



Keep Leaves Out of the Street

The leaves will begin to fall this month, but don't rake or blow them into the street. Not only is it a code violation, but the decomposing vegetation creates an unsightly mess, can block storm drains, and makes for dangerous driving for motorcyclists. If you plan on raking, leaves, grass and plant clippings should be placed curbside in biodegradable paper bags to be picked up by the Gardner Disposal. You can place up to 12 bags out weekly in the fall. Tree limbs need to be cut down to 4-foot lengths and tied with string. Please do not put any yard waste in your normal trash carts. You can buy stickers for any extra bags of yard waste at City Hall during normal business hours. If you don't want to bother with raking, use your mower to mulch leaves back into your lawn. Leaves and grass clippings can actually help with the overall health of your lawn by improving organic content in soil.



Edgerton Community Halloween Party

Mark your calendars for a spooky Halloween Party at Community Hall on October 27! The costumed fun begins at 4:00 p.m. Bring your little goblins and ghouls to see the ventriloquist and enjoy some walking tacos. And don't forget to dress up so that you can win some scary good prizes in the annual Edgerton Costume Contest. All ages are invited to participate. This free event is hosted by the Edgerton Frontier Days Committee.

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:

Did you know a pre-Civil War battle between pro- and antislavery forces took place just outside of what is now the City of Edgerton?

Answer on back.



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

- Youth Art Class-Ceramic Pumpkins:
Monday, October 7
- Youth Cooking Class – Fall Foods:
Columbus Day, No Class
- Senior Lunch & BINGO –Chili:
Wednesday, October 16
- School's Out Day Camp:
Thursday, October 17
- Building Blazers Day Camp:
Friday, October 18
- Edgerton Halloween Party:
Sunday, October 27

Important Upcoming Meetings:

- Planning Commission:
Tuesday, October 8
- City Council Meeting:
Thursday, October 10
- City Council Meeting:
Thursday, October 2

More Streets to See Repairs

As the street reconstruction project continues, crews are making good progress laying the asphalt and curbing. Driveways are being reinstalled. The new concrete needs five days to cure. Residents can drive on their new driveways once the cones are removed.

The big equipment needed to fix the streets has taken its toll on nearby roads. City Council approved resurfacing some of the surrounding streets, which will make for a nice, smooth driving surface throughout the neighborhood.

Over the next month, barring any unforeseen circumstances, you should start to see the sod being laid and the construction winding down. The contractor remains on schedule to be finished in November.



Job Fair Scheduled for Oct. 8

ElevateEdgerton! is hosting a career fair on October 8, specifically for the companies at Logistics Park Kansas City. These companies are looking for reliable workers to fill a variety of jobs, especially in time for the holiday rush.

- Jet.com
- Flexsteel
- ColdPoint Logistics
- UPS
- Matheson
- Spectrum
- Hostess

The Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Hampton Inn at 151 Cedar Niles Road in Gardner.

Bring your resumes. No registration required and walk-ins are welcome.

Coming Up: Trivia Night

Friday, November 1 • 6:30-9:00 p.m. • White Tail Run Winery • \$20 each/\$100 for a table of 6

Do you know where do most of the world's penguins live? How did Edgerton get its name? If you can answer these questions, you'll want to sign up for Trivia Night at White Tail Run Winery.

This event is a fundraiser for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which directly benefits our friends and neighbors right here in Edgerton. Plus the Parks and Recreation Department is offering FREE child care for kids ages K-6 and a free shuttle to the event. **Register by October 11 at edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling City Hall.**

School's Out Day Camp

Thursday, Oct. 17 • 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Edgerton Community Hall • Ages K-6 • \$15 each

Want to keep your kids entertained on their day off of school? Register online at edgerton.recdesk.com today for the Edgerton School's Out Day Camp. Camp will consist of playing outside, arts and crafts, STEM activities, games and more! We will tour the Johnson County Fire Department Fire District #1, followed by an activity with The Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Snacks will be provided, but each child will need to bring their own lunch and water bottle. Tennis shoes are also recommended.

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.

Count Me In JoCo

The U.S. Census Bureau preparing for the 2020 Census, which begins early next year. The once-in-a-decade count is extremely important because it determines how federal funds are allocated to states and communities every year. For every household that doesn't get counted, local communities lose \$39,000 over a ten-year period.

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Johnson County has launched the "Count Me In JoCo" website to educate residents about why they need to participate and how to make sure they are counted. For the first time ever, the census will be available to take online and it's strictly confidential.

On October 1, a recruiting assistant from the Census Bureau will be on hand to talk about part-time Census jobs at the Edgerton Library from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Check out countmeinjoco.org for more details.

October is Fire Prevention Month

Fire Prevention Month is a great time to prepare and educate your family on the importance of fire safety.

Home fire escape planning and drills are an essential part of fire safety. A home fire escape plan needs to be developed and practiced before a fire strikes. You should teach your children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them. It's also a good idea to have a meeting place outside and away from your home where everyone can meet after escaping.

Home fire escape practice should include the following:

- Pushing the smoke alarm button to start the drill
- Practicing what to do in case there is smoke: Get low and go. Get out fast.
- Practicing using different ways out and closing doors behind you as you leave
- Never going back for people, pets, or things
- Going to your outdoor meeting place
- Calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone

Smoke alarms are key to saving lives by alerting you to a fire in the early stages. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

The leading cause of home fires is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen and keep anything flammable away from your cooktop.

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment. Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

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



Bagged recyclables end up in the landfill



Photo courtesy Johnson County Environmental Division

Recycling: Single Use Plastic Bags

Did you know that plastic film, like grocery sacks, sandwich bags and the plastic wrap around paper towels and diapers, cannot be recycled curbside? So, don't bag your recyclables or they'll end up in the landfill.

You may have seen bags in the store advertised as "Recycling bags." While they may be allowed in some parts of the country, they can't be used here. Ditch the bags and just place your recyclables loose in the bin.

Plastic film can be taken to a drop-off location, like a grocery or retail store, to be collected for recycling.



Halloween Safety

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office wants you to have a safe and happy Halloween!

Everyone, even Sheriff Calvin Hayden, loves a good scare on Halloween but NOT when it comes to child and pedestrian safety. On average, children are more than twice as likely to hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Here are a few tips to keep your little goblins and ghouls safe:

Be Seen: Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Avoid masks as they can sometimes obstruct a child's vision.

Be Bright: Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to not only help them see but also be more likely to be seen by drivers.

Safety in Numbers: Children under 12 should NOT be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, ensure they stay with a group and stick to familiar and well-lit areas.

Stay Alert: If out driving, stay extra alert the evening of Halloween with the increase of pedestrian traffic.

Have a safe and wonderful fall!

Becoming Blazers Day Camp

Friday, October 18 • 8:00 a.m. -5:20 p.m. • \$40/Tiered pricing
• Ages K-6

This all-day camp will be held in Gardner at Pioneer Ridge Middle School. Kids will get an introduction to the "Blazer Way" while participating in multiple activities put on by the high school students. Registration includes free admission to the GEHS football game and post-game light show performed by the GEHS band. Transportation will be provided.

Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Main Gym at GEHS. Box lunch is included in cost with the choice of turkey club/PB&J/yogurt/bring your own. \$40 per kid with a \$20 discount to families on the free and reduced lunch program.

Families with multiple children will received tiered pricing: \$40 for one / \$60 for two / \$75 for three / \$85 for four.

Register online at edgerton.recdesk.com

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Register by October 21st 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.

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

On September 1, 1856, anti-slavery forces under the direction of General James "Jim" Henry Lane defeated a group of Missouri pro-slavery forces in the Battle of Bull Creek. The battle took place one and a half miles northeast of Edgerton, along and east of Dillie Road between 183rd and 191st Street. Bull Creek runs north and south and is visible east of Dillie Road.

One of the men that rode with Lane and fought at the Battle of Bull Creek was James Butler Hickok, better known as "Wild Bill" Hickok. The town of Lanesfield was later named after Jim Lane, and the town of McCamish was named after Dick McCamish, owner of the Bull Creek land. There were no casualties on either side in the battle.