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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Congratulations to St. Pius X School for receiving the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award which has taken many months to achieve. Thanks to you all and keep up the excellent work.

We have completed the anti-skid abrasive installation on Dudley Hill to the pavement surface. Even though this surface has been added caution should still be taken so you can safely travel up and down the hill.

We are in the final stages of installing a traffic light at South Loop road and Thomas More Parkway to help ease the traffic flow. All of the traffic lights within the city have been updated to LED lighting for better visibility and serviceability. We have been and will continue to monitor traffic movement within the city and make any necessary adjustments when needed.

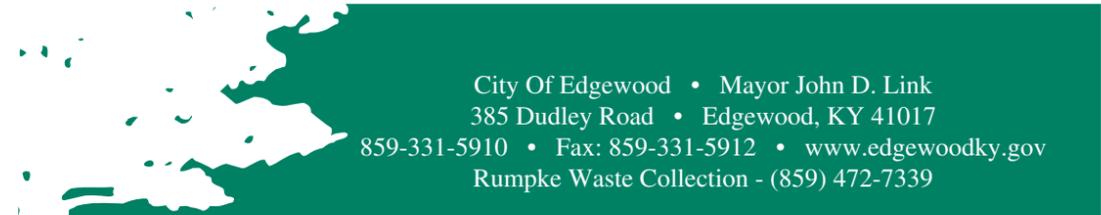
The time change is on November 1, 2015, please test your smoke detectors. Use extra caution at each of our intersections and crosswalks for walkers and runners using the Dudley friendly mile sidewalk. We have and will continue to encourage those running and walking at dusk to use reflective tape or lights to be safely seen.

In the last few weeks, we sent out a letter endorsing Service Line Warranties of America for their water and sewer line protection plans, which are optional, but can offer a savings if services are ever needed. If you should have any questions, please call the city building at (859) 331-5910.

Our annual Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at the senior center at 5:30pm with Santa and Mrs. Claus coming at 6pm to help light the tree. Please bring your camera to take your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus to capture memories for years to come.

I hope with the holidays approaching many of the families can get together for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, for its always a great time to spend time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us!



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by Program Coordinator, Michelle M. Frisch

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday November 29th at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. **Bring your camera for photos with Santa, he will be available for pictures after the tree lighting by Rudolph and his friends. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Awnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa. Come out and see who the best hot wheels car racer is. There will be three divisions 6mos – 6 years, 7 – 12 years and 13 years to adult. Trophies will be awarded to the top two contestants in each age group for the event. In the spirit of the holiday season, canned good donations will be collected and distributed to a local charity, please consider making a donation. Show your neighbors who has the BEST ugly Christmas sweater. If you think your sweater is a “winner” enter it in our new contest there will be prizes for the top three ugly sweaters.** If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Michelle M. Frisch at (859) 331-5910 or mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov to register.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday, November 23rd. The mailbox will be located at the City Building lobby. Drop off your letter by Wednesday, December 9th and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve (be sure to put your return address on your letter. Santa knows where you live but the USPS needs to know too!).

ALL ABOARD FOR EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 4th from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents are invited to come and enjoy the holiday toy trains and all the other amenities the museum has to offer during the holiday season at no charge. **Since this is a free event, we are asking that you please bring a canned good donation, which will be donated to a local charity.** The evening will also include light refreshments and a craft. **This event is for Edgewood residents only.** You must show a valid ID at the door. If you would like more information on the museum you can visit their website at www.bcmuseum.org.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 4th -6th. Only exterior decorations will qualify. One neighborhood winner will be selected from each of the following areas: Winding Trails, Prestwicke, Brookwood, Dudley Village, Charter Oak, Whispering Woods, Pius Heights, Meadowlark and Old Edgewood. Based on participation the judges may omit an area and select more than one winner in the same neighborhood if necessary. All judges' decisions are final. If your home is being considered for an award, you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 11th. Please mark your calendars to have your lights on the entire weekend. Judges will be out each night. This is also a great weekend to take your family out to view the lights and decorations.

LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD LUMINARY NIGHT

This year the City and Rainbow Child Care Center will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on Sunday, December 6th from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 13th). The luminary kits will include 12 luminary bags (while supplies last), 12 candles and a bag of kitty litter. You can pre-order your kits with the enclosed form by November 23rd which includes free delivery the week of December 1st or you may pick up kits at the city building during regular business hours beginning December 1st 8am – 6pm. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering strength cardio yoga classes on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the senior center. The classes will begin on January 4th and run for ten weeks. All classes will consist of stretching, aerobics, weight lifting and toning. Please bring an exercise mat or towel and 3-8 lb. weights. The cost is \$50 for the ten week class. You must pre-register at the city building by December 30. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided. See the enclosed flyer or call (859) 331-5910 for further information.

HIP HOP ZUMBA CLASSES

Ditch the workout, join the party! The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and hip hop music and easy-to-follow dance moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got a Zumba class! The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning January 19 due to the RAD Classes the first two weeks in January with instructor Holly Hammons. The cost is \$40 for the eight week session. All classes will be held at the senior center. You must pre-register for the class by January 15th. See the enclosed flyer or call (859) 331-5910 for further information.



LINE DANCING CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering Line Dancing classes with instructor Holly Ruschman on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm. The classes will begin on January 6th and run for four weeks. The cost is \$20 for the (4) four week class. All ages are welcome as well as Beginner and Intermediate skill levels! There is no partner needed and it is a fun way to exercise. You must pre-register at the city building by December 30th. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided. See the enclosed flyer or call (859) 331-5910 for further information.

R.A.D. WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

R.A.D. (Rape, Aggression and Defense Systems) classes are being offered at the Senior Center on January 5, 7, 12 and 14 from 6-9pm. Attendance is required at all sessions. This is a 12-hour course. Any women ages 12-99 can attend. The classes are FREE of charge. The class helps identify dangerous situations, how to avoid them and instructs women on techniques to use to get out of dangerous situations. This class is a very important class for young women especially those leaving home for college.

2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

Please watch for the January-June events calendar in the next newsletter. If you are interested in a certain program or would like to share your programming ideas, please email Michelle M. Frisch at mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov.

SAVE THE DATE

- January 16, 2016.....Town and Country Night 6pm – 9pm
- January 18, 2016.....Lazer Kraze 10am –noon
- January 24, 2016.....Ice Skating Night – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- January 28, 2016.....Acoustic Jam at Senior Center 6pm-9pm

EDGEWOOD DAY AT BETTER BODIES PICK YOUR DAY THE WEEK FEBRUARY 7th-13th

We invite you to visit and enjoy a workout including spinning or a group exercise class at Better Bodies. Pick a day to be our guest the week of Sunday, February 7th – Saturday, February 13th. Kids' Club will be available for child care at specific times. **TO ENJOY YOUR DAY OF FUN AND FITNESS, CALL SHARON AT 859-344-9995 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** See our website to plan on attending a spinning or group fitness class for your workout, <http://www.betterbodiesnky.com>. Take time for yourself and give yourself the gift of good health! See you there!

SPRING FIELD RESERVATIONS

Anyone interested in reserving a field for spring of 2016 should submit a field request form to Michelle M. Frisch by February 1, 2016. The field request form can be downloaded from www.edgewoodky.gov under the Parks / Recreation tab. Please include the coach's complete address, including work, home and cell phone numbers and email, day of week needed (list 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice), time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, the field name you are requesting and submit with it **complete rosters with addresses and phone numbers.** Incomplete field request forms or forms submitted without complete rosters will NOT be accepted. Permits will be issued mid-February. Procedures for field usage and the issuing of permits may change at any time. All city leagues and special events will have field priority. You can email your field request form with complete rosters to mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov, drop-off request forms at the city building, fax to (859) 331-5912 or mail to City of Edgewood, 385 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.

2015-2016 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Just a reminder, the new discount amount will be 2% if paid by November 30th or the full amount will be due December 31st. You can pay your tax bill online with a MasterCard, Visa or Discover card at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have not received a bill, please call (859) 331-5910.

SNOW EMERGENCY by BOB BEGNOCHE, General Services Director

The City has an ordinance that prohibits all motor vehicles from parking on any street in the City during a Snow Emergency. **A Snow Emergency may be declared by the Mayor anytime driving conditions are deemed hazardous. It is automatically in effect when there is a snowfall of two or more inches.**

We notify radio and television stations of declared Snow Emergencies, but they do not always broadcast the notice. These notices are not required and you may receive a citation without prior notification. Also, your car may be towed if it creates a hazard on your street.

Snow Emergencies are put into effect for your safety as well as the City's. It allows the Public Works Department to plow and salt the thoroughfares without the additional hazard of parked vehicles. If it is snowing, or if snow is predicted, please remove your car(s) from the street. Let's all work together to keep our streets clear and safe for everyone. Happy Holidays!

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off for mulching in the designated areas at both Presidents and Freedom parks. January 6th and the 13th are pick-up dates for the Kenton County Public Works in our city. Please don't leave any trees after the 13th of January. Thank You!

EDGEWOOD SWEATSHIRTS



Edgewood sweatshirts are available for purchase at the city building. Show your “Edgewood” pride. They make great holiday gifts! We have both crew neck and “hoodie” styles available. They come in various colors and sizes. Two styles of sweatshirts are available; one style has “Edgewood” embroidered in gold on the front and one style has the Edgewood tree logo on the right side of the sweatshirt. The cost is \$30 for both styles.

Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino

First and foremost I would like to thank the citizens of Edgewood for attending our Open House on October 4th. It was a beautiful day we had a great turn out again this year. It was very successful and as always it was great to see all of the kids so that we can continue to educate them on Fire Safety. And in case you forgot to test your smoke detectors when the time changed, please do so as soon as possible. They really do save lives!



One of my favorite times of the year is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays are always special, but with them come the hazards of the season. Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a 3 foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- **TEST SMOKE DETECTORS MONTHLY!**
- Another common fire hazard occurs in the kitchen. Never leave food unattended that is cooking on the stove.
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots or excessive wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- Do not link more than 3 light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- And last but not least, never go near a Christmas tree with and open flame – candles, lighters or matches.

Please practice fire safety so that we can all enjoy the holidays. Edgewood FIRE/EMS wishes each of you a Happy Holiday Season!

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash collected on December 25th and January 1st. If you have a Tuesday/ Friday pickup you will only have one pickup on Tuesday of each week.



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