



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 and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Did you know that Edgerton used to have its own high school?

Answer on back.

Save the Date: Mayor's State of the City

Thursday, February 21 • 6:00 p.m. • City Hall

This is a free event and all residents are welcome to attend!

On February 21, Mayor Donald Roberts will deliver the fifth annual Edgerton State of the City address at 6 p.m. at City Hall. This event will outline the progress we have made in the last year along with a preview of what's ahead in 2019. Light refreshments will be provided.



City to Begin Smoke Testing in February

Beginning in February the City of Edgerton Utilities Department will be performing smoke testing on sanitary sewer lines in the city to identify locations where clean storm or ground water is penetrating the city's sanitary sewer system.

There are two ways that storm water can enter into the city's sanitary sewer system negatively impacting its ability to transport water to be treated by the city's wastewater treatment facilities. The intrusion of ground water into the sanitary system is known as **Infiltration**. Unfortunately, some of Edgerton's sanitary sewer infrastructure is aging, and as it gets older cracks and loose joints can form in the underground pipes, particularly older pipes made of clay tile. As such, clean water enters into the system through these cracks or loose joints impacting the capacity of the pipe to transport water to be treated at the wastewater treatment facilities and unnecessarily treating storm water. The other way of intrusion is called **Inflow**. Inflow is allowing storm or ground water to enter the sanitary sewer system by sump pumps and drains etc. Most of these connections are considered illegal connections. Together these impacts on the sanitary sewer system as "**I & I**" (**Inflow and Infiltration**). *Continued on Page 2.*

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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Youth Art Classes: **Monday, February 4 & Monday, February 11**

Wall Organizer Class: **Friday, February 15**

Senior Lunch & BINGO – Meatloaf: **Wednesday, February 20**

Spring Break Activity Cops N' Bobbers Tackle Loaner: **March 11-15**

Youth Cooking Class: **Wednesday, March 20**

Important Dates:

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, February 14**

Mayor's State of the City: **Thursday, February 21**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, February 28**

City to Begin Smoke Testing in February

Continued from Page 1. Smoke testing can aid in identifying sources of inflow and locations of infiltration in the City's sanitary sewer lines. Smoke testing is performed by blowing smoke mixed with large volumes of air into the sanitary sewer line through nearby manholes. This smoke will rise through the ground near cracks or breaks in public main lines and private lateral lines. This testing can also find illegal connections to the system by smoke coming out drain lines and vents.

The **smoke is non-toxic, does not leave stains or residues and is of low odor.** Residents should be advised that during the testing smoke can enter their home through their sewer line, but it is not dangerous and will dissipate.

Staff has identified targeted areas of concern and anticipate testing will begin in February. Advance notification will be provided to affected residents through door hangers and NotifyJoCo. The areas affected will be:

- Morgan Street (US-56) to Nelson Street Between West 8th and East 5th Streets.
- Nelson Street to McDonald Street between West 4th and East 5th Streets.

Please call City Hall at 913.893.6231 if you have any questions.



Assistance to Furloughed Federal Employees

In the wake of the ongoing federal government shutdown that started on December 22, there are several ways that families of federal employees can seek relief or assistance as they await the outcome of the shutdown. At the January 24 City Council Meeting, the Council directed Edgerton staff to allow for a series of exemptions to the City's utility billing ordinance. As such, as of Thursday, January 24, 2019 the following exemptions to the utility code will apply to all utility customers who can prove through identification that they are current federal government employees working in an affected federal agency:

- All late fees associated with utility bill payments will be waived
- Standard disconnection protocols will be suspended during the "shutdown" and for thirty (30) days following the end of the "shutdown"
- Allow for payment plans to be established for up to three months after the end of the "shutdown."
- This exemption will end thirty (30) days following the end of the federal government shutdown that began on December 22, 2018

Furthermore, there are a couple of other agencies in the Edgerton area that can provide assistance to furloughed workers:

- The food pantry that covers the USD 231 (Gardner Edgerton School District) boundaries can be reached at 913.488.7050
- Kansas City Power & Light is offering flexible payment plans for furloughed workers. To find out more information contact the Customer Care Center at 816.471.5275 or 888.471.5275

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 across from the Methodist Church.

Edgerton Ball Fields Reopening

The ball fields at Martin Creek Park will reopen on March 1. To reserve the fields, please stop by City Hall to fill out a form or call our Parks and Recreation Coordinator at 913.893.6231.



New Look for Online Bill Paying

The next time you log into our electronic payment service, notice the newly designed website. Here is what to expect:

- Great new look
- Handy FAQs
- Mobile friendly
- More options
- Easier navigation
- New messaging
- Supports most web browsers
- Faster



The payment process remains the same. If you have used the website before, all of your information is still available. If you have not paid electronically before, please do so; it helps save resources—no more paper checks, no more envelopes and your payment will post the same day the payment is made!

Link to Pay My Bill: <https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com/Login.aspx?acc=rt20281>

Two other methods to pay 24/7/365:

- Download the MOBILE APP (PSN Payments) for smart phone and tablet users (Mobile app can be picked up at Google Play or the Apple Store. Charges may apply.)
- PHONE at 877.885.7968 (24/7)

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new look!



Save the Date: Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, March 30 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
305 E Nelson, Downtown Edgerton

Help keep your pets happy, healthy and safe with a low-cost rabies vaccination and a City pet license at the annual Edgerton low-cost vaccine clinic. The clinic is for both dogs and cats over six months of age. All animals must be registered with the City by March 31 to avoid penalty.

Costs for the Annual Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic are as follows:

- Rabies Vaccine \$10
- Distemper \$15
- Microchip \$15

Please call Charlie Lydon, Code Enforcement Officer at 913.893.6231 with any questions.



Annual Pet License

License Year: January 1 through December 31

Every dog and cat over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a City pet license. City pet licenses are valid January 1 – December 31. Please register your pet at City Hall. **All animals must be registered by March 31st to avoid penalty.**

Annual Registration:

- Neutered/Spayed dog or cat: \$5
- Unneutered/Non-spayed dog or cat: \$25
- Seniors (Age 60 and over) with neutered/spayed dog or cat: No charge
- Registration fee for keeping chickens: \$50
- Breeder fee: \$500.00

Please fill out form below and either mail in with payment and proof of rabies vaccination or bring in to City Hall with proof of rabies vaccination. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Animal Control: Charlie Lydon at 913.893.6231.

404 East Nelson
PO Box 255
Edgerton, KS 66021

A late fee of \$25 will be applied after March 31, 2019.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PET INFORMATION • Current rabies certificate required to register.

Dog/Cat	Pet's Name	Sex	Spay/Neutered	Breed	Color	Fee	Vet Clinic

A: Edgepert Answer

Edgerton Rural High School opened in 1920 and graduated its final class in May of 1966. The high school building was located where the current eastern wing of Edgerton Elementary School is today. Edgerton High School's colors were orange and black and its mascot was the "Panthers". The school had an average four-year total enrollment of around fifty students and the average graduating classes had six to twelve students. The largest graduating class consisted of nineteen students while the smallest graduating class was one student—and this happened two times! Edgerton High School participated in most major sports including baseball, six-man football, softball and track, as well as typing and debate competitions.

Edgerton High School played a very prominent and significant role in the community. Residents attended high school sporting events, concerts, plays and parades

and even received copies of the school newspaper, the "Orange and Black", to keep up on what was happening at the school. Edgerton High School gave this community an identity and brought townspeople closer together. Everyone was very proud of the high school and its students.

Sadly, after the Class of 1966's graduation, the decision was made to close the school and merge with Gardner. In the fall of 1966, Edgerton students of high school age began attending high school in Gardner. The old Edgerton High School building was torn down in 1970 and a new kindergarten wing for the elementary school was built, opening in August of 1972. The Edgerton Rural High School Alumni Association still has an annual alumni dinner in June to bring former students together to share memories of our wonderful high school.