



## Are you an Edgepert?



Each month we'll share interesting and fun facts about Edgerton. If you have a surprising fact to share about living in Edgerton or about the City's history, submit it to [aclower@edgertonks.org](mailto:aclower@edgertonks.org) and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

**Question:**  
*How did the community of Edgerton come to be?*

Answer on back.



### Street Reconstruction Project Finished

After only three months of construction, crews have finished the street reconstruction project in the southwestern part of our fair city!

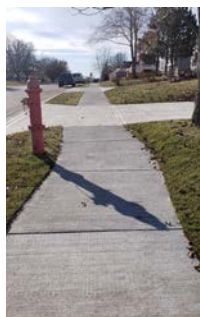
The project included ripping out the old roads, fixing the stormwater drainage issues, and replacing the failing base. Crews then repaved the streets and added new sidewalks to improve neighborhood walkability.

The workers finished with sod on Thursday, November 21. They will come back in the spring to make sure the new sod has taken hold.

We are still waiting for Everygy to erect light poles that were taken down. The company has assured City Staff that we are on the schedule.

The project also included one change order. The large trucks involved damaged nearby roads, so we milled and repaved those streets, including Edgewood and parts of West 4th and West 7th streets.

The City fulfilled its promise to residents to have the entire project finished before the end of the year. We appreciate everyone's patience for the duration.



### Project Stats



18,000 sq. yards of asphalt



10,500 linear feet of curbing



20,000+ manhours



\$3.3 million total budget

3,500 feet of sidewalk



2.6 total lane miles



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Monday, Dec 2

Youth Cooking Class – Holiday Baking  
Monday, Dec 9

Movie Night at City Hall-Elf  
Friday, Dec 13

Union Station Tour and Show at Coterie  
Thursday, Dec 19

Senior Lunch - Ham Dinner  
Wednesday, Dec 18

Junior Engineers Camp  
Monday, Dec 30

**Important Upcoming Dates:**  
Planning Commission-CANCELED:  
Tuesday, Dec 10

City Council Meeting:  
Thursday, Dec 12

City Hall Closed:  
Dec 24-25, Jan. 1

## Edgerton Seeks New Planning Commissioner

Do you want to help your community grow? Have an interest in future development? The City of Edgerton needs you!

The Edgerton Planning Commission is responsible for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and evaluating site plans and plats to preserve property values, public health, safety and welfare and the peaceful enjoyment of property

The Edgerton Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

If you'd like to volunteer as a planning commissioner, please send an email to Mayor Donald Roberts at [mayor@edgertonks.org](mailto:mayor@edgertonks.org) with your name, address and a short letter describing why you want to get involved.

## Citizen Survey Arrives in 2020

It's almost that time again! We want to find out what's important to you. What are we doing well? What needs improvement? The City has contracted with ETC Institute to survey every home in Edgerton.

The survey asks for your opinions about everything from streets and parks and recreation to policing and customer service. The results are used by the Mayor and City Council to prioritize projects and funding for the coming years.

The surveys should be arriving in your mailbox just after the first of the year.

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Food Pantry is open to all residents within the Gardner-Edgerton School District #231. The pantry is open on the third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The pantry is in the building to the north, across the street from the Methodist Church. They will be giving out Christmas dinners of ham and side dishes in December.

## Holiday Trip: Union Station Tour and Coterie Theater Show

**Thursday, December 19 • 11:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. • \$30/ea.**

The Edgerton Parks and Recreation Department will take a van up to Union Station so we can see the beautiful Christmas decorations. Then it'll be time for lunch before we head over to the Coterie Theater to see A Charlie Brown Christmas. The animated classic comes to life on stage with a live jazz trio playing all the music. Tickets are \$30 each and include transportation. Bring money for lunch. Call City Hall at 913.893.6231 to sign up today!



**“The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing out loud for all to hear!”**

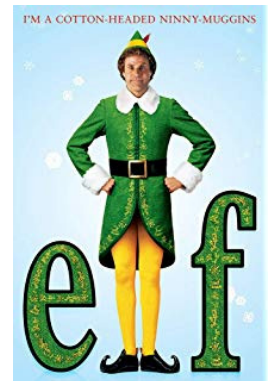


-Buddy, the Elf

## Family Movie Night at Community Hall

**Friday, December 13 • Doors open at 6:30 p.m. • \$5/person • All ages welcome**

If you've ever wanted to pass through the seven levels of the candy cane forest, through the sea of swirly-twirly gum drops and then walk the Lincoln Tunnel, then this movie night is for you! Bring the whole family to Edgerton Community Hall for a showing of "Elf" starring Will Ferrell. Dress in your comfy clothes and bring pillows and blankets as we settle in for a cozy evening. Tickets are \$5 per person and include snacks.



## Junior Engineers Camp

**Monday, December 30 • 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. • Ages 7-12 • Cost is \$40 each • Registration is required**



Young engineers will have lots to talk about after a full day of building and testing structures out of lots of different materials!

They will check out pyramids, arches, inflatable beams, and build bridges and sky scrapers. In between, children will have fun playing games and puzzles with shapes and structures. Sign up today!



## Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Party

Celebrate the start of the holiday season by joining Mayor Roberts at the Downtown Greenspace on December 6th as he flips the switch on the Mayor's Christmas Tree. Students in the Edgerton Elementary School Choir will perform. Then everyone is welcome at Community Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. Santa will be there at 7:00 p.m. and the kids can tell him what they want for Christmas. This annual Edgerton holiday tradition is sure to put you in a jolly spirit!

## Letters to Santa

The Edgerton Post Office is helping out Santa this year! During business hours, letters to Santa can be dropped off inside at the green mailbox. After business hours, please slide your letters under the glass door and they'll take care of the rest. All letters must be received by December 20 to ensure that each child receives a response. Don't forget to put your address on the letter so that Santa can write back!

## Holiday Trash Collection

Did you know? Between December 26–31, you can put out up to 10 bags of trash without buying additional trash stickers. Edgerton's normal garbage collection day is Wednesday. Because both Christmas and New Year's Day are on Wednesday this year, pick-up will be delayed to Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2.

## From Your Friends at JoCo FD #1: Christmas Tree Fire Safety

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. When you're picking out a real tree, choose one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Make sure you cut off 2 inches from the base of the trunk before you put it in the stand. Don't forget to make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily. When it comes to decorations, use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.



Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. And always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas is over, it's time to get rid of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Edgerton allows you to drop off any old Christmas trees in the brush pile at the Public Works Department on Nelson Road.

## Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

Do you know someone in need this holiday season? The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund helps the people who may not have the financial means or resources to make it through the holidays. Mayor Roberts visits families, delivering meals and gift cards in the days before Christmas. Your support is needed. Stop by City Hall or fill out and return the form below to help us spread holiday cheer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to:  
City of Edgerton  
Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund  
PO Box 255  
Edgerton, KS 66021

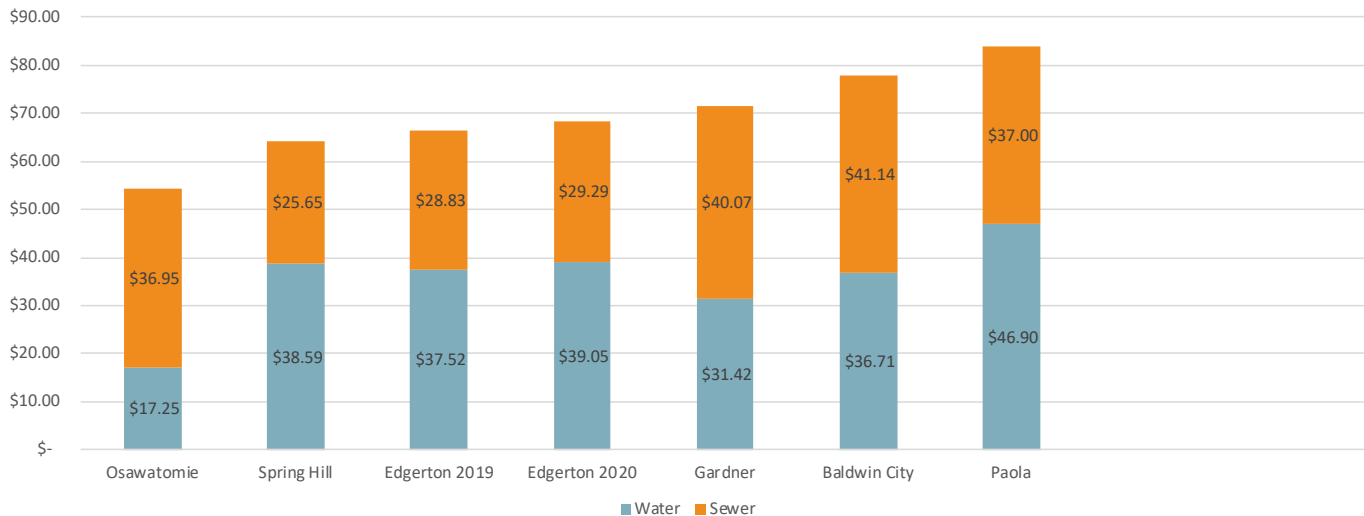
Questions? Please call City Hall  
at 913.893.6231 or email Mayor  
Donald Roberts at  
[mayor@edgertonks.org](mailto:mayor@edgertonks.org)

## Utility Rates in 2020

We're just a month away from 2020 and this new year will mean rate changes for Edgerton utilities customers. These rate adjustments are necessary to account for inflation and maintenance costs. For most residential customers, bills will increase slightly in 2020.

The average household uses approximately 3,000 gallons of water per month. In 2019, the typical bill totaled \$37.52. In 2020, the cost will increase to \$39.05. The typical sewer bill will also climb slightly, from an average \$28.83 per month to \$29.29 per month in 2020.

Edgerton customers continue to pay less for utilities than some of our neighboring communities, like Gardner, Baldwin City and Paola. The City is committed to making sure our customers receive the highest possible service for their hard-earned tax dollars.



### Water Rates

| Water volumetric charge per 1,000 gal. | 2019 Rates | 2020 Rates | Difference |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1-2,000 gallons                        | \$4.12     | \$4.29     | \$0.17     |
| 2,000-10,000 gallons                   | \$9.26     | \$9.64     | \$0.38     |
| 10,001 +                               | \$12.78    | \$13.30    | \$0.52     |

| Water service charge inside city limits | 2019 Rates | 2020 Rates | Difference |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 5/8" meter                              | \$20.02    | \$20.83    | \$0.81     |

### Sewer Rates

|                                | 2019 Rates | 2020 Rates | Difference |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sewer charge per 1,000 gallons | \$7.46     | \$7.58     | \$0.12     |
| Monthly charge                 | \$6.45     | \$6.55     | \$0.10     |

If you have any questions about your water bill, you can call City Hall at 913.893.6231 during normal business hours.

## A: Edgepert Answer

The history of the abandoned towns of McCamish and Lanesfield is closely tied to the history of Edgerton. By 1858, the population of the pro-slavery town of McCamish grew to about fifty residents. McCamish was situated on Bull Creek, about two miles northeast of what would later become Edgerton. In 1858, a rival free-state town of Lanesfield was laid out across the creek from McCamish and was named Lanesfield, for the prominent abolitionist, General James H. Lane.

When the railroad was built from Olathe to Ottawa in 1869-70, the entire town of Lanesfield, with a population of nearly 100, with its' homes, stores and churches, moved to Edgerton in order to secure the advantages of the railroad. By 1872, most of the town of Lanesfield had been moved to Edgerton. The town of McCamish dwindled and died out when the railroad went through Edgerton.

The town of Edgerton developed when the Kansas City and Santa Fe was constructed from Olathe to Ottawa. Because of the economic advantages of being a railroad town, Edgerton attracted residents from the towns of Lanesfield, Four Corners(Mt. Pleasant), and just a handful from McCamish. Edgerton was named after railroad official B.H. Edgerton, who designed the tracks to come through this town. On July 14, 1871, a United States Post Office was established by the name of "Edgerton".

For more information on the history of Edgerton, and its' residents, please visit the "People of Edgerton" exhibit currently on display at the Edgerton Community Museum.