

# NEWSLETTER

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Kids and families gathered around the s'mores tables during the 2023 Meat Inferno.

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## Community Events

### Meat Inferno Takes Over Downtown Edgerton

The sweet scent of barbeque covers downtown Edgerton on October 4th and 5th. This is the third year for the Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned contest. Teams from all over the country and even Canada will try to cook the tastiest meat in the competition BBQ circuit during Meat Inferno. The total purse for the contest is \$10,000.

Friday night is community night. There will be a Kids 'Q for young grill masters ages 5-15, plus live music, and fire and circus street performances. Residents are invited to come down and enjoy a BBQ dinner cooked by one of the competition teams and grab some cold drinks. The dinner is \$15. Stay late to enjoy the free s'mores and hang around the fire pits. You might pick up some free grilling tips from the teams, too!

On Saturday, the competition heats up for the KCBS Masters Contest. Meanwhile, our backyard grillers will have a shot at a \$200 top prize if you can cook a great pork chop. We are still looking for a few additional grillers. All of the meat for Kids Q and the Pork Chop Challenge has been generously donated by Price Chopper. **To sign up or to learn more, go to [meatinferno.com](http://meatinferno.com)** or stop by City Hall.





## 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.

## Community

### Food Pantry Changes Location

The Edgerton Community Food Pantry is moving across the street to the Edgerton United Methodist Church at 300 East 4th Street.

The next distribution day, Saturday, October 19th, will be in the new location. Anyone who plans to be there should park on East 4th Street between East Hulett and Nelson, just south of the front door of the church, near the single glass door. Park on the west side of the street so volunteers can bring food to your vehicles. Food Pantry volunteers will not cross the street for safety reasons.

The normal distribution dates and times will remain the same: every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to Noon through the end of the year. No information is available yet for 2025.

Donations are still accepted at City Hall during normal business hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The food pantry is available to any family in USD 231 boundaries.

## DO NOT FLUSH:

- Baby wipes and diapers;
- Cotton swabs and dental floss;
- Sanitary products;
- Paper towels.



Other objects can clog up our sanitary sewer system, resulting in expensive repairs and really stinky problems for everyone!



## REMEMBER:

What goes down the drain matters. Only flush the 3 P's:

- Pee
- Poop
- (Toilet) Paper

## Public Works

### Crews Training for Snow Season

Edgerton Public Works crews are gearing up for winter. Crews train annually to be able to handle whatever Mother Nature throws at us. During October, our team tests their driving skills on an obstacle course, learn the plow routes, and conduct routine maintenance on the blades and trucks to make sure everything is ready for the upcoming winter season.

Edgerton plows over 43 lane miles using a combination of blades, salt and brine depending on the precipitation. As always, when the plows are running, please stay back and give our team room. If you have any questions about the City's snow operations, contact City Hall at 913-893-6231.



## Grant Award

### Edgerton Wins Grant for Safe Streets Planning

The City of Edgerton was recently awarded a \$220,000 federal grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for a new Safe Streets and Roads for All plan. The city is contributing \$10,000 in-kind and the Build Kansas Fund is supplying an additional \$45,000 in matching dollars for a total of \$275,000.

The project involves developing a comprehensive safety action plan, conducting an intersection safety audit and reviewing engagement from residents.

“Our goal is to create an inclusive plan that improves safety for all road users - from kids riding their bikes to truck drivers hauling goods on the supply chain. Without the matching Build Kansas Fund, we would not have been able to secure this federal grant,” said Mayor Donald Roberts.

Look for ways you can get involved in this project coming up in 2025!

# COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREATS!

Edgerton Elementary PTO  
**Tuesday, October 29 | 6pm-7pm**  
Front Parking Lot at Edgerton Elementary

Anyone willing to decorate a trunk or donate a bag of candy, please contact Brittney at 856-3500



Frontier Days Association & New City Church  
**Thursday, October 31 | 5:30-7:30pm**  
New City Church Parking Lot

Food (hot dogs and chili)  
Trunks (anyone can come do a trunk)  
Costume contest at 7pm | Music

## From FD#1: October is Fire Prevention Month



October is fire prevention month. Do you know what to do in case of a fire? Gather the whole family and find the answers to these very important smoke alarm safety questions.

Is there at least one smoke alarm inside each bedroom? Outside all sleeping areas? On every level of your house, including the basement? Make sure to test all the smoke alarms in your home at least once a month!

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

- Make a Home Fire Escape Plan and practice it!
- Draw a map of your house and show all windows and doors.
- Visit each room and find two ways out. Check doors and windows to make sure they open easily.
- Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Make sure the house number can be seen from the street!
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in your household. Do it during the day and at night.



## The Greenspace Update

Crews are adding plants and finishing up the exterior components of the building and Lawn before the cold weather hits. Inside finishes like tile and flooring will be laid over the coming weeks. The construction schedule remains on track and on budget.

The building is on track to open to the public in early 2025.

## Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the 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 4-5 - Meat Inferno  
*Downtown Edgerton*
- **October 8 - Planning Commission Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- **October 10- City Council Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- October 16 - Senior Lunch & BINGO  
*Community Hall*
- October 22 - Royal Iced Candy Corn Cookie  
*Community Hall*
- **October 24 - City Council Meeting**  
*Edgerton City Hall*
- October 28 - Jack-o-Lantern Showcase  
*Submissions due*