



## July 3rd Community Picnic and Fireworks Show

We're REUNITING EDGERTON at the annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Show at Martin Creek Park on July 3rd.

The park opens at 5:00 p.m. and the Community Picnic begins at 6:00 p.m.

There will be free food, ice cream and giveaways while supplies last. Dance to the DJ and play inflatable games with the whole family until the fireworks start.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 threat, we are adding more handwashing and hand sanitizing stations around the park. We are encouraging everyone to social distance and spread out to watch the fireworks.

Governor Kelly has signed an executive order requiring that most Kansans wear a mask in a public space beginning on July 3. The order says everyone must wear masks in stores and shops, restaurants, and in any situation in which social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, including outside.

Feel free to stay in your car to watch the show if you or a family member is considered at high risk from the coronavirus. Parking will be available in the park, at Johnson County's Big Bull Creek Park across the street, and surrounding areas.

The City will provide a shuttle bus to Martin Creek Park. The bus will run from 5:30-10:30 p.m. with pick-up locations at Edgerton Elementary School and City Hall.

Fireworks will light up the night sky around 9:45 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to watch the show under the stars. See you there!



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### Important Upcoming Meetings:

- City Council Meeting:**  
Thursday, July 9
- Planning Commission Meeting:**  
Tuesday, July 14
- City Council Meeting:**  
Thursday, July 23

### Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Community Picnic and Fireworks Show:**  
Friday, July 3
- Senior Lunch and BINGO:**  
Wednesday, July 15

## 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:

Do you know when the City of Edgerton was incorporated?

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 18.

Volunteers will bring food out to those in need. Everyone is asked to enter the gravel parking lot off of 4th street and wait to be directed to turn west onto Hulett. They will stop in front of the pantry going west and have their bags put directly into their car.

The Edgerton Food Pantry is available to anyone in the USD 231 school district. No income restrictions. Donations are always welcome. This month, they are looking for eggs and sausage donations.

## From Your Friends at Fire District #1: Outdoor Fire Safety



Home fire safety doesn't stop at the door. There are many fire risks outside the home. You may have these in your backyard. Here are some ways you can keep your home safer from outside fire.

### Grilling:

- Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.
- Keep grills 3 feet away from your house and anything that can burn.

### Backyard Fire Pits:

- Make sure the fire pit is at least three feet away from your house and anything that can burn.
- Closely watch children when the fire pit is in use.
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.

### Fireworks:

- Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. The best way to stay safe from fireworks is not to use them. Instead, attend a public display put on by professionals.

## The Infrastructure Edition

This month, we are taking a look at the various projects that are planned around Edgerton. With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting our entire world, the City wants you to know what is happening here and where various projects stand. Read more about what's ahead for Edgerton!

### TA Express Travel Plaza



Construction is underway on the new TA Express travel plaza at I-35 and Homestead Lane. Concrete will be poured for the pad site and you should start to see the buildings going up in the next few weeks.

The developer continues to aggressively recruit new retail tenants as they finish out the travel plaza. Construction is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The groundbreaking was delayed because of COVID-19, so watch for details on a formal ceremony coming soon.



### Homestead and 200th Street Intersection

Construction will begin this fall on a new full-access intersection along Homestead at 200th St. This will allow residents to turn in both directions from the new TA Express truck stop. This project is scheduled to go out for bid in August with work complete around the end of the year.

## Did you know?

The City of Edgerton helps to keep trash bills down for every resident. We pay half of your trash bill every month. Trash is included as part of your monthly utility bill.

### 207th Street Grade Separation

This public safety project is set to go out for bids this year. Due to the COVID pandemic, the schedule for construction has shifted. The project will be substantially complete in 2021. Plans call for a new quarter clover-leaf bridge to be built over the railroad tracks at Co-Op Road. This new bridge will keep Edgerton accessible to emergency responders and should improve commuter drive-times when a train is blocking the crossing.



### The Greenspace

COVID-19 has impacted the schedule for The Greenspace. The City Council recently approved plans to make The Greenspace into a design-bid-build project. While we initially had hoped to begin construction this year, the City now anticipates releasing a request for qualifications for a design team this year. This important new community space will give residents new places to hold events and do activities with their neighbors. We've heard from dozens of stakeholders about what features you want in The Greenspace, including a gymnasium with a track, a splash pad, and an emergency shelter. We thank everyone who participated in our public engagement process and look forward to sharing more details about this project with you in the months to come.

### Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plans

The Edgerton City Council has selected the teams that will be creating the City's new master plans for our sanitary and storm sewer systems. Flow monitoring is already underway in the City's sanitary sewers to look for infiltration and inflow, known as I&I. This is when rain or groundwater seeps into the sanitary sewers. I&I is a problem because too much water can lead to backups or overflows and lead to higher costs at the wastewater treatment plant.

For the stormwater system, the master planning team will be reaching out to residents in the coming months to hear their concerns about flooding in public areas. We hope that you will respond if asked to participate so that the City can get the most complete picture possible. Both master plans should take about a year to complete.

### Glendell Acres Park Renovation

Renovations to Edgerton's skate park have been delayed because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Normally, the City would host a public open house to get input from neighbors and park users about what features they want to see in the park's renovation, but the pandemic and social distancing requirements have put those plans on pause. We are still planning to kick off our public engagement process later this year.

### 1st and Meriwood Stormwater Repair Project

The City plans to replace the cross-road pipe under W. Meriwood. Various problems have caused water to top the road during storms and led to residential flooding issues, as well as degradation of the stormwater network in the area and more damage to nearby roads. The City Council recently approved an agreement to engage an engineering firm to design the project. Work is expected to begin late this year or early next year.

### 56 Highway Trail

Work will start in July on the first phase of a new asphalt trail along 56 Highway. The trail will run from 1st Street to Edgerton Elementary. Phase 2 will follow, completing the trail down to 7th Street. This new trail will drastically improve safety for pedestrians and provide important connections to businesses along 56 Highway.

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### KDOT Projects

#### US-56/199th St Intersection improvement project

Work continues on the US 56 widening project at 199th Street. In late June, KDOT says the contractor began hauling soil from the north side of US-56 to the south side of US-56 to build up the south side embankment. KDOT plans to add turn lanes and widen the shoulders at that intersection. This project is still expected to be completed by October.

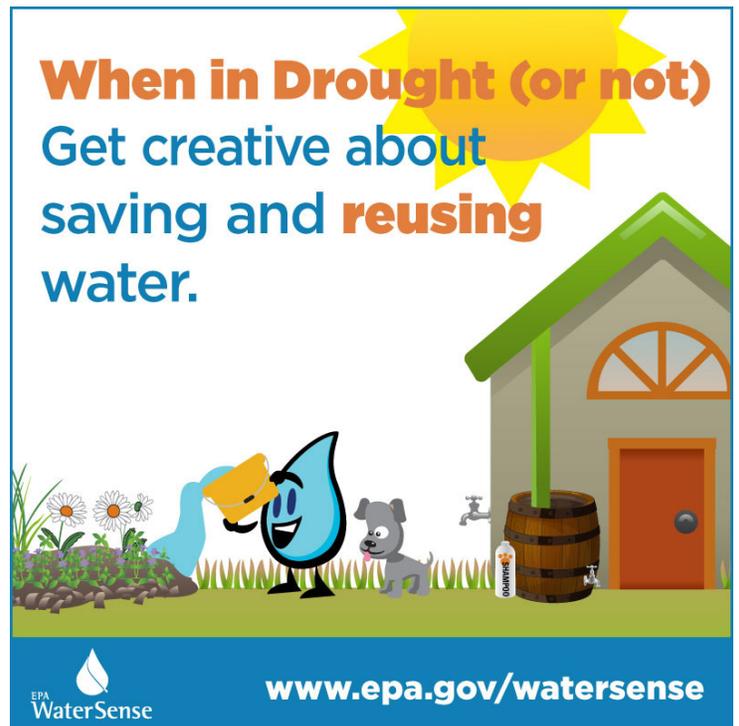
#### 199th Bridge replacement over I-35

KDOT anticipates this project will begin in mid-July. The bridge over I-35 will close as soon as the project starts and will not reopen until the new bridge is finished next summer. KDOT plans to release more information about the bridge replacement in the coming days.

## Water Conservation in the Summer

As we head into the hottest part of the summer, it's a good time to think about water conservation. The City's water rates encourage residents to use less water. Not only does it help your budget, but you'll also help conserve a precious resource. Here are a few ways you can help reduce water use during the summer:

-  Use a rain barrel or cistern to capture rain water and use that to irrigate your garden
-  Plant native or drought-tolerant plants that require less water
-  Sweep driveways, sidewalks and decks instead of using water to rinse off dust and debris
-  Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation system to water plants more efficiently and reduce water lost from evaporation
-  Timing is everything! Water early in the morning so the plants have time to drink before the water evaporates
-  Step on your grass. If it springs back, it doesn't need water.



## A: Edgepert Answer

The community of Edgerton, KS, had actually established a United States Post Office by the name of "Edgerton, KS" in July of 1871, but the town was not "officially" incorporated until June 30, 1883. So that is the date that is officially and legally considered to be the date of the "birth" of Edgerton, KS, although it was founded in 1870.

Pleas and proceedings in the District Court of the Tenth Judicial District in Johnson County, KS, began on June 4, 1883. District Judge, the honorable W.R. Wagstaff, presided over the hearing to consider the community of Edgerton becoming incorporated in the eyes of the law and government. Officials representing the city of Edgerton, and their lawyers, Mr. Gill and Mr. Parker, were present at the proceedings to present their case for incorporation. Prior to the hearing, the residents of the "village" of Edgerton, had signed a petition to support the community becoming incorporated. The petition signing was done over the course of three weeks in early 1883. The petition was presented to Judge Wagstaff of the Judicial Court and was entered into as evidence and as cause for incorporation. A majority of Edgerton residents had signed the petition. It was also determined at that time that the number of inhabitants of Edgerton exceeded 250, but was less than 2,000, which made it eligible to become incorporated in the state of Kansas as a "City of the Third Class".

Legal boundaries for the community were established at the hearing as well. The court also ordered that the first official elections in Edgerton were to be held on July 14, 1883. The office of mayor, five council members, and the police judge would be decided in that election. So, on June 30, 1883, District Judge W.R. Wagstaff signed the document legally establishing the city of Edgerton, KS as an incorporated third class city within the county of Johnson, and the state of Kansas.

In June of 1983, the city of Edgerton celebrated its' centennial as a result of being an incorporated city for 100 years. And in the year 2033, the city will celebrate its' "sesquicentennial", being incorporated 150 years.

There are currently 503 "third class" cities in the state of Kansas, of which Edgerton is one. The current requirement for third class cities in Kansas is a population of more than 300, but less than 2,000. Also, in the state of Kansas, any community, town, or village that is incorporated, is legally referred to as a "city", regardless of its' population. There is more information about Edgerton's founding and incorporation at the Edgerton Community Museum.