

NEWSLETTER

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Peeking through the trees, the new playground at Glendell Acres Park is almost ready for children to play! The ribbon cutting is November 9.

Parks and Recreation

Public Invited to Ribbon Cutting for Glendell Acres Park

Construction on the Glendell Acres Park is wrapping up and we're ready to celebrate! Join Edgerton Parks and Recreation for a ribbon cutting on **November 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Glendell Acres Park** on Edgewood Drive, between West 3rd and 4th streets.

Check out the new playground equipment, try out the ninja warrior style fitness court and bring your skateboards to grab some air on the new skate park. If you'd like to enjoy a more leisurely experience, you can stroll on the new paved trail or enjoy a snack under the pavilion. Everyone who attends will also get a chance to win a new custom skateboard, thanks to our partners at SWT Design.

The Glendell Acres Park Renovation started earlier this year to meet the needs and desires of the community. The City held public meetings and gathered input from residents about what they wanted in the new park.

"Glendell Acres Park is another opportunity for families of all ages to enjoy a totally upgraded park," says Mayor Donald Roberts. "We know how important parks are for our city. Glendell Acres, in particular, is great for teens. I hope everyone will come out to the ribbon cutting!"

The renovation was paid for using park impact fees paid by LPKC and a waste tire grant from KDHE for the playground surfacing. The project includes new equipment, skate park, paved loop trail, shelter and landscaping.

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Reminder: The food pantry has moved to a new location.



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 second and fourth 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.

Community

Holiday Help Programs Available

Families in need of assistance this holiday season have multiple resources available. This is just a sampling of some of the programs that will help serve Edgerton residents. Deadlines may be approaching soon. Please contact the organizations below to apply or get more information.

Johnson County Christmas Bureau: 913-341-4342
Johnson County Multi-Service Center: 913-715-6653
The Hope Market (food assistance): 913-586-6110
Salvation Army in Olathe: 913-782-3640
United Way: 2-1-1

Here in Edgerton, the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund provides support to families during the holidays. Families must be nominated by a third-party organization, like local churches, schools or the community food pantry.

The Edgerton Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund accepts donations all year round. All donations are tax deductible. If you'd like to make a donation go to edgertonks.org/holidays or scan the QR code to the right:



Mayor Roberts and dignitaries from Johnson County Community College cut the ribbon on the new CDL Training Facility at LPKC in October.

Community

Ray Braun Exhibit Continues Through 2024

The Edgerton Community Museum's exhibit featuring Edgerton legend, Mr. Ray Braun, will be on display through the end of this year.

Braun was recently inducted into the Gardner Edgerton USD 231 Alumni Hall of Fame. The Museum, located next to City Hall, is open by appointment only by calling 913-908-1252.

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 2024 rate study recommends 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 2024, the typical bill totaled \$44.78. In 2025, the cost for the typical household will increase by \$2.15 to \$46.93.

Sewer Utility

The average household bill will increase \$1.51 to \$38.53 in 2025. 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's solid waste contract with Gardner Disposal has been renewed. Rates had not changed since 2015. The new contract increases the cost of trash pick-up to \$22 per household. The city subsidizes half of the cost of trash pick-up, so residents will only pay \$11 per month. Additional trash carts can be added to individual accounts for \$7.50 per month or \$3 for additional recycling carts.

Bulky Item Pick-Up

The new solid waste contract also includes additional bulky item pick-ups. In 2025, each household is allowed to put one item weighing up to 100 lbs on the curb each week for free. Items must fit fully inside the truck when cycling. This is a change from the current contract, which only allows for one free furniture item per week. Residents will still need to schedule bulk item pick-ups at least three days in advance by calling Gardner Disposal at 913-856-3851

The combined total increase is less than \$7 a month for the average household. The new rates become effective with the January 1, 2025 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. Need help? Current users can call City Hall at 913-893-6231 and request email only.



Edgerton Community Food Pantry

The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 16. It's located at the United Methodist Church. Customers should park on the west side of East 4th Street near the single glass door. Volunteers will load food in vehicles. 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.

From FD#1:

Did you know? Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year.

Home portable heater fires were only about 3% of all home heating fires in 2017-2019, but they accounted for 41% of all fatal heating fires in homes. Prevent home heating fires by following the tips to the right.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.



- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off and put fires out when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace or wood burning stove.



City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and again on November 28 and 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you have any road, water, or sewer emergency after-hours, please call 913-893-6231 to reach an on-call staff member. For other emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the events in November. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at 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 8 - Trivia Night for MCTF (21+ only)
White Tail Run Winery
- November 9 - Glendell Acres Park Ribbon Cutting
Glendell Acres Park, 310 W. Edgewood
- November 12 - Planning Commission Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- November 14- City Council Meeting
Edgerton City Hall
- November 15 - DIY Christmas Round Door Hanger
Community Hall
- November 20 - Senior Lunch & BINGO
Community Hall
- November 22 - Golden Oldies Music Bingo
Community Hall