

Edgerton Food Pantry

The Edgerton Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of those utilizing our program. We have consistently given bags to 35 patrons in recent months and expect an increase with the upcoming holiday season. We would like to give hams in December for the holidays, but any support you can give to the pantry is greatly appreciated. We are in greatest need for canned fruit, canned meat, canned beans, hot dogs and one-pound packages of hamburger, but any non-perishables or monetary donations are welcome!

Thank you from the Food Pantry Team! Contact Cheri Magee at 913.893.6596 with questions regarding times for drop off at the Food Pantry.

Non-Perishable Items to Drop Off at City Hall

- Boxed hamburger helper
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Canned beans
- Boxed rice



Photo of lake taken by
Emaleigh Michael, age 17

A: Edgepert Answer

The small two-story house that is now the museum was once located at 315 East Martin Street just south of the Edgerton Bank of Knowledge. The house was the childhood home of current and lifelong Edgerton resident, Mrs. Donna Bratton (Brassfield). Donna, her parents and her brother lived in the house which was purchased by the family in the 1940s. It is considered to be a “shotgun” style house built in the early 1900s.

In 2004, Donna Bratton donated the house to the City of Edgerton with the only condition being that Mrs. Bratton wanted the house moved to another location. On Saturday, October 28, 2005, Valley Moving Company of Wamego, KS, moved the house approximately one block to the northeast to a previously vacant lot owned by the City of Edgerton, free of charge.

In 2006, inmates from the Lansing Correctional Facility who were part of a work release program made upgrades to the building including new sheet rock, a handicap

accessible ramp, steps to the front porch and painting the exterior of the building. The building was used for storage by the City for several years and also housed the community food pantry for a period of time.

The Edgerton Historical Society opened the building to the public as the Edgerton Community Museum on October 19, 2013, just a few days after Logistics Park Kansas City opened. The house still serves as the Edgerton Museum and is currently undergoing extensive renovations to help preserve it for many years to come. Mrs. Donna Bratton’s gracious gift to the City of Edgerton several years ago will forever be appreciated and cherished!

****November Edgepert Correction:** In the “Edgepert” section of the November edition of the City newsletter, it stated that a sidewalk from Bridgewater Lake Park connected to West Seventh Street. That sidewalk actually connects to West Martin Street.

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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 the building that serves as the Edgerton Community Museum, located at 406 E. Nelson?

Answer on back.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit from Santa

Friday, December 7 • 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Greenspace

Kick off the holiday season with the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit from Santa! Join Mayor Roberts at 6:30 p.m. in the greenspace next to the library as he welcomes the holiday season. Mayor Roberts will light up downtown as we hear songs from the Edgerton Elementary School choir. Afterward, warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie at City Hall. At 7:00 p.m., Santa will be here to greet and listen to holiday wish lists from kids of all ages. Kids won't want to miss the fun door prizes!



Winter Weather Preparation

Over the years, Edgerton has seen many severe winter weather events including extreme cold and large accumulations of snow. These winter weather events require a partnership between the City and Edgerton residents to keep streets and sidewalks safe.

To learn more about the Edgerton snow removal plan and resident requirements to clear snow from sidewalks, visit <https://EdgertonKS.org/winter-weather-preparation/>. If you have questions, please call City Hall at 913.893.6231.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

City Council Meeting:
Thursday, December 13

Senior Lunch & BINGO:
Wednesday, December 19**

**Please note, the December Senior lunch will be held at the Edgerton United Methodist Church due to road construction in the downtown area around City Hall.

The main dish will be ham.

USD 231 – Winter Break:
Friday, December 21 – Wednesday, January 2

City Hall Closed – Christmas:
Tuesday, December 25

City Council Meeting:
Thursday, December 27

Changes to Water and Sewer Rates Effective January 1

The City of Edgerton water and sewer utility functions are enterprise operations designed to be self-supporting functions. The revenue provided by the rates should be sufficient to cover the costs of the operations, capital projects and debt service. An industry best practice is to review rates and financial plans for the utility operations on a regular basis to ensure the utilities remain self-supporting.

In 2015, the City engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants (RFC), a firm specializing in water and sewer enterprise operations, to review the financial status of both utilities and update the rate study. The objectives of the study were to (1) develop financial plans for the water and sewer enterprises to ensure financial sufficiency, meet operation and maintenance (O&M) expense, debt service and improve the financial health of the utilities; and (2) develop sound and sufficient reserve fund targets.

In 2017, the City worked with RFC to update the 2015 rate study. The 2017 Report recommended small rate increases in each year of the forecast period in order to avoid large rate increases in the later years of the forecast period. RFC presented the findings to City Council at the September 13, 2018 City Council meeting.

WATER UTILITY

Based on recommendation by RFC, the Edgerton City Council approved a 2% increase in water rates. This increase applies to both the Customer Service Charge (based on size of meter) and Volume Rate (charge per 1,000 gallons of usage). The new rates are listed below.

		Current	New	Different
Customer Service Charge	5/8" meter, inside city	\$19.62	\$20.02	\$0.40
Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)	0-2,000	\$4.03	\$4.12	\$0.09
	2,001-10,000	\$9.07	\$9.26	\$0.19
	>10,001	\$12.52	\$12.78	\$0.26

SEWER UTILITY

Based on recommendation by RFC, the Edgerton City Council approved a 5% increase in the sewer rates. This increase applies the Customer Services Charge and the Volume Rate (based on winter average water usage for residential). The new rates are listed below.

	Current	New	Different
Customer Service Charge	\$6.14	\$6.45	\$0.31
Volume Rate (per 1,000 gal)	\$7.10	\$7.46	\$0.36

COMPARISON TO OTHER COMMUNITIES

Even after the 2019 rate increase, Edgerton has lower combined utility bills then most of the surrounding cities. The average monthly consumption in Edgerton is 3,000 gallons. Using this average, Edgerton residents will spend about \$66.35 compared to \$67.68 in Spring Hill and \$71.49 in Gardner for utility bills. This calculation does not include the cost of residential trash service. See chart below.

NEW RATES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2019 UTILITY BILLING.



Utility Bill Comparison



Share the Spirit of the Season with Others

Celebrate the reason for the holiday season! Donate to the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund to help local families in need. Donations of any amount can be made to Edgerton City Hall.

The City of Edgerton is proud of the small-town values that built this town. Our residents are grounded, caring and willing to go the distance for their neighbors. There are Edgerton families among us who may not have the resources to celebrate the holidays with their loved ones. The Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund raises dollars to provide assistance to those families to help make this holiday season one they won’t soon forget. If you would like to make a donation, please use the form below. Let’s make this a wonderful holiday season for all our Edgerton neighbors.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Amount of Donation \$ _____

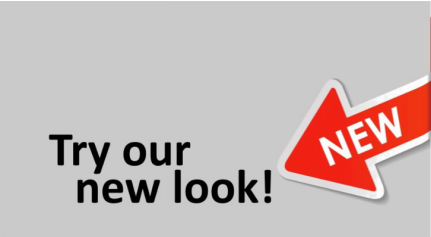
New Look for Online Bill Paying

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
- Multi-browser friendly
- 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!

Check out the new page designs by logging in and clicking on the “Try Our New Look” icon.



Please make checks payable to:

City of Edgerton Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund
PO Box 255
Edgerton, KS 66021

Questions may be directed to Mayor Donald Roberts at 913.636.4099 or mayor@edgertonsks.org.



Save the Date: Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 6:30 p.m. • City Hall

Save the date for the Public Safety Town Hall meeting with the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office and Fire District #1 of Johnson County on Thursday, January 31 at City Hall.