



Change Your Clocks This Weekend

Daylight saving time ends November 3rd at 2 a.m. Don't forget to reset your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Daylight saving time dates back to 1918 in the United States. It was repealed after the first World War and then reinstated at the start of WWII. It wasn't until 1966 that Congress finally passed the Uniform Time Act to formalize DST. The honor (or the blame) for the idea comes from Benjamin Franklin, who wrote a satirical letter to the Journal of Paris in 1784 over his "discovery" that the sun provides light as soon as it rises.

Lawmakers have debated ending daylight saving for years, but there hasn't been any serious action on the issue to date.

The U.S. Department of Energy also has some energy-saving tips you can use now that it will be getting darker earlier.

- Solar heating is like free money. Open curtains on any south-facing windows during the day to allow the sunlight to heat your home.
- Cover drafty windows. Get heavy-duty clear plastic film and tape it to the inside frame of your windows to block cold air from coming inside.
- Adjust your temperatures. Keep the thermostat as low as is comfortable when you are home and turn it lower when you go to sleep or leave for the day.
- Lower your water heating costs. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to 120°. It will get you, your clothes and your dishes just as clean, but cost you less.

So how long do we have until we change the clocks again? Daylight Saving Time goes into effect again Sunday, March 2 at 2 a.m.

Answer on back.

Are you an Edgert?



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 and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Do you know the history of the Edgerton water town near First and Martin Streets?



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Trivia Night at White Tail Run Winery:
Friday, Nov 1

Youth Art Class – Tie-dye:
Monday, Nov 4

WWI Museum and Memorial Trip:
Tuesday, Nov 12

Senior Lunch & BINGO –Turkey:
Wednesday, Nov 20

Youth Cooking Class – Breakfast foods:
Wednesday, Nov 20

Important Upcoming Dates:
Veterans Day – City Hall closed:
Monday, Nov 11

Planning Commission:
Tuesday, Nov 12

City Council Meeting:
Thursday, Nov 14

City Council Meeting – CANCELED:
Thursday, Nov 28

Thanksgiving – City Hall closed:
Thurs-Fri, Nov 28-29

Utility Rates in 2020

As the city works to remain self-sustaining with our water and sewer utilities, rate adjustments are necessary to account for inflation and maintenance costs. For most residential customers, bills will increase slightly in 2020.

The average household uses approximately 3,000 gallons of water per month. In 2019, the typical bill totaled \$37.52. In 2020, the cost will increase to \$39.05. The typical sewer bill will also climb slightly, from an average \$28.83 per month to \$29.29 per month in 2020.

Our utility rates are competitive to other cities in our area. Edgerton customers continue to pay less for utilities than some of our neighboring communities, like Gardner, Baldwin City and Paola. The City's Utilities department is committed to ensuring every member of our community has safe, reliable service.



Water Rates

Water volumetric charge per 1,000 gal.	2019 Rates	2020 Rates	Difference
1-2,000 gallons	\$4.12	\$4.29	\$0.17
2,000-10,000 gallons	\$9.26	\$9.64	\$0.38
10,001 +	\$12.78	\$13.30	\$0.52

Water service charge inside city limits	2019 Rates	2020 Rates	Difference
5/8" meter	\$20.02	\$20.83	\$0.81

Sewer Rates

	2019 Rates	2020 Rates	Difference
Sewer charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.46	\$7.58	\$0.12
Monthly charge	\$6.45	\$6.55	\$0.10

Save Water During the Holidays

'Tis the season for saving water! Here are a few tips to help you save water during the holidays:



- Don't use water to thaw food. Instead, defrost food in the refrigerator. Allow approximately 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey or other meats.
- Instead of letting the faucet run to rinse vegetables, rinse them in a pan of clean water instead.
- Set the table with a pitcher of water. Filling guests glasses can lead to leftover, wasted water. The pitcher allows them to pour only what they need.
- Inspect bathroom fixtures for leaks. Your bathrooms are likely to experience heavier than normal use during the holidays, so they're also more prone to leaks and other issues. A faulty toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per hour.
- When washing your hands, turn off the water while you lather up the soap.

Winter is Upon Us

We have already had our first snowfall of the 2019-2020 season. The City's Public Works crews have been training and are ready for whatever Mother Nature throws at us this winter.

Anytime we have 2 or more inches of snow, all vehicles must be removed from the street. The City will send out a Notify JoCo alert and post the information at Edgertonks.org and our Facebook and Twitter pages to alert residents. If your vehicle isn't moved within 2 hours, the Sheriff's Office may be notified and vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Residents are also responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of their homes within 48 hours after a winter weather event. The City wants our streets and sidewalks to be safe and accessible to everyone.

You can sign up for alerts to be sent directly to your phone or email by registering at notifyjoco.org.



From Your Friends at JoCo FD #1: Practice Makes Perfect

According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it. One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less.



If the smoke alarm sounds...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO UNDER** the smoke to your way out.
- **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

The Edgerton United Methodist Church is offering a Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 28th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It is free for everyone. They'll serve turkey and all the trimmings.

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.

Sunflower Bridge Update

Work continues on the Sunflower Road bridge over I-35. The ramps to and from Northbound I-35 reopened in October. Now, work is underway on the new bridge deck and the ramps to and from Southbound I-35. The contractor on the project says they are on schedule to finish before the end of the year.

Crews recently tested an innovative new concrete mix. Check out the video on the City of Edgerton's Facebook page.

Don't forget to tell friends and family who may be coming in town for the holidays about the closure so that they can find an alternate route.

Get prepared...

- **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
- **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

If you have any questions please call the Fire Department at 913-764-7635.

Johnson County Offers Help To Edgerton Residents

The Southwest Johnson County Multi-Service Center provides a safety net for those in need. The center manager meets with individual families to address their situations. There is a fund specifically set aside for residents of Edgerton. They offer several program options:

- **Stabilization Assistance** — Funds are available to help qualifying families with utility payments, medical needs, transportation, and other special needs. Assistance may include coordination of services among multiple community agencies. Rent assistance is offered on a very limited basis to existing clients undergoing on-going case management services.
- **Utility Assistance** — Financial assistance to promote safety and avoid utility disconnection is available to qualifying Johnson County households. Help may be provided with electric, water, propane, gas, wastewater, or wood bills. To apply, call 913-715-6653. Services are available by appointment only.
- **Food Pantry** — Non-perishable food items are available for qualifying families at the Multi-Service Centers. Toiletries, fresh produce, and meat are provided when available.
- **Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet** — Assistance for dental emergencies, diabetic supplies, durable medical equipment, optical needs, and prescriptions (no controlled substances).
- **Case Management and Self-Sufficiency** — Social services professionals are available to help residents seeking guidance and assistance in addressing multiple, complex needs. Case management provides a way for residents to progress from needing emergency assistance to becoming self-sufficient.

The Multi-Service Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Meetings are confidential and by appointment only.

If you need help, please contact 913-715-6653.

WWI Museum and Memorial Trip

Tuesday, November 12 • 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. • \$25 each

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a tour of the WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City on Nov. 12. The tour includes lunch at the Over There Café. Registration closes Nov. 7th. Tickets are \$25 and include the cost of admission.

Register today by calling City Hall at 913.893.6231.

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

We've extended the deadline to register for the annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. It's \$40 to participate and all of the proceeds go the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which helps your friends and neighbors.

Trees are available now. They must be returned to City Hall by November 27.



Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Save the date for the annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and visit from Santa! Kick off the holiday season with your friends and neighbors at 6:30 p.m. on December 6, 2019 in the greenspace next to the library. Mayor Roberts will flip the switch as we hear songs from the Edgerton Elementary Choir. Afterward, warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and cookies at Community Hall, while the kids tell Santa their holiday wish list.

A: Edgepert Answer



The water tower, alongside present-day Manor Park, was built sometime between 1950 and 1959, and was part of the original city water system. Water was pulled from the city-owned wells along Edgerton Road and pumped to the water treatment plant that was located near the Edgerton City Lake. Water was also pulled from the city lake and also from South Lake, and the city treated the water before pumping it up to the tower. The height of the tower created pressure in the city's water lines, so they always wanted to keep the tower as full as possible. The City sold bonds to create the city's first water system. In the 1950's, the city made water available to Edgerton residents who, if interested, were asked to pay a one time fee of \$40 (to pay for the service and for the installation of a water meter). After that, residents would have to pay a minimum of \$3.00 a month for the service. So the city's first water tower has been supplying water to Edgerton residents for over sixty years!

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