan. 2-3
- Youth Art Class –Musical Instruments:  
Monday, January 6
- Youth Cooking Class – Candy:  
Monday, January 13
- Senior Lunch & BINGO –Cabbage Soup:  
Wednesday, January 15
- Adult Nutrition Class:  
Tuesday, January 21
- Paint Nite:  
Friday, January 24
- Important Upcoming Meetings:**
- City Council Meeting:  
Thursday, January 9
- Planning Commission Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 14
- City Council Meeting:  
Thursday, January 23

### 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:

What was the significance of the week of October 12-19, 2013 in Edgerton?

Answer on back.

## Edgerton Moving Forward With Greenspace Building

Edgerton City Council members have approved a resolution authorizing a project to build the new downtown Greenspace Building.

City staff will soon release a request for qualifications for a design-build firm. Council members have approved a budget of just over \$4.1 million for this new community gathering place.

City Staff spent several months collecting input from residents and stakeholders about what they'd like to see in the new building. Residents have requested meeting rooms, event space, fitness equipment and sports courts, plus public parking and a spray park. That information will be compiled and presented in front of the City Council before the design is approved.

If everything goes according to plan, the building could open in 2021.

## New Deputy to Patrol Edgerton

The City of Edgerton is pleased to announce that Deputy Brad Johnson will soon be patrolling our streets as part of a new "power shift" agreement with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Johnson will spend 40 hours per week in residential Edgerton.

"We're thrilled to have Deputy Johnson here and a return to more community-focused policing in Edgerton. I'm glad we'll have a stronger law enforcement presence to focus on reducing the already low crime rate in our area," says Mayor Donald Roberts.

"The Sheriff's Office is very excited about this new opportunity with the city of Edgerton and we look forward to continued partnerships with the city. Deputy Johnson is an excellent fit for this position; this is his hometown and some of his family members continue to reside in the area," says Sheriff Calvin Hayden.

Deputy Johnson has 15 years of service with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and has been assigned to the Patrol Division since 2016.

He will be introducing himself to the community over the next few weeks.

Continue to watch the City's social media for opportunities to learn more about Deputy Johnson. His first day on patrol in Edgerton will be Monday, December 30.



## Edgerton receives grant money for railroad overpass along 207th Street

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners approved a \$1 million County Assistance Road System, or CARS, grant to Edgerton for an overpass along 207th Street at Co-Op Road.

The City plans to build a bridge over the BNSF crossing at that intersection to improve emergency access for residents.

The entire project is expected to cost roughly \$15 million, which will be paid for by funding generated by LPKC.

## Council Member Brown Honored During December Council Meeting

After 14 years serving this community, Councilman Jody Brown stepped down from his seat on the Edgerton City Council during the December City Council meeting. He has served on the city council from 2003-2007 and from 2009-2019.

Brown was honored with a proclamation declaring December 12 as “Jody Brown Day.”

Brown has been instrumental to Edgerton’s growth and the development at LPKC. He volunteered countless hours on the Frontier Days Committee and raising money for the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund. Brown has been a strong supporter of economic development for Edgerton, including championing the growth of LPKC and Dollar General, the first retail store in Edgerton in roughly 40 years.

We profoundly thank him for his service.

Incumbent Council Members Clay Longanecker and Katee Smith and new Council Member Josh Beem also took their oaths of office during the December 12 council meeting.



## Check Your Mailboxes

What do you like best about Edgerton? What do you think needs to change?

Now is your opportunity to tell the Mayor and Council Members about your biggest priorities. The 2020 Citizen Survey will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Every household in Edgerton will receive a survey. You can either mail it in or fill out the survey online. The City uses the results from the survey to plan for the future and make decisions about important capital projects, so it's imperative that you complete it.

Please help us serve you better.

## 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.



## Paint Nite at Community Hall

Friday, January 24 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • \$20 each • Edgerton Community Hall • Ages 16+ • Min: 15; Max: 25

Express your artsy side. Grab your friends and come to Community Hall for Paint Nite. In this painting class for anyone over the age of 16, an instructor will guide you step-by-step into creating your own masterpiece. We will create the painting to the left.

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

**You must register by January 8.**

## From JoCo FD #1: Know the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide



Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide (CO) alarm installed on every level of your home, especially around sleeping areas. It's important to test alarms every month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the alarm sounds, quickly leave your home and move to an area where you can breath fresh air. Call 911 or the fire department once you're outside and do not re-enter your home.

### How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Leaks in Your Home

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not leave the engine running even if the garage door is open.
- Generators and grills should be used outside the home, away from windows and doors.
- Avoid using your oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Check the vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fire place outside your home to make sure they are clear of snow and other debris.

## Adult Nutrition Class

Tuesday, January 21 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. • \$2 each • Edgerton Community Hall • Ages 16+ • Min: 5; Max: 25

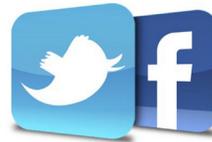
If one of your resolutions was to get in shape for the New Year, sign up for a Nutrition Class at Community Hall. A registered dietitian will teach you how to grocery shop smarter and cook healthier meals for your family. You'll also learn the best food to eat if you suffer from diabetes, hypertension or other diseases. Register today by going to [Edgerton.recdesk.com](http://Edgerton.recdesk.com). Cost is \$2 per person.

Register online at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com)

## Connect with the City of Edgerton

If you have questions or concerns about the City of Edgerton's services, tell us! We want to hear from you. City staff is here to serve you. You can call City Hall at 913.893.6231 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

We're also on Facebook and Twitter. Search for City of Edgerton, Kansas Government and send us a message anytime. We'll respond during normal business hours.



## A: Edgepert Answer

Two very important events happened in Edgerton, KS in mid-October 2013. First, the BNSF Intermodal and LPKC opened in Edgerton on October 17 that year. The intermodal facility opening was the culmination of a lot of hard work, dedication, and commitment on the part of many, many people, and was several years in the making. Later that week, on Saturday, October 19, 2013, the Edgerton Community Museum, just east of City Hall, held its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Several residents attended, and a few local dignitaries spoke at the ceremony. Edgerton Mayor Donald Roberts, State Senator Pat Apple, State Representative Bill Sutton, and Johnson County Commissioner Ed Eilert, each mentioned, in their own way, the connection between the opening of the intermodal facility and of the museum, both opening just a few days apart. The history of Edgerton becoming a community in 1870 because of the railroad, and the hope and expectations for Edgerton in the future because of the railroad, were a common thread mentioned by the speakers that day at the museum's opening.

This very special week in October 2013 was proof and evidence that the community of Edgerton had come "full circle" in its railroad history and would carry on and preserve that connection and history for the foreseeable future!