

NEWSLETTER

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One of the Kids 'Q contestants makes a burger during the 2025 Meat Inferno event.

Meat Inferno Brings the Heat in Downtown Edgerton

Fire up your appetite! Meat Inferno returns to Downtown Edgerton September 11–12 for a weekend of BBQ, live music, family fun and plenty of competition.

This Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned event brings BBQ teams from around the region to compete for the title of Meat Inferno Grand Champion.

Friday night is for the community. Come enjoy a barbeque dinner from Genuswine Brisket Authority (GBA), live music, the Kids 'Q competition and a fire and LED show. The fun starts at 5 p.m. Drinks will be available for purchase from Topsy Tavern and families can make s'mores on the street. For the complete schedule, contest information and registration details, visit MeatInferno.com.

On Saturday, local grill masters will test out their burger skills in our Backyard Burger Contest. Competition BBQ teams will also be cooking up their chicken, ribs, pork and brisket entries. There is no food or additional entertainment on Saturday.

Road Closures and Parking Restrictions

Parking in neighborhoods around the event will be limited beginning Thursday, September 10. Road closures begin on Friday, September 11. Both Nelson and E 4th streets will be closed to traffic all day Friday and should reopen late Saturday afternoon.

Questions about the event? Call The Greenspace at 913-893-6801.

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Important Contact Information

EMERGENCY.....911

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

City Hall.....913-893-6231
Animal Control
Public Works
Municipal Court
Planning and Zoning

The Greenspace.....913-893-6801

JCCFD #1.....913-764-7635

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

Eco-Waste Solutions.....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.



Edgerton Food Pantry

Donation Drive Scheduled for 913 Day

The Edgerton Community Food Pantry is hosting a food donation drive on Sunday, September 13 at New City Church here in Edgerton. The pantry has partnered with local radio station Life 88.5 to collect a goal of 913 pounds of food that will help families in the area.

Donation bins are also available at The Greenspace and City Hall during normal business hours.

The Edgerton Food Pantry is available to all families in the USD 231 district. September's food distribution will be on Saturday, September 19 at New City Church from 10am-12pm.



913 Day

SEPTEMBER 13



COLLECTION SITE

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NEW CITY church

517 W. 199th St.
Edgerton, KS 66021

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

♥ THE GOAL FOR THIS COLLECTION SITE ON 913 DAY IS AT LEAST

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913
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POUNDS OF FOOD!

ALL FOOD COLLECTED WILL
BENEFIT THE



COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY

SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLY IN LOVE
• GALATIANS 5:13

ONE DAY. ONE PURPOSE. TOGETHER. ♥

MORE AT LIFE885.COM

Courtesy: Edgerton Food Pantry

Code Enforcement

Be A Good Neighbor: Clean-up After Pets

Taking a few seconds to clean up after your pet helps keep our sidewalks, parks and neighborhoods clean and enjoyable for everyone. Pet waste can carry bacteria and parasites, create unpleasant odors, and wash into storm drains when it rains.

Please also remember to keep your pet on a leash. Leashes help keep pets safe, prevent them from approaching other people or animals, and make walks more enjoyable for everyone.

Whether you're walking around the neighborhood or visiting a City park, please bring a bag and pick up after your pet. Tie the bag securely and place it in a trash can. The City offers bags and pet waste disposal bins in every park and in downtown.

Community Interest: Data Center Citizen Petition Update

Johnson County District Court has scheduled a hearing on the citizen-led petition for September 3. The City is asking the court for a declaratory judgment on whether the petition is legally eligible to proceed. Only legislative petitions are legally allowed to either be adopted by the City Council or put up to a vote of the Citizens. We will continue to update the community on this case as it develops.

The City created a "Frequently Asked Questions" at edgertonks.org to help interested residents understand more about the City's concerns related to this petition and why Council asked for a judge to weigh in on the petition.

In the meantime, City Council has directed staff to bring in outside firms to help us learn more about the community's specific concerns and update our Unified Development Codes to create additional regulations for emerging industries, including data centers, battery storage facilities, and more. This plan is designed to provide extra transparency as we move through the code update process.

Edgerton History

Edgepert: The Battle of Bull Creek

By: Charlie Troutner, Curator
Edgerton Community Museum

Did you know about the pre-Civil War "Battle of Bull Creek" near Edgerton?

The so-called "Battle of Big Bull Creek" took place approximately two miles northeast of what later became present-day Edgerton, Kansas. On September 1, 1856, a free-state militia, led by James Henry Lane, formerly from Indiana, had an armed standoff against the pro-slavery forces (primarily from Missouri). The pro-slavery forces were led by former senator David R. Atchison.

On the day of the "battle", the pro-slavery forces were lined up on the east side of Big Bull Creek, and Lane's free-state forces were on the west side. There were over 1,600 men on the pro-slavery side, and just about 400 hundred men on the free-state side. Lane marched his troops around in a circle over the hill, so the "bushwhackers" from Missouri, believing that a huge army was about to attack, hastily retreated back to Westport, MO. When all was said and done, no shots had been fired, there was no bloodshed, and there were no casualties on either side. But the "Battle of Bull Creek" was still considered a decisive battle. Never again in the pre-Civil War days would a large force enter Kansas from Missouri, and never again would the pro-slavery forces have any control over Kansas politics.

One of the men in James Lane's free state group at the Battle of Bull Creek was then nineteen-year-old James Butler Hickok, who later was nicknamed "Billy the Kid"

Two years later, a town named in James Lane's honor - Lanesfield - was established. But the town's existence was short-lived, as in 1870, the railroad was built in the area, and the town of "Martinsburgh", (as the land was owned by Judge David Martin), was established. One year later, in 1871, it was renamed Edgerton, in honor of the railroad engineer who determined the location of where the railroad tracks would be.

From JCCFD#1: E-cigarette Fire Safety

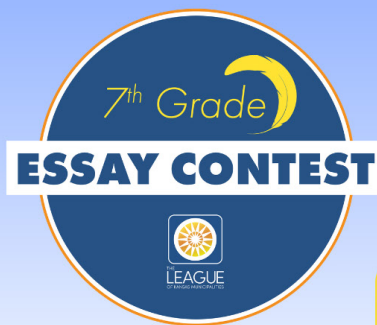
Fires with electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) can happen while they are being used, charged or transported. Battery failures can lead to small explosions. Use e-cigarettes with caution and follow these safety tips.

For more information about e-cigarette safety, visit www.fda.gov/tobacco-products.

Questions? Contact Johnson County Consolidated Fire District #1 at 913-764-7635.



- Do not charge your e-cigarette with a phone or tablet charger.
- Replace the batteries if they get wet or damaged.
- Do not charge your e-cigarette overnight.
- Protect your e-cigarette from extreme temperatures.
- Store loose batteries for your e-cigarette in a case. Keep them away from metal objects.



Answer the Question:

"If I were a City leader..." what would you change?

Who: All Kansas students enrolled in 7th Grade

What: Each student may submit one essay, aim for 500 words

When: Essays accepted until March 5, 2027

Where: Submit essays at lkm.org/essaycontest



5 Regional Winners receive a \$125 Visa gift card

1 State Winner receives a \$250 Visa gift card

Teachers of winning students receive \$50 Amazon gift card

September Events

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival. Meetings start at 7pm.

Want to get meeting agendas, parks and recreation info, or other City announcements emailed directly to you? Sign up at edgertonks.org or by calling City Hall at 913-893-6231.

There are a lot more activities happening from Edgerton Parks and Recreation. Find out more at edgertonks.org/parks-and-recreation.

- **September 2** - September Mah Jongg Wednesdays
The Greenspace
- **September 8 - Planning Commission Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **September 10 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **September 12: Cops 'n Bobbers**
Edgerton City Lake
- **September 16** - Senior Lunch & BINGO
The Greenspace
- **September 24 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **September 25** - Outdoor Movie Night and Stargazing
The Greenspace Lawn