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Johnson County Fire District No. 1 Breaks Ground on New Fire Station in Edgerton

The City of Edgerton will soon be home to the new headquarters for Fire District No. 1 in Johnson County.



Work is underway on the new JOCO FD#1 fire station. Construction began in November for the new administration building along 191st Street between Homestead Lane and Four Corners Road in LPKC. The City's agreement with the fire district requires that they maintain a station in residential Edgerton.

"We are so excited for you," said Mayor Donald Roberts during the groundbreaking ceremony. "This new fire station will serve Edgerton and all of southwestern Johnson County more effectively and should really improve response times during emergencies."

"Fire District #1 is committed to serving our residents in a timely manner. This Station will allow us to improve our response times to southwestern Johnson County. Having our Administration building there as well is very exciting for our staff as well as it puts us closer to the center of our current District," says Fire Chief Rob Kirk.

The new 28,150 square-foot station is scheduled to be completed late in 2021.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission
Tuesday, 1/12

City Council
Thursday, 1/14

City Council
Thursday, 1/28



Dates To Remember:

State of the City Address
Thursday, 2/18

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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.

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Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Helps Dozens of Local Families

The scent of smoked turkeys and sides filled the air at Edgerton City Hall just days before Christmas. With festive music playing in the background, volunteers were hard at work, packing boxes for meals and gifts that would go to help more than 30 local families and over 40 children as part of the 2020 Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

The annual Edgerton tradition has grown over the last few years as the need continues to increase. Families are nominated through third-party organizations, like the Edgerton Food Pantry, churches and other groups. "We're looking for the families that aren't getting help from other programs," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "My goal has always been to find the people that might slip through the cracks or that are too proud to ask for help."

The Fund pays for a meal from Johnny's BBQ in Olathe and purchases gift cards for the families to use for gifts or other essentials. "We want them to be able to pick out toys or clothes for their kids and something for themselves," says Roberts. "Most of these families work two or three jobs and are just barely making ends meet. I've gone into homes where its dark and cold and the family is wearing jackets inside because they can't afford their electric bill. A car crash or a furnace going out could mean they don't eat or buy medicine, let alone buy a Christmas gift."

The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund is entirely funded by private donations. While efforts are focused around the holidays, the Fund also helps families throughout the year. In the past, the Fund has helped renovate a home for a wheelchair-bound resident and purchased items for the food pantry. Donations are accepted at Edgerton City Hall or through the City's website at edgertonks.org/holidays.



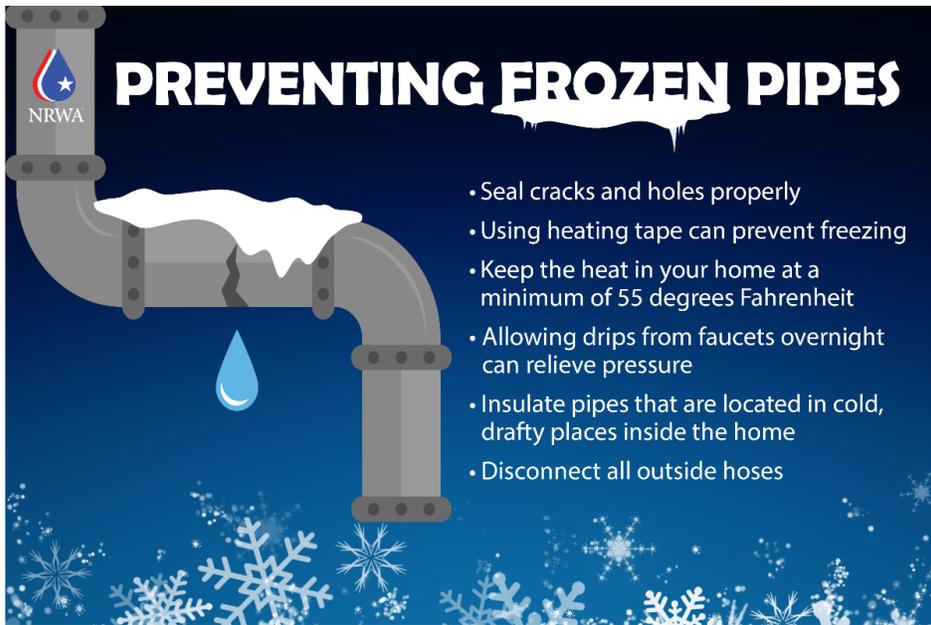
EDGEPERT: The History of Nelson Street

A green rectangular sign with rounded corners and a black border, containing the text "NELSON ST" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The sign is mounted on a black post.

Nelson Street was named after Nelson Myers, a Civil War veteran and Edgerton resident. He was husband to Rebecca Warren Myers, and great-uncle to Roberta Warren Knabe, a well-known, long-time, and beloved Edgerton resident.

Nelson Myers came to Kansas in 1875 and bought a farm just south of Edgerton. He married his wife Rebecca in 1888. The couple later sold their farm and moved into town. The Myers never owned a vehicle, relying instead on a horse and buggy for transportation.

After Nelson Myers' death in 1925, the main street in Edgerton, that ran east and west, was named "Nelson Street" in his memory. His wife Rebecca, lived nine more years, and became "Aunt Becky" to most of the Edgerton citizens. Both Nelson and Rebecca Myers are buried in the Edgerton Cemetery.



PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

- Seal cracks and holes properly
- Using heating tape can prevent freezing
- Keep the heat in your home at a minimum of 55 degrees Fahrenheit
- Allowing drips from faucets overnight can relieve pressure
- Insulate pipes that are located in cold, drafty places inside the home
- Disconnect all outside hoses

Did you know?

The automated metering system used by the City of Edgerton can tell if your home is using an unusual, continuous amount of water. Personnel from the Edgerton Utilities Department use this information to alert you so that you can check for any leaks. This is a free service that we offer to not only help residents save on their water bills, but also to conserve water.

Edgerton City Council Approves New Tarp Ordinance, Weight Limits on Trucks

The Edgerton City Council recently approved new regulations on large trucks. Now any load that has the potential to spill or fly out must be tarped. The goal of the tarp ordinance is to improve safety for motorists, especially motorcyclists, and preserve the quality of our streets and the adjacent stormwater system. The regulations only apply to roads within Edgerton City limits. “We expect the Sheriff’s Office will take an educational stance initially with drivers, but we want everyone to make sure their loads are secure,” says Mayor Donald Roberts. “This is all about making sure our streets are safe for all types of vehicles.”

The Council also added new weight limits to truck routes to help slow down the wear our streets. Any vehicle over 80,000 pounds is banned on designated truck routes, except in the heavy-haul corridor in LPKC. Semi-trucks are required to use the designated truck routes in the residential community.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners

The lights shone bright in Edgerton this holiday season. A half dozen homes were entered in the 2020 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. City Council Members picked the winners, who will be recognized at the upcoming City Council meeting on January 14. Each home was scored based on originality, arrangement, theme and overall presentation.

The winners are:

1st Place (top photo): 509 W. Meriwood

2nd Place (middle photo): 517 W. Martin

3rd Place (bottom photo): 300 W. 7th St.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this community event. Remember to nominate your house or your neighbors for next year’s contest.

Happy New Year!



Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 16. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

Everyone is asked to enter the gravel parking lot off of 4th street and wait to be directed to turn west onto Hulett. Stop in front of the pantry going west and volunteers will load items into the vehicle. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021. The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 school district.



Johnson County Sheriff's Office: Preparing Your Home for Winter Weather

The ice and snow forecasts are upon us! Before you head out to enjoy the weather, make sure your home and family are prepared for all that the winter season brings us – potential loss of heat, power, phone, and a shortage of supplies, especially if we get caught in a winter storm with conditions lasting for more than a day. Prior to the storm, ensure the following:

- Have an emergency supply of water and non-perishable food (including foods that require no cooking).
- Have a flashlight with extra batteries as well as a battery powered radio or television to get important updates and emergency information.
- Have an emergency heat source such as a fireplace or wood stove – learn how to properly use and ventilate to prevent a fire.
- Ensure your first aid kit is stocked plus extras of any needed medicines, prescriptions, or baby items.

If you get caught in your home during a winter storm, here's a few things you can do to keep yourself and your family safe:

- Stay inside where it's warm and dry and wear layers.
- If no heat – close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels in cracks under the doors and cover windows at night to reduce heat loss.
- Continue to eat and drink to provide your body with energy to stay warm. Keep replenished with fluids. **Avoid alcoholic drinks** – they will lower your body temperature and may increase dehydration.
- Exercise to stay warm.

As always, the Sheriff's Office is just one phone call away. If you find yourself caught in a winter storm – whether at home or while you're out and about, do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

Meet Your City Workers

Dolly Shanley, Crossing Guard

How long have you been in Edgerton? Since 1976. We left for a few years to take care of my mother in Arizona, but we've been back for the last 24 years.

What do you enjoy most about your job? My kids. All of the elementary school kids are my kids.

What's your favorite thing about Edgerton? The people, the town.

Anything you want to tell people about your job? Slow down and pay attention. If you see me, there could be kids nearby.

