

2022 State of the City

Edgerton Together:
Making A Stronger Community

March 31, 2022





Governing Body

Donald Roberts	Mayor
Clay Longanecker	Council President
Joshua Lewis	Council Member
Joshua Beem	Council Member
Jody Brown	Council Member
Josie Stambaugh	Council Member

All members of the Edgerton City Council are elected to at-large and serve staggered four-year terms. The six-member Governing Body conducts the legislative functions of the City, approves the budget, sets goals and priorities for staff, plans for capital improvement projects, and adopts all City ordinances and resolutions. Members represent the needs and desires of the community.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planning Commission

John Daley	Chair
Deb Lebakken	Vice-Chair
Jeremy Little	Secretary
Charlie Crooks	Commission Member
Tim Berger	Commission Member

The Planning Commission is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Each commission member serves a term of three years. Members of the Planning Commission are appointed in September.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

A Message From Mayor Roberts



For more than a decade, I've had the honor and privilege of serving as Mayor of Edgerton. When I took office, I promised this community that I would work toward making our future brighter. Since 2012, Edgerton has blossomed. We now have more jobs, more businesses, and more opportunities than ever before!

The theme of this year's State of the City is "Edgerton Together." Let's celebrate our connections, our togetherness, instead of the divisiveness that's permeated our world.

No one expected us to do as much as we have in just a few years. They counted us out simply because we are a small town. They tried to push us down and tell us that we couldn't and shouldn't grow. But the world is changing. Edgerton is at the leading edge of the economic future. As more people shop online and expect store-to-door service in two days or less, Edgerton holds the keys to make that happen. In 2009 when we first annexed the land for BNSF Railway's intermodal facility, we could only speculate on its success. Now with 14+ million square feet of warehouse and industrial space, we are seeing the results of that success.

Financially, the City is in excellent shape. We're able to afford new infrastructure upgrades that would never have been possible before LPKC. The 207th Street Grade Separation that opened in December is a perfect example. That project had been talked about since I was a kid. Edgerton could never afford to build a bridge over the transcontinental rail line until now. In 2022, we finally made that project happen *without using residential property tax dollars*.

We're working on projects that benefit our entire community and bring people together. Our second full park renovation is scheduled for this year at Glendell Acres. In 2022, the City will host a new community event: a KCBS sanctioned barbecue competition called Meat Inferno. Most importantly, The Greenspace project is in full swing. The new community gathering space will draw people into downtown Edgerton and offer a wide range of options to bring our residents together.

I've always said that it's not the size of the town that matters, it's the people who live here that give us that small-town feel. Our neighbors are our friends. If you need a recommendation for a dog groomer, ask your neighbor. If you want to share some extra tomatoes from your garden, post it on Facebook and someone will take you up on the offer. Need a hand moving furniture, just ask. Those little connections are what make Edgerton great. It's not just our economic power, **it's our people. Together.**

-Mayor Donald Roberts

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Working Together in 2021

The City of Edgerton is celebrating some major successes in 2021. While the pandemic created delays and forced the City to adapt plans, multiple projects surged ahead.

207th Street Grade Separation

The 207th Street Grade Separation Project wrapped up 2021 on a high note for the City. This major public safety infrastructure project means that drivers no longer have to wait for trains while traveling to and from their homes. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, the City's public safety partners at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Fire District #1, and MED-ACT said the project would **save lives and improve response times during emergencies**. The 207th Street Grade Separation also has the

added benefit of improving commute times for drivers headed out of the City by ensuring they never have to wait at a blocked railroad crossing.

Paid for using revenue generated by LPKC and a \$1 million CARS grant from Johnson County, no residential property tax dollars were used for this project that primarily benefits residents.

Finishing work will continue this year, such as road striping, painting and landscaping.

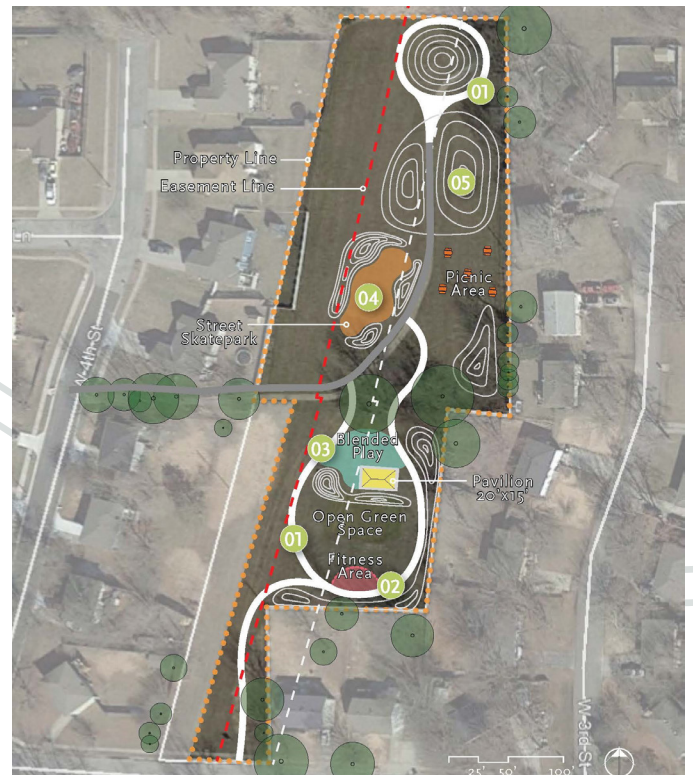
As part of this project, City Council members approved improvements to the 8th and Braun intersection. Large vehicle traffic often has trouble navigating the turn. The work includes widening the intersection. That portion of the project will begin in the spring.



Glendell Acres Park Renovation

Glendell Acres Skate Park will see a major transformation this coming year. In 2021, the City and its design partner at SWT Design surveyed residents and created a plan to revamp the aging park. More than 100 Edgerton residents weighed in on the new design elements. Overwhelming, most people chose an adventure style playground, skate park and trail with recreational opportunities for all ages throughout the park.

In September, the Edgerton City Council approved the design for the park renovation. Currently, the City is working on utility coordination and easement acquisition to begin construction. Work could begin later this year.



Street Preservation Program

The City's Street Preservation Program aims to preserve pavement with early interventions. By sealing and overlaying with new materials, the City saves taxpayer dollars by lowering maintenance costs in the long run. In 2021, more than 4,300 sq. yards of Ultrathin Bonded Asphalt Surface (UBAS) and more than 10,000 sq. yards of chip seal were applied to residential streets. Crews also sealed cracks on 3.6 miles of Edgerton streets.



7th and Nelson Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Neighborhoods in northwest Edgerton have new PVC sewer pipes this year. The project, which was partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant through Johnson County, replaced the original clay tiles with new poured-in-place pipes. This project saves utility customers dollars by reducing the amount of inflow and infiltration of rainwater into the City's sanitary sewer system, which reduces the amount of water treated at the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lawn restoration and clean-up work is scheduled to be completed this spring.

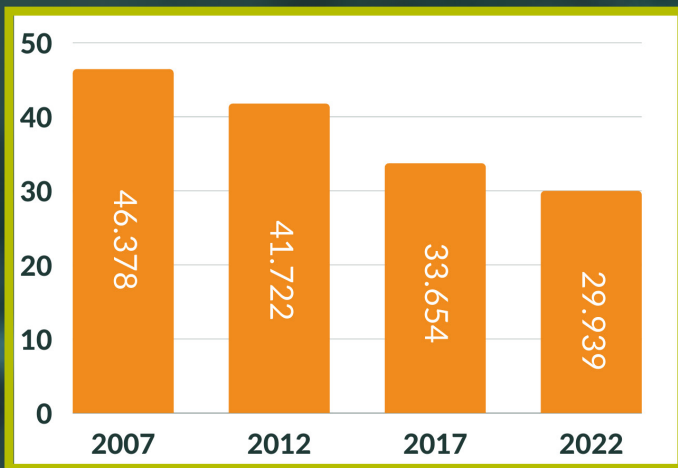


BUDGET IN BRIEF

Who Receives Your Tax Dollar



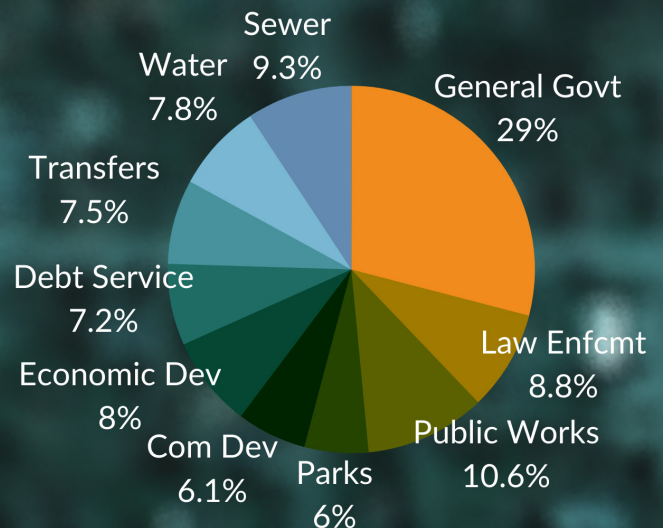
- Gardner-Edgerton USD 231 - \$0.43
- City of Edgerton - \$0.20
- Johnson County - \$0.18
- JoCo Fire District #1 - \$0.12
- JCCC - \$0.06
- State of Kansas - \$0.01



Mill Rate

Since 2007, Edgerton's mill rate has dropped 35%.

Budget By Department



Total Sales Tax Rate



- State of Kansas - 6.50%
- Johnson County - 1.35%
- City of Edgerton - 1.0%
- JoCo Research Triangle - 0.125%



TOGETHER AGAIN:

Community Events

Edgerton Celebrations Resume

After the pandemic turned most public events virtual or forced organizers to cancel in 2020, the City of Edgerton brought back community gatherings in 2021.

The summer saw hundreds of people in downtown for the Summer Kick-off Block Party and the 50th Annual Frontier Days. Spectacular fireworks lit up the night sky during the annual Independence Day Fireworks Show and Community Picnic on July 3rd.



Recreation Programming Returns

Smaller recreation programming returned in the summer of '21. The popular Senior Lunch and BINGO connects the active adults in our community. More than 60 peoples attended the first event held since the pandemic began!

Events for youth — including a new monthly reading program for preschoolers and more adventurous activities like a Nerf battle in the library — engage children in Edgerton.



New Event Coming in Fall '22

The City surveyed residents about recreation programming in late 2020. Community events ranked #1 for households that completed the survey. With that in mind, the Edgerton City Council approved funding for Meat Inferno, a Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned BBQ competition. Meat Inferno will feature live music, food trucks, a community burger cook-off, and a free Kids 'Q in addition to the KCBS Masters Series event. Meat Inferno will be held on October 7th and 8th in downtown. Mark your calendars!



OCTOBER 7-8, 2022
DOWNTOWN EDGERTON

“...the cluster directly represents 1.6% of the entire Kansas economy and supports 3.4% of the state’s overall economic activity.”

-Northeast Kansas Logistics Sector- Statewide Impact Study

Regional Impacts

A study from Wichita State University’s W. Frank Barton School of Business confirms that Edgerton is an economic powerhouse for the State of Kansas. The logistics and distribution cluster in Edgerton directly represents 1.6% of the entire Kansas economy. For every 100 jobs at LPKC, the study found that 79 more were created.

The study’s authors found the firms at LPKC have a significant impact on other businesses within the Johnson-Miami-Wyandotte County area, supporting over 3,800 jobs in other industries, including grocery stores, household purchases, banking, freight forwarders, and security services.

The public benefits generated by taxes from the logistics sector created an estimated \$221.1 million dollars to state and local government entities in a single year.

While the economic benefits are easy to see, the human impacts to families are equally important. ElevateEdgerton! interviewed employees at LPKC and found that thanks to the jobs they hold in the distribution and warehousing sector, workers are able to pay off debt, buy homes, and save for their future. With high-growth potential, workers who start on an packing line can quickly move into management and leadership roles.



**ELEVATEEDGERTON!
2021 YEAR IN REVIEW**

- On the Go Travel Center opened
- Edgerton Crossing Commercial Development announced
- Hosted COVID Vaccine Clinic – Over 300 Edgerton residents and LPKC employees were vaccinated
- Lewis Indoor Athletic Ribbon Cutting
- Construction commenced on IP-52
- Cyclones in the Outfield Softball game sponsor
- Completed Edgerton Housing Study
- 15% growth in ElevateEdgerton! membership from the private sector
- Unveiled “Why I work at LPKC” marketing campaign
- Unveiled “Explore Edgerton” marketing campaign

**ELEVATE
EDGERTON**
Partnership for Economic Advancement

www.elevateedgerton.com



BUSINESS:

Growth & Development



Lewis Indoor Athletics Ribbon Cutting



Concept Plan for Edgerton Crossing



Groundbreaking for Inland Port LII

New Business

Several businesses joined our community in the past year. In 2021, four new businesses opened their doors:

- Lewis Indoor Athletics
- The Village Shop KC
- A Stitch In Time
- On The Go Travel Center

These great additions have bolstered our small business community. **The City of Edgerton currently has no vacant retail space in the downtown district.**

LPKC Growth

At Logistics Park Kansas City, ground was broken last spring on Inland Port LII. This newest speculative building opens soon.

NorthPoint Development requested rezoning of roughly 500 additional acres of land along 207th Street east of Gardner Road. Additional warehouses are planned to keep up with the growing demand for distribution space.

Edgerton Crossing

A new \$90 million commercial development is expected to break ground this year along the Homestead Lane corridor. Edgerton Crossing will feature quick serve and sit-down restaurants, hotels, retail businesses and a travel center.

ElevateEdgerton!

The City's economic development partner ElevateEdgerton! saw a 15% growth in 2021 and launched a new campaign to attract people to visit Edgerton. The ExploreEdgerton campaign highlights our corner of Johnson County and all of the amenities in and around this City.

ElevateEdgerton! also completed a housing study to identify solutions that could help the City attract new residential developers.



Parks & Recreation



Parks and recreation programming ties our community together in meaningful ways. Sharing experiences, whether it's at the City's fireworks show on July 3rd or in Community Hall for a day camp, create positive connections between people. 2021 saw the return of recreation programming and large community events. The City's parks department keeps our parks beautiful and maintained.



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Recreation
Events Offered

2,000

Pounds of
Playground Mulch

4,079

Total City Event
Attendance



Community Development



As more development happens in Edgerton, the City's Community Development staff is increasingly busy. This department handles code enforcement, animal control, building inspections, and planning and zoning. In 2021, the City's appointed Planning Commission reviewed 76 items including eight rezonings, seven final site plans, and two Unified Development Code amendments.



84

Inoperable Vehicle
Code Violations

210

Pets Registered

310

Building
Inspections



Snow Removal Winter '20-'21



Snow removal ranks as one of the most important services that the Public Works Department provides. The critical public safety measure ensures that residents and visitors have an ability to travel safely throughout the city. In the winter of 2020-21, crews responded to 10 events with a total of 10.9 inches of snow and 1.85 inches of icy accumulations.



201

Tons of Salt

2,375

Gallons of Brine

5,093

Lane Miles Plowed

THE FUTURE: Planning Together

We Want Your Ideas

Edgerton needs resident input to develop plans that account for growth and keep the fabric of our community together. In 2022, the City will launch a new **Comprehensive Plan** development process. This is the guiding document for the City for the next decade-plus. The Comprehensive Plan determines the goals and aspirations for the community. Public participation is key to making this the best possible plan.

Edgerton residents also can participate in the City's biennial **Citizen Survey**, which aids the Governing Body as they set the budget and funding priorities for the next five years. Understanding citizen wants and desires helps City leaders focus on growing in the right direction. The 2022 Citizen Survey is available now for residents.

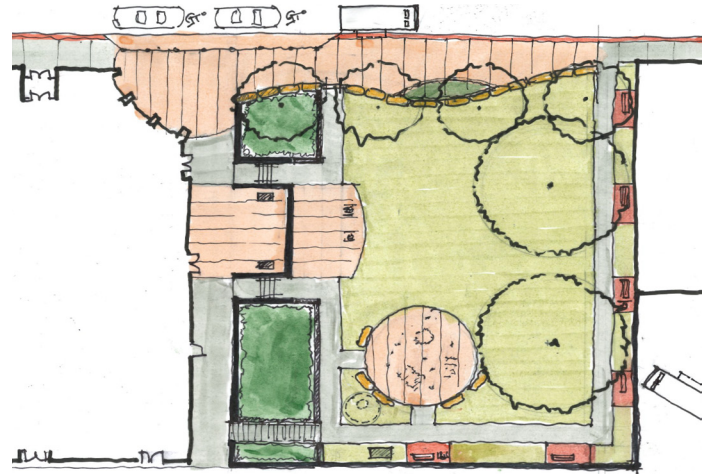
Major Projects in 2022

The City has several large projects in the works for the coming year, including:

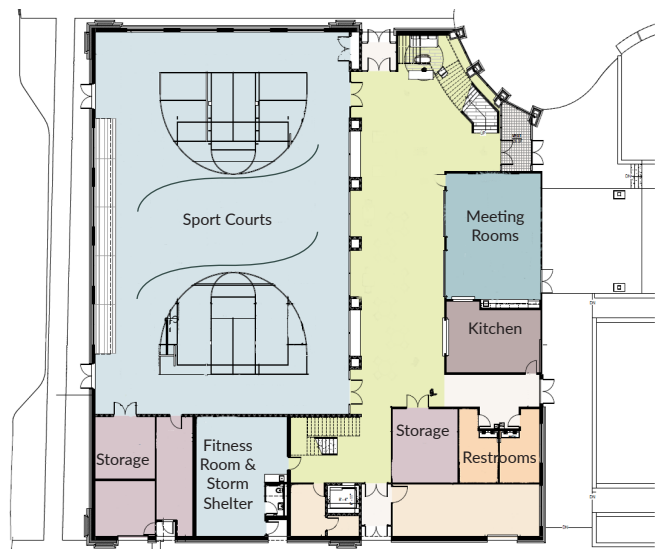
- Street Lighting Inventory & Analysis
- Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plan implementation
- Construction/renovation of Glendell Acres
- Nelson Street CARS
- 8th and Braun Intersection Improvements

The Greenspace

Design is currently underway and construction could begin late this year. The Greenspace will feature a gymnasium and workout space to improve community health. Plans call for new meeting room and event spaces that can be rented out for birthday parties or family gatherings. The Greenspace will become the destination for recreation programming and City-sponsored events that connect our community into the future!



Concept - The Greenspace Lawn



Concept - The Greenspace Main Level



Concept - Splashpad

EDGERTON QUICK FACTS 2022



14,703

SQUARE YARDS OF MATERIAL
for asphalt repair and replacement

265



CODE VIOLATION CASES

82% remediated by year-end

\$42,052,784

TOTAL VALUATION

of Building Permits issued in 2021



1,268

ice cream treats
eaten during

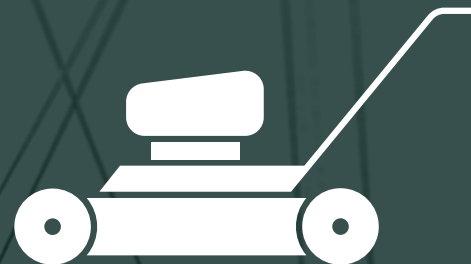
SUMMER EVENTS



189,447,383

million gallons of wastewater treated

1,056



hours mowing parks and public spaces