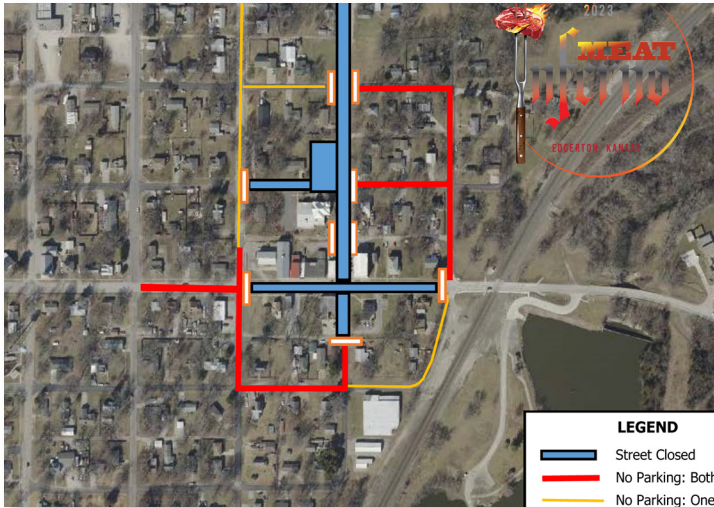


# NEWSLETTER

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A map of the Meat Inferno road closures and parking restrictions on October 6 & 7.

## Downtown Edgerton

### Meat Inferno Fires Up BBQ Teams, Local Competitors

The City of Edgerton welcomes back competitive barbeque teams for the 2nd annual Meat Inferno on October 6 & 7. This KCBS-sanctioned competition is sponsored by ColdPoint Logistics, TSL Companies and Assa Abloy.

Friday night is for the community as we bring in live alternative pop rock music from the band, Run With It. There will be food trucks from Flatlanders Pizza and 2Hot2Handle BBQ, adult beverages from Topsy Tavern, and a s'mores table for families to toast some marshmallows together. Kids ages 5-15 can grill up a burger for a chance to win a \$100 gift card during the Kids 'Q contest (grills and meat provided!) Spots are still available, but you must register in advance at [meatinferno.com](http://meatinferno.com). Stick around for a circus workshop and fire street performance.

On Saturday, the barbeque takes over as teams compete for their share of the \$10,000 purse. Local grill masters have a shot at a \$300 gift card in our Edgerton Steak Master contest. All you have to do is bring your grill downtown. Our friends at Price Chopper are supplying 12 oz. ribeyes for each participant. A few spots are still available. Register now at [meatinferno.com](http://meatinferno.com)!

During the event, streets will be closed in downtown Edgerton. Parking is limited on many of the surrounding streets as well. Please see the map to the left for details. If you have questions about the event, contact City Hall at 913-893-6231.

Competition barbeque is not available for the public, but we hope you'll enjoy some of the offerings from the food trucks.

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Who makes the best chili in Edgerton? Can anyone dethrone Phyllis Harris, our winner for the past 2 years?

We'll find out at the October Senior Lunch on Wednesday, October 18. We'll do a taste test and then vote for the winner before BINGO starts. Chili will be served at noon.

The winner will receive a special prize, including the trophy above!

Seniors who would like to participate in the cookoff should call Brittany at City Hall at 913.893.6231 by October 13th.

If you do not want to participate, you are still encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. A suggested monetary donation of \$5 is also welcome. All donations go to support the Edgerton Senior Committee.



## Community

### Edgerton Museum Celebrates 10 Years

In mid-2013, a group of local residents and Edgerton Historical Society members decided it was time for the community to have an official museum to tell the story of Edgerton. They requested to locate this new museum in the old Brassfield home which had been moved next door to City Hall in 2005. After more than two months of cleaning, organizing, and acquiring artifacts, the Edgerton Community Museum was ready to open. Fast-forward to October 2023 and the Edgerton Museum is about to celebrate its ten year anniversary of educating museum visitors and providing a place to gather and display historical artifacts and information pertinent to Edgerton's rich and interesting history.



The Edgerton Community Museum has had approximately 3,500 visitors from dozens of states and three foreign countries in the past decade. It has had two local news stories, and a portion of a national television documentary filmed in it. The museum has also provided family and genealogical information with hundreds of photos, news articles, magazines, artifacts, and many other sources of historical information. There are almost forty Edgerton Rural High School yearbooks (the 'Edgertonian') available to browse through. Permanent exhibits include Edgerton Rural High School, Edgerton's railroad history, the "In Cold Blood" story (as it has an Edgerton connection), a 1930's era pump organ, a tribute to Edgerton icon Ray Braun, military tributes, old photographs, information about Edgerton's four different newspapers, and an Edgerton, KS memories quilt.

The celebration of the Edgerton Community Museum's tenth anniversary will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2023, beginning at 11:00 am. There will be music, historical presentations and entertainment, crafts, local authors, dignitaries, speakers, classic cars, and a few surprises. In addition to refreshments inside City Hall, there will also be select artifacts normally too large to display at the museum in City Hall as well. The museum will be open during the celebration for people to visit, and there will be a special exhibit to celebrate this historic milestone. Commemorative t-shirts will be available for purchase. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this very special tenth anniversary celebration of the Edgerton Community Museum.

## City Finance

### 2024 Budget Approved

The Edgerton City Council approved the FY2024 budget during their meeting on September 14. The new budget slightly lowers the mill rate to an estimated 29.671 for the coming year while adding additional programs to help homeowners.

For the 2024 budget year, the City Council approved a new senior property tax rebate program that would allow qualified residents over age 65 to get back some or all of their City property taxes. Watch for details about this rebate program here and on the City's website in the months to come.

The City is also taking over a popular residential property beautification grant from ElevateEdgerton! This grant program previously offered homeowners up to \$500 in rebates for projects that improve the front exterior of their homes. Council will explore expansion options for the grant.

The new budget continues the City's primary focus on public safety, street maintenance and infrastructure. Major changes to the FY 2024 budget include a 10% increase in the policing contract with the Sheriff's Office and an estimated 20% increase in cyber security insurance premiums.

The FY2024 budget goes into effect on January 1.



## Community Development

### Logistics Park Kansas City Turns 10!

Ten years ago on October 1, 2013, the first BNSF train pulled into the Kansas City Intermodal Facility here in Edgerton. Since that momentous occasion, LPKC grew into one of the largest logistics and distribution facilities in the nation with more than 17 million square feet of development and roughly 5,000 direct jobs and 12,000 indirect jobs.

All that growth continues to positively impact Edgerton. The City of Edgerton has invested more than \$54 million in revenues from Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC) into many projects that better our community and significantly improve the quality of life for our citizens, including the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Railroad Quiet Zones, 2019 Residential Street Reconstruction, and the 207th Street Grade Separation just to name a few.

LPKC enabled Edgerton to add critical policing services with the addition of a power shift from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. The money generated by LPKC also allowed the City to add a code enforcement/animal control officer to help remediate blight and cut down on loose or stray animals in our City limits.

While there are challenges that arise from the speed of this development, the City continues to use the biennial Citizen Survey tool for residents to help prioritize future investments. Residents can look forward to the next survey hitting their mailboxes in early 2024.

"The years have flown by, but we're excited to begin this next phase for our community," says Mayor Roberts. "We've completed major projects that would have otherwise been impossible. There's more to come too, like The Greenspace which recently broke ground. Rest assured, the part of Edgerton that will never change is how our people come together. Our community, our neighbors are what make this a great place to live and raise our families. All of us. Together."



## FD #1: Cooking Safety



Cooking brings family and friends together. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries? By following these safety tips you can prevent these fires.

If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.

- Cook with caution. Be on alert and do not use the stove or stove top if you are sleepy or have been using alcohol.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food. Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove top.
- If you have a small (grease) cooking fire, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed!
- Call 9-1-1.



The Edgerton Frontier Days Association hosts the annual Halloween Party at Community Hall on Sunday, October 29. Come show off your costume, dance with the music, and enjoy some Hallo-weenies and bubbly pop.

Don't forget about the costume contest for all ages! No registration is required. The Halloween Party is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

## 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.

- October 6 & 7- Meat Inferno  
*Downtown Edgerton*
- **October 10- Planning Commission Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- **October 12 - City Council Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- October 13- Movie Night (rescheduled)  
*Edgerton Lake*
- October 14 - Flashlight Candy Hunt  
*Edgerton Lake*
- October 19 - Teen Detective  
*Community Hall*
- October 18- Senior Lunch & BINGO  
*Community Hall*
- **October 26 - City Council Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- October 29 - Frontier Days Halloween Party  
*Community Hall*