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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Congratulations to the Covington Catholic boys basketball team for winning the State Basketball Title. As always, we are proud of what you accomplished and how it spot lights our Northern Kentucky area. Thank you for all your efforts and success.

I'm pleased to report that Mr. Brian Dehner has accepted the position as our new city administrator. If you have a chance to stop by the city building please introduce yourselves and say hi. We are pleased that Brian has joined our team.

Many thanks to our Fire Department and Life Squad members and volunteers, that made our Friday nights fish fry a huge success and to you, our residents and friends who supported us. See you all next year.

We have selected a contractor for the Dudley hill project who has indicated they will be starting in June and are hoping to be completed by November of this year. In order for the contractor to accomplish this schedule Dudley from Winding Trails to 3 L Highway will be shutdown except for the few residents and businesses that live and work in this section of the roadway. Once the road construction signs go up, I can say you are better off to find another route both morning and night. If weather becomes a factor the contractor will work some Saturdays to make up time for completion. Please use alternate route from June to November and once completed it will be worth all the delays.

Our garden club volunteers have again surprised us with the colorful plants within the flower pots along the Dudley mile. Thanks for the great job.

No city is immune from persons who are willing to break into autos and homes for a quick item that can be taken and sold for quick cash. Keeping an eye open within the neighborhood and calling 911 if you see something or out of place will help us all.

Mark your calendars for the Tuesday Night Concert's in the Park starting June 17th with the Swingtime Band, a great time to get out and enjoy the evening under the stars. With the 4th of July events up and coming get out in the neighborhood and get your float or pick-up truck to represent your area. Hope to see you at one or more of these events.

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LEISURE TIME

with *Laney...*
by Recreation Director Elaine Hoblik

SUMMER CAMPS

Kids and summer wouldn't be complete without attending a summer camp involving their favorite sport or hobby. The camps taught at **COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** are known to be some of the best in Northern Kentucky. Learn from the area's top instructors and players on the CCH campus. Registrations may be made online at covcath.org/camps. Enjoy your summer!

ITN CINCINNATI

Over 60? In need of transportation? ITN *Greater Cincinnati* is a transportation provider for people over 60 and for visually impaired adults. The service is unique in that the rides are provided by volunteers in their own automobiles. This makes the service more like riding with a friend or neighbor and in fact, this may be the case as there are currently volunteers in Edgewood. ITN *Greater Cincinnati* will give rides to the grocery store, the hospital or to your favorite restaurant, 24/7 with no restrictions on ride purpose. To get more information about ITNGC, go to www.ITNGreaterCincinnati.org or call Kathy at 859-441-8111. Kathy Nafus is the Northern Kentucky ITNGC representative and also a resident of Edgewood. She is currently recruiting both volunteers and members (riders).

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 26. Boy Scout Troop 779 will be collecting tattered and worn flags to be properly disposed of at the ceremony. If you cannot make it to the ceremony, you may drop-off your flags at the city building and we will make sure to give them to the scouts. If you have any questions about the ceremony please call or email Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov.

TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Edgewood's version of the The 2014 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 17 with "Swingtime Big Band" and runs through August 26. Mark your calendars to spend Tuesday evenings at Presidents Park this summer. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Snappy Tomato Pizza and Tropical Sno Hawaiian Shave Ice will be available at all performances. **Special thanks to our sponsor Hatfield Insurance Agency.** Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of performances.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

After an incredibly long winter we know that everyone is ready for Spring! We have been busy planning our plantings for this year. Please look for our spring pots and plantings that will be coming soon. We are in great need of new members! We could use some help with our Adopt a Pot and Adopt an Area program for the pots along Dudley and the areas in Presidents Park. There are some fun things that we are planning to do this year like taking classes on container design. We would love to do more projects in the city such as create a healing garden and provide a way station for Monarch butterflies, but for this we need more members. If you would like to join us, please call the city building. We hope you enjoy our efforts and this welcomed Spring!

10TH ANNUAL AMATEUR GARDENER RECOGNITION SERIES

The City of Edgewood is recognizing amateur gardeners whose personal dedication and love of gardening creates beautiful spaces, large and small, and are an inspiration to all who see them. The garden should be maintained and representative of gardening at its best. The nominee must agree to have his/her name submitted and to allow the judges to visit the garden to evaluate it. If the garden is **professionally** maintained it is not eligible as this is an amateur award. The deadline for nominations is June 20. Judging will take place the week of June 23. Awards will be presented June 30th. Drop off nomination forms at the city building.

37TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

5K RACE The 37th Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at **7:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4**. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers and a children's fun run. Anyone interested in participating can pick-up a registration form at the City Building or register online at www.edgewood5k.com until Wednesday, June, 25th. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. Registration will end at 7:00 a.m. on the 4th of July. **Pre-registered participants will be able to pick up shirts, numbers and chips at Tri-State Running, 148 Barnwood Drive.**

Packet pick-up for the City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Company 5K will be at the store on Saturday June 28th (10 to 6), Sunday June 29th (10 to 6), Monday June 30th (10 to 8), Tuesday July 1st (10 to 8), and Wednesday July 2nd (10 to 6) and Thursday July 3rd (10-8). We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or email at eh@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.

PARADE The parade will begin at the Kmart lot at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4. This year's theme is "Americana Past and Present". The City is also celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the parade. Please visit our website at www.edgewoodky.gov for the parade route. The route is the same as last year. **No walkers are permitted in the parade route, all participants must be mobile.** Plaques will be awarded to the Best Original Entry, Best Performing Entry and Best Entry Honoring the theme. Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade must contact Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or eh@edgewoodky.gov to reserve a spot. There will be a brief awards ceremony following the parade at the flagpole in Presidents Park.

Please call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or email at eh@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament will be held on Friday, July 4. Times will depend on the number of teams that register. Entry fee is \$15 for doubles and \$30 for sixes. Registration forms are available at the city building. Registration deadline is June 20.

FREE CONCERT IN FREEDOM PARK Come early for the fireworks and enjoy the classic rock of "Red Idle". The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4 and will continue until the fireworks begin around 9:30 pm. Snappy Tomato Pizza and Tropical Sno Hawaiian Shave Ice will be available for purchases of food and beverages.

ROZZI FIREWORKS AT FREEDOM PARK And of course we've saved the best for last! Rozzi's has a fabulous display in store for us. The fireworks begin around 9:30 pm on Friday, July 4. Bring a blanket and come early! **Rain date for the fireworks is Saturday day, July 5. Please save the enclosed flyer for a listing of all the activities.**

WE NEED RECREATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Hopefully all of you have had the opportunity over the years to attend at least one or many of the over 50 programs and events that the city offers every year. If you have attended these programs than you are probably familiar with some of the great volunteers we have. These volunteers are your neighbors and friends who give very generously of their time so you can enjoy a high quality of life. If you are familiar with all the activities the city offers, I think you will be very surprised to know that all these programs are offered with the help of only 8-10 volunteers. These volunteers not only give generously of their time but have been doing so for anywhere from two to twenty years.

The committee is a laid back, informal group of your fellow residents who meet once a month to discuss and plan programs and events. The committee also staffs those events and programs as needed and when their schedules allow.

If you are interested in volunteering and want to come see what's involved and meet some of

our current volunteers, we will be having an informal "Check Us Out" on **Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Jefferson Shelter in Presidents Park.** This is our annual summer family picnic meeting. There is also a concert scheduled for that evening at 7 p.m. We will be serving dinner, so if you are interested in attending or would like more information on meeting dates or what else is involved please contact Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino



Hopefully everyone remembered to change the batteries in their smoke detectors back in March when moving the clocks forward. If not, it isn't too late, so do it now!

Edgewood Fire/EMS is introducing a new program called "File of Life." It is very similar to our past program called "Vial of Life." FOL is a simple form that you can fill out regarding medical information for the individuals in your household. It has information like Emergency Contacts, Blood Type, Doctor,

Medical History, Medications you take and Medications you're allergic to. Our past program had you put the info sheet in a vial that was kept inside your refrigerator. The new program comes with a red magnet that is kept ON your refrigerator.

Too many times our paramedics and EMT's show up at a resident's house and are not able to get vital information that would help us take care of our patient better and faster. The FOL is FREE and can be picked up at the Edgewood Fire Department. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and it could help save a life. We also recommend that you update it on a regular basis. New and/or additional sheets can also be picked up for free at the fire department.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Fireman Mike at mconstantino@edgewoodky.gov or call 341-2628 and ask for the paramedic on duty.

Fire Hydrant Flushing....

Northern Kentucky Water District and the Edgewood Fire Department will be flow testing fire hydrants throughout the city of Edgewood from mid-May to mid-June.

Edgewood Day at Brookwood Swim Club-Saturday May 31st.

Councilman Barlage's Edgewood History Notes:

Did you know that a local Distiller, John Dorsel built a mansion on Dudley Road approx. where Belle Meade is now?

Also referred to as the "Dudley Mansion" it was an Italianate wood frame structure with a 3rd story turret from which one could see the countryside.

E-mail me for a photograph. BenBarlage@aol.com

IF YOU WOULD RATHER RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO JK@EDGEWOODKY.GOV. INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.