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

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Tuesday, 6/8

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SENIOR LUNCH IS BACK!

Senior Lunch at City Hall returns on June 16th. Lunch will be served at noon with bingo starting at 1:00 p.m. The lunch will be burgers with an optional donation or bring a side dish to share!

Community Events Are Back This Summer

Mark your calendars for these fun activities right here in Edgerton!

June 5, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. • Greenspace in Downtown Edgerton

Join us on Saturday, June 5 in Downtown Edgerton for the Summer Kick-off Block Party. Come play yard games with your friends and neighbors, let the kids play in the bounce house, enjoy some free ice cream and music from a live DJ. Make sure you bring your lawn chairs and blankets for our first Summer Movie Night of the year. We'll be showing "The Croods: A New Age" on a big screen at dusk.

June 18, 2021 – 5 p.m. & June 19, 2021 – 10 a.m. • Downtown Edgerton

The Frontier Days celebration is back in 2021. This year marks the 50th anniversary of this volunteer-driven community event. Rock Gods and The Jersey Girls perform Friday night. There will be a mechanical bull, laser tag, and a racetrack for some friendly competition. The frog and turtle races are back in 2021 too! On Saturday, line up along Nelson Street for the Frontier Days parade, starting at 10 a.m. That night, Mike Vandel takes the stage before headliner, Phil Vandel. The full schedule is included along with this newsletter.

June 19, 2021 – 12 p.m. • Martin Creek Park ballfields

The inaugural Cyclones in the Outfield charity softball game starts at noon on Saturday, June 19th at Martin Creek Park. This event is the brainchild of Deputy Brad Johnson, Edgerton's Community Policing Officer. The Sheriff's Office will be taking on our local firefighters from Fire District #1. All the money raised will go to Edgerton Elementary to pay for enrollment fees, school supplies, teacher classroom supplies, a hygiene closet, and other needs for our local families. Come cheer on the teams and support this great community event!



July 3, 2021 – 6 p.m. • Martin Creek Park

The annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Show is back at Martin Creek Park on Saturday, July 3. Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be free food and t-shirts for the first 500 people. Make sure you come early to play in the bounce houses and get your face painted and hair spray-painted. Fireworks will start at 9:45 p.m., weather permitting. Parking will be limited, but a shuttle bus will be picking up families at Edgerton Elementary and at City Hall to bring them to the park. Shuttles will run from 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Dates To Remember:

Summer Kick-off Block Party

Saturday, 6/5

Frontier Days

Fri. & Sat., 6/18-19

Community Picnic & Fireworks Show

Saturday, 7/3

Contact Us:

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

913.893.6231

edgertonks.org/contact

Facebook:

@cityofedgertonks

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

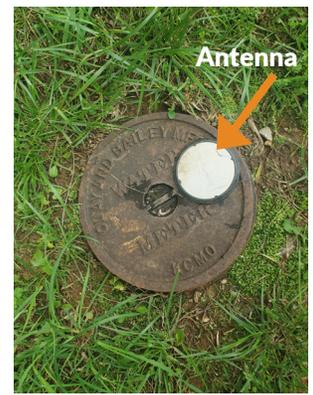
Email Kara Banks at kbanks@edgertonks.org or call City Hall. Your question may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

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Watch Out For Water Meters

As you're out mowing the grass (again) during this crazy growing season, watch out for your water meter and it's antenna! The City of Edgerton is now changing how customers are billed for damaged water meters. If you run over the antenna with a lawn mower or otherwise intentionally damage your meter, those charges will now be added to your water bill. Fees start at \$39.00 per incident. For questions or concerns about your meter, please contact City Hall at 913.893.6231.



Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 19. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church. Volunteers will load items into the vehicle.

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.



From our friends at JCFD #1: Boat Fire Safety

Fires that occur on boats or in marinas can spread quickly and present unique response challenges due to hazardous conditions and limited access. If you are on a boat:



- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to alert occupants to a fire
- Have a fire emergency plan and practice it
- Have the appropriate fire extinguishers and make sure they are easily accessible
- Check your cooling and exhaust systems to make sure they work properly
- Only use certified chargers for personal electronic devices

If a fire occurs:

- Alert boat occupants and quickly get to a safe location
- Discharge fire extinguishers from a safe location and call the fire department

FOCUS ON CODES:

Tall Grass & Weeds



Weeds and grass over **6 inches** high violate City ordinances. If you have questions, call the City's Code Enforcement Officer .

Did you know?

There are many reasons to drink tap water! 50% of bottled water is just repackaged tap water. American spend over 18.5 billion dollars per year on bottled water. The City of Edgerton provides cheap, safe, and clean drinking water right to your home thanks to our water suppliers with Miami RWD 2 and City of Baldwin City.

New Monthly Recreation Programming Begins in June

The City of Edgerton Parks and Recreation is launching some summer monthly activities in June, July, and August as the COVID-19 pandemic winds down. We hope to see you and your family!

- **Second Monday of the month: Teen Field Day at Martin Creek Park from 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.**
Come play sports and get moving at Martin Creek Park. For Ages 12-17.
- **Second Friday of the month: Yappy Hour at the Dog Park in Martin Creek Park from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
Socialize your pooch and meet new friends at the Edgerton Dog Park. All ages welcome.
- **Third Wednesday of the month: Senior Lunch at BINGO at City Hall from 12 :00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
This popular event returns to City Hall. Enjoy lunch and fellowship and stay for BINGO. Ages 50+
- **Fourth Wednesday of the month: Wake & Walk Wednesday at City Hall from 10:30 - 11:30**
Meet at City Hall for a walk around town and then stay for coffee afterward. Ages 18+.

Annual Budget Process Underway

The City of Edgerton creates an annual budget that is approved by the Governing Body. The budget details the allocation of resources to meet community priorities and organizational objectives. The City's Finance Department monitors revenue sources generated through taxes and fees as well as City expenditures. The budget is approved each year in August.

Local community groups made their funding requests at the last City Council meeting in May. Next up will be a public budget work session on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

A public hearing on the budget is currently scheduled for August 12, but the hearing date may change because of new legislation passed by the Kansas Legislature. We will continue to provide updates as the process moves forward.

Please sign up to get meeting agendas and information emailed to you by going to our website (edgertonks.org/contact-us) or by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.



EDGEPERT: Frontier Days Celebrates 50 Years



In May 1971, three Boy Scout leaders in Edgerton, Bill Cummins, Patty McMaster, and Jacky Troutner, were trying to come up with a fundraising idea for the Scouts. Together, the three leaders came up with "Frontier Fourth". There were actually two separate events in 1971: a pet show on May 27, and the "Frontier Fourth" event which was held on July 3. The event on July 3, 1971 thus was the very first Edgerton "Frontier Days" event. There were games, food, contests, and the featured event was a parade down Nelson street. Carl Peer served as Grand Marshal for the inaugural Frontier days event, and Robin Cummins was the Queen of the festivities. The very first Frontier Days event was a big success, and it was decided to continue the event for another year.

In the late 1970's, the Edgerton Jaycees and Jaynes took over operating the event each year. Then, in the mid-1980's, a group of Edgerton citizens formed the Edgerton Frontier Days Association, which consisted of volunteers only. Still today, this volunteer group continues to serve as the organization behind Frontier Days each year.



There has been a Frontier Days event in Edgerton every year since 1971, with two exceptions. In 1988, renovation and repairs to Nelson Street in the downtown area made it impossible to have the event that year, as no alternate site could be provided. In 2020, there was no event due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but Frontier Days will return this year for the 50th anniversary. No one involved in the first one in 1971, could have ever imagined how this event would grow and eventually become what it is today: a huge annual celebration that everyone can enjoy and be proud of! **The Edgerton Community Museum, 406 E. Nelson, has a large collection of Frontier Days material that visitors can view to learn more about this wonderful annual community event.**

Johnson County Multi-Service Center Offers Assistance to Edgerton Families

The Southwest Multi-Service Center (SWMSC) is open and available to assist qualifying, low-income residents of Edgerton with past due utility bills, food, limited medical needs, resources and other services. All services are completed by appointment only. To access services, please call 913-715-6653 to complete a qualifying intake screening and schedule an appointment. Due to COVID-19, appointments are completed virtually via telephone and required documentation can be sent via e-mail.

More information can be found on Johnson County's website by searching Outreach Service at jocogov.org.

Meet Your City Workers

Brittany Paddock, Recreation Coordinator

Brittany is the City's newest employee. Now that the pandemic is ending, recreation and event programming is coming back!

Tell us a little about yourself. I have lived in the Kansas City area for about 5 years now, but grew up visiting family in the Johnson County area during the holidays and summers. I was a zookeeper for over 10 years, including working with the elephants at the Kansas City Zoo.

Why did you want to work in Edgerton? I wanted to work here because I enjoy that closeness in a community and want to create fun and unique things to bring everyone together.

What is your favorite recreation activity? I enjoy community events so that a large part of the community can come together, I enjoy spotting the nature around us in local parks, and I enjoy being creative with arts and crafts.

