



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:

Do you know the history of Edgerton City Lake?

Answer on back.

Mayor Roberts Delivers State of the City

A new bridge over the 207th Street railroad crossing, renovations to Glendell Acres Park and a new walking trail along Highway 56 are just a few of the notable projects coming to Edgerton in 2020, Mayor Donald Roberts said during his annual State of the City speech on February 20.

"When we started giving these annual updates, we talked mostly about the new developments at LPKC, now we're able to do so much more. There's a lot we have on our plate this year," Roberts said.

The Mayor celebrated some of the achievements of 2019, including the street reconstruction project which took just over three months to complete, and the opening of Hostess Brands new distribution center and Kubota's new North American Distribution Center.



"For a small town, we're doing big things," Roberts said. "Our home values are climbing because people recognize what an amazing community we have here. Unlike the larger cities in the metro, Edgerton has both heart and an economic engine unlike anywhere else."

Edgerton continues to work on attracting new housing developers, Roberts said. "We're focused on bringing in starter or second homes, homes affordable for young families and our seniors," says Roberts. "We want to make sure that the people that work in Edgerton can afford to live in Edgerton."

Roberts closed out the speech highlighting some of the awards that the City has won, including a recently announced Capstone Award in Infrastructure from the Kansas City Business Journal for the 207th Street and Homestead Lane paving project.

You can watch the full State of the City on Edgerton's Facebook page.

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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Youth Art Class — Floam & Slimes:
Monday, March 2

Youth Cooking Class — Chicken, Broccoli & Potatoes:
Monday, March 9

Card Sharks:
Friday, March 13

Spring Break Activities:
Monday, March 16-
Friday, March 20

Senior Lunch & BINGO — Corned Bread & Cabbage:
Wednesday, March 18

Low-Cost Animal Vaccine Clinic:
Saturday, March 21

Knitting Class:
Tuesday, March 31

Important Upcoming Meetings:
Planning Commission Meeting:
Tuesday, March 10

City Council Meeting:
Thursday, March 12

City Council Meeting:
Thursday, March 26





THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

EDGERTON TOWN HALL

EDGERTON CITY HALL
404 EAST NELSON, EDGERTON, KS
TALK ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES IN YOUR
COMMUNITY AND HELP FOSTER SOLUTIONS



JCSO: Tips for Protecting Against Mail Theft

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has recently seen an increase of mail thefts and/or attempted mail thefts in Johnson County. To avoid becoming a victim, here are some tips for preventing mail theft to keep in mind:



- **Retrieve your mail from your mailbox as soon as you can after you get home from work.** The mail thefts have been occurring in the early morning hours, between 3 and 5:30 a.m., so simply removing your mail before it gets dark could go a long way to preventing theft. Call your post office and see when mail is typically dropped off in your area.
- **Consider purchasing a locking mailbox.** You can find locking mailboxes online or at hardware stores such as Home Depot and Lowes.
- **Sign up for the USPS's Informed Delivery service to receive digital previews of your incoming mail and manage package schedules.** Visit InformedDelivery.usps.com for details and to sign up.

If you experience a theft or observe and suspicious activity, please call our non-emergency dispatch number at 913-782-0720. If you experience a mail theft, you may also report it to the Postal Inspector by calling 816-502-0400.

Free Tax Help Available

It's income tax season and if you need help, Johnson County residents have access to two free resources.

K-State's Research and Extension Office is partnering with El Centro and NextStepKC to host the volunteer Income Tax Assistance site at the Sunset Drive Office Building in Olathe. Call 913-715-7000 for more information.

You can also receive assistance with the forms by going to the Central Resource Library in Overland Park. Middle and low-income citizens should make an appointment by calling the library.

Volunteers Needed

The City of Edgerton is always looking for volunteers. Disability assistance, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Snow Angels, and parks clean-up are just some of the ways you can get involved. We are also looking for volunteers to help with upcoming community events.

If you have a unique skill set, our Parks and Recreation Department is in search of new instructors to offer classes for residents. We need people who want to share their knowledge with others! Please contact Maddie Becker at mbecker@edgertonks.org to get involved.

You can also volunteer to serve on various boards that help guide the City into the future. Please contact City Hall at 913.893.6231 if you want to volunteer in any capacity.

Annual Low-Cost Animal Vaccine Clinic Set for March 21

The City of Edgerton will host the annual low-cost animal vaccine clinic at City Hall on March 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You can also pick up your annual City pet license during the clinic.

Dogs and cats can receive a rabies vaccine for \$10. A distemper vaccine is \$15. The cost to microchip your pet is \$20. Pet licenses are \$5 each for spayed and neutered dogs and cats. Registration is free for those age 60 and older. Non-spayed or unneutered animals can be registered with the City for \$25.

“Registering your pets with the City helps Animal Control quickly identify your pet and get them back home safely. Registration requires a current rabies vaccination,” says Animal Control Officer Charlie Lydon. “Vaccinating your pets for rabies not only protects them from a fatal and preventable disease, it also helps ensure public safety because rabies is transmittable to humans.”

All animals six months of age or older must be registered by March 31 to avoid a \$25 penalty. The registration form is on the back of this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the clinic, please contact Charlie Lydon at 913.893.6231.



Bus Service to Edgerton/LPKC: Make Your Voice Heard

Johnson County is considering eliminating bus service to Logistics Park Kansas City. The proposal only eliminates service to Edgerton. Buses will continue to run from Gardner to downtown Kansas City with five roundtrips per day.

The County is taking public comments on the proposal for the next month. The City of Edgerton is encouraging residents to voice their opinions about the changes.

You can either attend a public input session at one of six open houses to be held March 2-6 or by going to www.jocogov.org and searching for Transit Public Comment.

The closest transit open house to Edgerton will be held on March 6 at the Gardner branch of the Johnson County library at 137 E Shawnee Street from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Community Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Edgerton Community Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Martin Creek Park.

The Easter Bunny will be taking pictures with the families and kids can enjoy the bounce houses and face painter.

Starting at 10:30, the hunt begins! Children ages 10 and under will have a chance to scour the fields for Easter Eggs. They'll have to keep an eye out for the special eggs to win a prize. We would love to see you there!



Every dog and cat over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a City pet license. **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 (60+) with neutered/spayed dog or cat: FREE
- Registration fee for chickens: \$50
- Breeder fee: \$500

A late fee of \$25 will be applied after March 31, 2020.

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

404 East Nelson
P.O. Box 255
Edgerton, KS 66021

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

PET INFORMATION • MUST HAVE CURRENT PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION

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

A: Edgepert Answer



The city lake, originally known as "Santa Fe Lake", was created by the Santa Fe Railroad in October of 1892 to provide water for passing trains on the tracks just west of the lake. The dam at the north end of the lake even today is referred to as "Santa Fe Lake Waterfall" by one Kansas tourism site.

The lake has been a big part of the Edgerton landscape and it's history for many years. It has served as a gathering place for many community functions. In the early 1980's some shelter houses, bathrooms, and a small bridge were built at the lake. The lake has appeared in two motion pictures: "In Cold Blood" in 1967, and "Kansas" in 1987. In 1993, the old city jail, dating back to 1902, was placed on a rise at the lake towards the southern end of the lake property. The jail cage had been acquired by longtime

Edgerton resident Ray Braun, and given to the city. For many years, the Edgerton water treatment plant was located at the lake, at the southwest end of the lake property.

The lake also has been a part of many Edgerton Frontier Days celebrations... in years past, canoe races and other events during the celebration were held at the lake, including the carnival on a couple of occasions. Every year the Johnson County Sheriff's Office holds its' annual "Cops and Bobbers" event at the lake, giving children the opportunity to fish and compete for prizes. The lake also serves as a location for residents to gather to view the annual "Third of July" fireworks show.

Yes, the Edgerton City Lake has served many purposes in its many years of existence, in addition to serving the railroad so many decades ago. Even today, Edgerton Lake provides fishing, family gathering and picnic spots, walking trails, and its' surrounding natural beauty for visitors to enjoy!