

# NEWSLETTER

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The changing leaves create a beautiful scene around Edgerton each fall.

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## Holidays in Edgerton

### Holiday Season Preparations Underway

November marks the beginning of the holiday season in Edgerton. With several community events and activities planned, now is the time to mark your calendars so that you can celebrate with your friends and neighbors.

- **November 3 – Charity Trivia Night at White Tail Run Winery:** This annual trivia night is a fundraiser for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which directly helps families in Edgerton each holiday season. We're looking forward to seeing the teams and finding out who's the smartest in the city!
- **December 1 – Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Come light up the night with Mayor Roberts and a special guest who'll flip the switch on the holiday lights in Edgerton. The ceremony starts at 6:30 pm. This year, the tree will be in front of the museum due to the construction in downtown. After the lights come on, everyone is invited into City Hall to see Santa! Enjoy hot chocolate provided by the United Methodist Church and cookies thanks to Central Bank of the Midwest. Every child will take home a gift.

The annual Holiday Decorating Contest is back. Nominate your house or your neighbors starting the week after Thanksgiving. Details about the contest are available at [edgertonks.org/holidays](http://edgertonks.org/holidays).

If you're looking for some fun activities to do in December, check out Edgerton Parks and Recreation. With everything from a bread making class to Christmas music bingo to Taylor Swift friendship bracelets and the popular Kids Night Out, there's plenty to help you get in the holiday spirit. For details and registration, go to [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com).



## Important Contact Information

EMERGENCY.....911

Non-Emergency.....913-782-0720

City Hall.....913-893-6231

Animal Control  
Public Works  
Municipal Court  
Planning and Zoning

JoCo Fire District #1.....913-764-7635

Edgerton Post Office.....913-893-6784

Gardner Disposal.....913-856-3851

JoCo Library.....913-826-4600

City Hall is located at 404 E Nelson Street. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Keep Edgerton Beautiful

## Fall Clean-up: Leaf and Limb Disposal

As the leaves begin to fall, help the City keep the stormwater drains open by not raking your leaves into the street. Clogged storm drains can lead to flooding and property damage that is easily avoidable. Leaves in the street can also create a hazard for cyclists, motorcycle drivers, and even pedestrians.

### Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.

If you choose to rake your leaves, place them in a paper yard waste bag and set them out with your trash. Do not place yard waste bags in carts or other containers. Gardner Disposal will haul up to 12 bags per week in the spring and fall. They will also take tree limbs (up to 3" diameter) if they are cut into 4 ft lengths and tied with string.

Have extra yard waste? You can drop tree limbs and leaves for free at the Edgerton Public Works Facility at 707 E. Nelson Street during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. You must call City Hall at 913-893-6231 to schedule a drop-off.

No plastic bags, construction debris, or trash is allowed.



## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 18. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 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 Gardner Edgerton USD 231 district.

## Utilities

### New Utility Rates Take Effect Jan. 1

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. Customer charges are based on what it costs to operate and maintain the utility. The City regularly conducts rate studies to ensure the financial health of our utility systems. The most recent rate study in 2022 recommended small yearly increases to avoid large rate increases in the future.

#### Water Utility

The average household uses approximately 3,000 gallons of water per month. In 2023, the typical bill totaled \$42.63. In 2024, the cost for the typical household will increase by \$2.13 to \$44.76.

#### Sewer Utility

The average household bill will increase \$2.74 to \$37.01 in 2024. Sewer rates are based on each customer's winter average. Calculated in the months of December, January, and February, the winter sewer average is based on the average water usage during those months, when outdoor usage is very limited.

#### Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste

The city subsidizes half of the cost of trash pick-up, so our customers only pay \$7.50 per month. There is no increase in trash rates for 2024. Additional trash carts can be added to individual accounts for \$5 per month or \$1 for additional recycling carts.

The combined total increase is less than \$5 a month for the average household, which is less than a ticket to a movie or a fast-food meal. The new rates become effective with the January 1, 2024 utility bill. The City's Utilities department is committed to ensuring every member of our community has safe, reliable service.



Go paperless! Never miss a paper statement again. Save money and time by setting up your account at [municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks](https://municipalonlinepayments.com/edgertonks). Need help? Current users can call City Hall at 913-893-6231 and request email only.



Construction is in progress at The Greenspace! Combes Construction was selected as the contractor for the project and began working on-site in September 2023.

Over the last month, the site has been graded, new utilities installed, building pad prepared, and the building foundations poured. Over the next couple of weeks, both overhead and underground utility work will be completed, as well as construction of the building slab. The project schedule is on track with an estimated completion date of Summer 2025.

## FD #1: Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. Safety in the kitchen is especially important on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home. If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.



City Hall will be closed on November 10 in observance of Veterans Day and on November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving. Trash service will not be delayed by either holiday.

If you have a road, sewer or water emergency outside of normal business hours, please call City Hall at 913-893-6231 and press "1" to reach an on-call staff member.

## Events Coming Up

These are just a few of the recreation programs and events in October. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at [edgerton.recdesk.com](http://edgerton.recdesk.com) or by calling 913-893-6231 during normal business hours.

**Public Meetings** are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival.

- November 3 - Charity Trivia Night  
*White Tail Run Winery, Must be 21+*
- November 9 - City Council Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- November 10 - Veterans Day
- November 14- Planning Commission Meeting  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- November 14- Tales 4 Tots  
*Edgerton Library*
- November 15 - Make It: Focaccia Bread  
*Community Hall*
- November 15 - Senior Lunch & BINGO  
*Community Hall*
- November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 29 - Silver Screen Cinema Club  
*Community Hall*