

The Next Normal

2020-2021 State of the City





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The Edgerton City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

My fellow Edgertonians-

2020 was a wild year. We entered it with such hope, but just three months in, the world shut down and COVID-19 turned all of our lives upside down. We mourn for all of those who died and for those who now face long-term, and sometimes dire, health effects. The death toll continues to rise, but hope is once again on the horizon. The new vaccine is slowly being distributed and we hope that this signals the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

There were some silver linings in 2020. For some, it was a chance to slow down and spend time with family. For others, an opportunity to try something new. We drew art on the sidewalks to share with our neighbors. We put colored Easter Eggs on our front doors for the kids to have a virtual scavenger hunt. Most importantly, we got creative - at home, at work, and at school - to overcome the obstacles that were thrown at us. We're known for how we come together to help our neighbors, our seniors, and even strangers. Edgerton always steps up to meet any challenge.

Work here did not stop. While City Hall was closed to the public for eight weeks, our crews were here, continuing to fix our roads and maintain our infrastructure. Staff that could work remotely did so. We reopened City Hall to the public in May, but COVID-19 continues to influence how we do business. City Council and Planning Commission members are attending meetings virtually for now but we hope to be back in person soon. The public is welcome to attend in-person with seating spaced out to socially distance. Even our staff are spread out - some work from home, others in reassigned spaces.

Looking ahead, I'm hopeful that we will find our "next normal." Not just in how we do business, but in how we focus on and appreciate our families, neighbors, and friends. Edgerton has come a long way in the last 10 years and there is more to do for the next decade. We continue to grow Logistics Park Kansas City and encourage businesses and developers to choose our community for their next project.

The new TA Express Travel Plaza is set to open later this spring and the developer says he's bringing a Goodcents restaurant. We're thrilled to help him expand his business and to eat some tasty sandwiches! The 207th Street Grade Separation will break ground in just a few weeks, improving safety for everyone in town. Johnson County Fire District No. 1 is set to open their new headquarters in Edgerton before the end of the year. I hope you'll read on for more information about these projects and many others that are in the works.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this amazing community. I'm proud to call Edgerton home and I can't wait to get together in-person once again!

-Donald Roberts, Mayor



2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COVID-19 put a major dent in the City of Edgerton's plans for 2020. City Hall was closed to the public for roughly eight weeks during the statewide "Stay at Home" order issued by Governor Laura Kelly. City leaders delayed some projects until the impact to revenues from COVID-19 was better known. Luckily, **Edgerton's essential businesses kept moving** during the pandemic, driving up sales tax revenue and keeping thousands of people employed while many industries were laying off their workers. Despite the challenges, the City of Edgerton made major progress on several priorities.

The new **10-foot-wide trail along U.S. 56** started construction in July. This paved trail offers direct access from the residential neighborhoods to some of Edgerton's businesses. This project improved public safety by giving pedestrians a safe space to walk or ride off of the busy highway.

The **low-cost pet vaccination clinic** changed formats in 2020. We began utilizing an online registration system to set appointments for this annual event, which was held outdoors at Martin Creek Park. Nearly 175 animals were vaccinated in just 5 hours. We are using the same system in 2021. This year's vaccine clinic will be held on March 20 at City Hall. Register at petclinic.eventbrite.com or call City Hall at 913.893.6231 to set your appointment.

Edgerton continues to **improve our stormwater system**, completing two projects in 2020: repairs to the storm sewer pipe at 1st and Meriwood Streets and improved drainage at 8th and Edgewood. Mitigating stormwater concerns was top of mind when the City launched a **master planning process** in 2020 for both the stormwater and sanitary sewer systems. Homeowners were surveyed to determine where flooding happens during heavy rains. The dual Master



Plans are being completed by the City's engineering contractors. Work on both plans will continue into the summer of this year before the master plans are presented to the City Council to review. The plans can then be used to prioritize projects and funding for the greatest impact.

Crews added a new full-access intersection at **200th Street and Homestead** for the new travel plaza that's set to open later this year. The work included new sewer mains, which opens up the area for further development in the future.

KDOT widened the intersection of **U.S. 56 and 199th Street/Sunflower**, adding in new turn lanes to allow traffic to continue to flow even when a train is crossing 199th Street.

Edgerton added a new community policing officer in 2020. Master **Deputy Brad Johnson** works 40 hours per week in the residential part of Edgerton. Deputy Johnson has drastically reduced speeding drivers and traffic infractions, making Edgerton safer for children and pedestrians. Edgerton also saw a drop in petty crime after he arrested several people involved in a auto burglary ring. Deputy Johnson continues to focus on developing relationships with the community. During the lockdown, he played a running game of sidewalk tic-tac-toe with local children on the sidewalk and did a scavenger hunt for decorated eggs around Easter.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is celebrating its 25th anniversary protecting Edgerton in 2021.



COMING UP IN 2021

2021 is going to be a banner year for Edgerton. Work will start in a few short weeks on a major public safety improvement: **the 207th Street Grade Separation.** The new bridge will cross over the railroad tracks on 207th Street with a quarter clover leaf for traffic to turn onto Co-Op Road. This critical peice of infrastructure provides an uninterrupted path for the traveling public and first responders to enter the residential community, even if there is a train blocking the intersection. The design of the probject will allow traffic to continue to drive along 207th Street even during construction. This \$15 million project is completely funded by revenue generated by Logistics Park Kansas City and a \$1 million CARS grant from Johnson County. The new bridge should be open by the end of the year.

Upgrades are coming to the intersection of **West Braun and West 8th Street.** Large vehicle traffic often has trouble navigating that turn, so the City will make safety improvements to the intersection. Work will be completed at the same time as the 207th Street Grade Separation project.

While plans for the **Glendell Acres Park Renovation** were delayed by COVID, that project is getting back on track this year. Glendell Acres will see some much needed updates in 2021. The City will release a request for qualifications for a firm to design the park renovations in a few weeks. Current plans could include new playground equipment,an expanded sidewalk system and an improved greenspace with landscaping to make the whole park more family friendly and useable. The City will host a public input session for all residents to share what they want in the updated park.

Streetlighting will be a priority in 2021. In the Citizen Survey conducted last winter, residents said that improved streetlighting is a priority. An inventory and analysis will be completed to determine where dark spots exist. Streetlighting has been proven to help improve driving safety and reduce crime, so this project is a public safety measure.

Public safety is also at the forefront for Johnson County Fire District No. 1. They recently broke ground on their new fire station along 191st Street between Four Corners and Homestead Lane. **The new FD#1 station** will be the district's new administration and headquarters. The City's agreement with the fire district also calls for them to maintain a station in the residnetial part of Edgerton. The new station will improve response times. The new 28,150 sq. ft. station is scheduled to be completed late in 2021.

Private business is also growing. Edgerton is now home to a new indoor sports practice facility. Josh Lewis and Travis Lewis opened **Lewis Indoor Athletics** at the beginning of 2021. A ribbon-cutting for their new facility will be held in March. And a longtime Edgerton business is under new ownership. The Boxcar is now the **Full Draw Bar and Grill.** The local eatery underwent a major renovation in 2020.

This summer marks the **50th anniversary of Frontier Days.** This volunteer-run festival is coming back after COVID caused the organizers to cancel in 2020. We look forward to carnival rides, great food, music, and entertainment. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact City Hall.

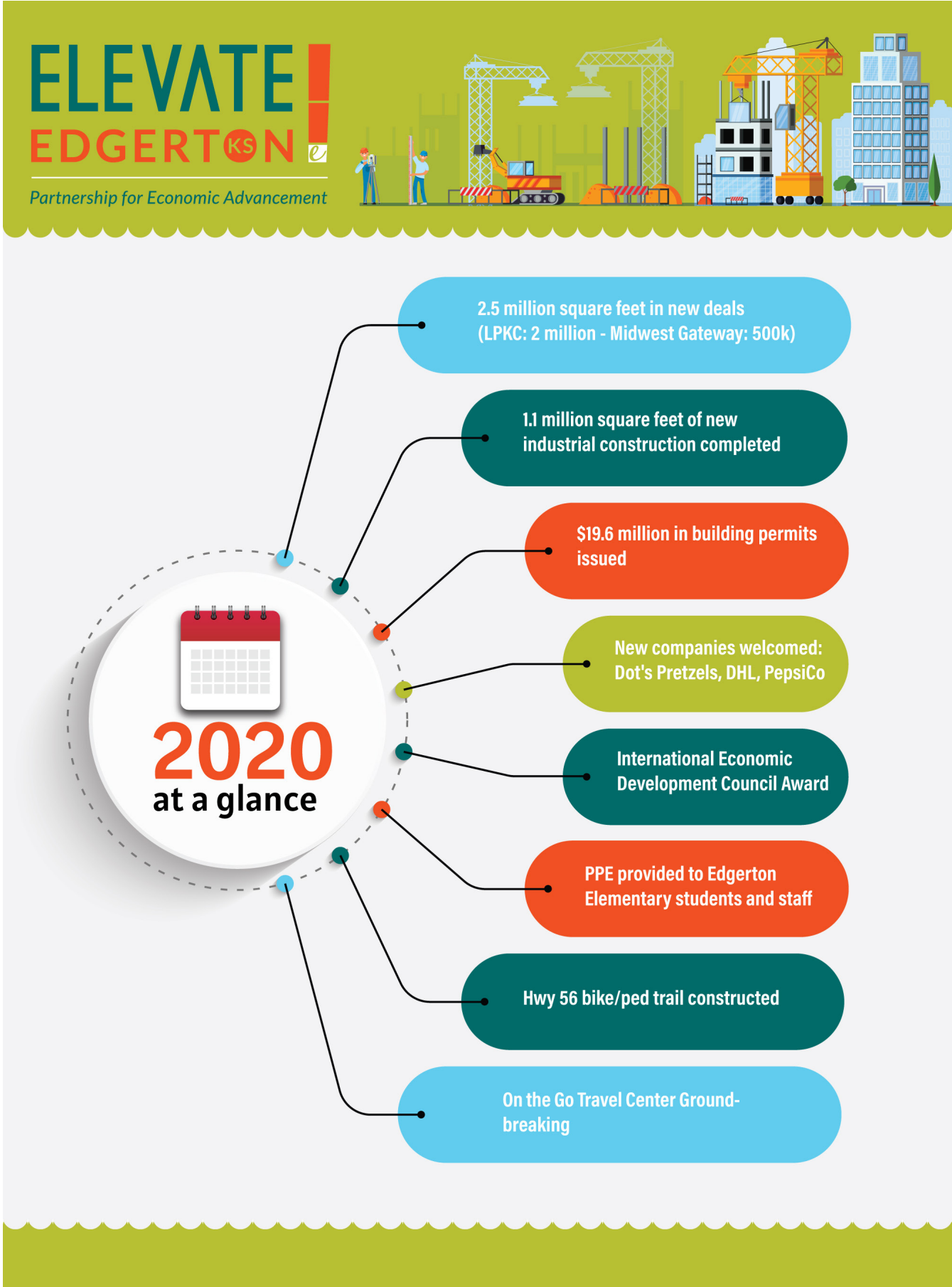


MORE TO COME...

- 7th and Nelson Sanitary Sewer Project-The City will replace about 2,400 linear feet of clay tile sanitary sewer line under Nelson Street.
- Water System Analysis-City Council members directed staff to explore ways to reduce the cost of water service, including the possiblility of selling Edgerton's system to a third-party water company.
- Street Preservation Program-Now that every street in Edgerton has been paved thanks to funding through LPKC, the Public Works Department aims to keep the pavement in top shape. This includes annual surveys, crack sealing and other maintenance to extend the life of the roadway.

2021

ELEVATE EDGERTON!



LPKC SUCCESS



More and more companies continue to choose Edgerton and Logistics Park Kansas City. In early 2020, **Dot's Pretzels** announced they would bring their new manufacturing facility to Edgerton. As a manufacturing facility in LPKC, Dot's proves the versatility of the premiere warehouse and distribution hub in the region. Weeks later, NorthPoint Development announced plans to build the largest speculative building in the state of Kansas and the region. Before the end of 2020, **PepsiCo** had announced they would be moving into that space for their new Gatorade distribution center.

DHL also moved in to one of the last remaining empty warehouse spaces in 2020, taking over 300,000 sq. ft. in the Midwest Gateway buildings. They are continuing to hire as operations ramp up.

In March, work began on the new **On The Go Travel Center**, the first truck stop and travel plaza in Edgerton. The developers inked a deal with Travel Centers of America to bring the **first TA Express Travel Center in the state of Kansas** to Edgerton. The travel plaza should open in 2021, complete with quick service food, truck maintenance facility, and truck wash. Developer Moussa Sobaiti was also named the new franchisee for **Goodcents Deli Fresh Subs** for the Kansas City region. He plans to bring the chain to Edgerton. The Planning Commission will review the plans in March.

Logistics Park Kansas City now boasts over 14 million sq. ft. of warehousing and distribution space, creating more than 12,000 jobs since its inception. The developers believe LPKC could generate another 13,000 jobs during the next 10 to 20 years.

The developers are working on further expansion plans as e-commerce continues to grow. A recent report from Group M, a media-buying giant, estimates that online shopping could make up 25% of the retail market by 2024 with \$7 trillion in sales. Because of that, the need for workers also continues to rise.

LPKC Quick Facts

Direct Employees:
4,500
Indirect Employees:
12,696*

Number of companies:
20+

*Information from the Economic Policy Institute

A TASTE OF NORMAL



While we were not able to hold many of our normal community events in 2020, Edgerton held the annual July 3rd Community Picnic and Fireworks Show. Hundreds attended and stayed socially distant at Martin Creek Park.

We were one of the only cities to continue this annual tradition during the pandemic.



More than 50 children attended the annual Cops 'N Bobbers Fishing Derby held in September at Edgerton Lake. The kids competed for largest and smallest fish as well as the highest number caught.

Cops 'N Bobbers started in 1996 at Edgerton Lake and is the longest running annual fishing derby for the organization.



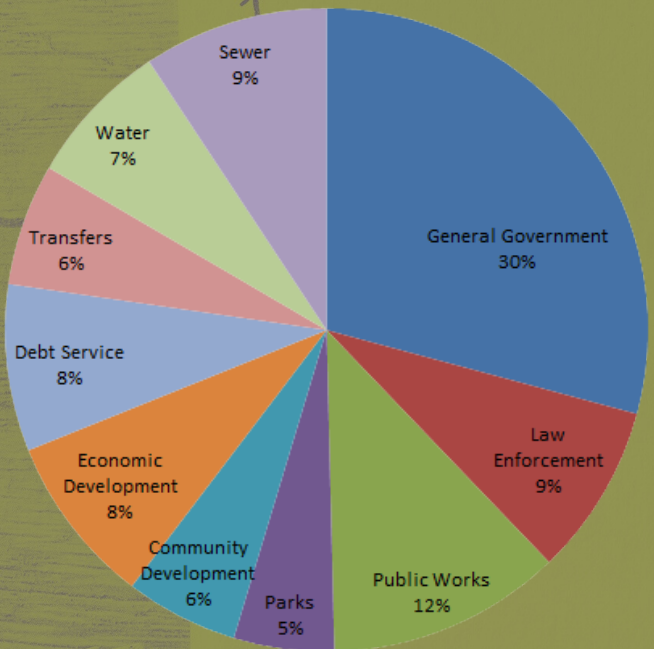
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Where Your Tax Dollar Goes

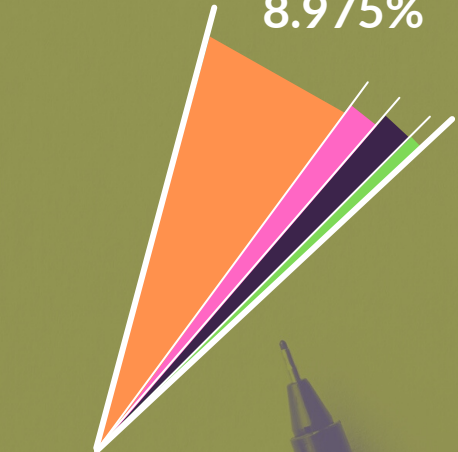


- USD 231 \$0.43
- City of Edgerton \$0.20
- Johnson County \$0.18
- Johnson County FD #1 \$0.12
- Johnson County Community College \$0.06
- State of Kansas \$0.01

Budget by Department

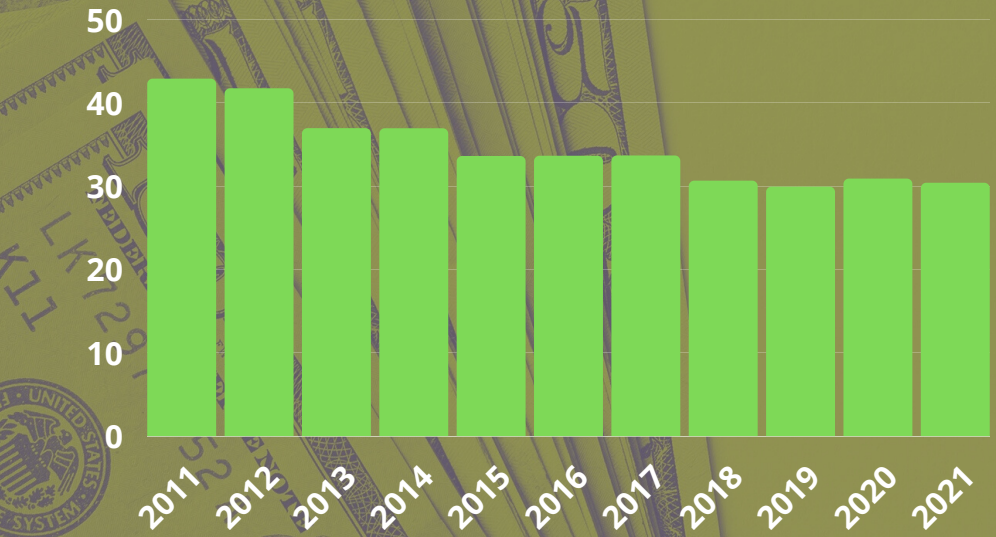


Sales Tax Rate 8.975%



- State of Kansas-6.50%
- Johnson County- 1.35%
- City of Edgerton- 1.00%
- JoCo Research Triangle- 0.125%

Mill Levy Rate 2011-2021



Edgerton home values rose an average 5.8% in the past year

2020 EDGERTON YEAR IN REVIEW



1 MILLION

SQUARE FEET of growth at LPKC



1,271

ACRES MOWED

\$19,624,233



total value of building permits issued



117,795,000

GALLONS of wastewater treated



174



RABIES SHOTS GIVEN
at the low-cost vaccine clinic



233

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