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MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

As the old song goes “where have all the people gone”, I’d like to say where has our summer gone? Congratulations to all the 2009 grads and to those who helped support them throughout the years and good luck to all the young adults and children who are getting ready for the 2009-2010 school year.

Our Summer Concert Series has once again been a great hit for all ages and has been well attended. It sure is refreshing to see smiling faces and people out enjoying themselves. We all are feeling the economic pressures and I’m sure the entertainment from the concerts has helped a little. Thanks for coming and supporting the concert series and please continue to enjoy all the upcoming events planned for the end of summer.

The city recently mailed out 3,231 citizen surveys. The results, compiled by the NKU MPA, show a 10.7% increase from our last survey in 1998. Our survey response rate was 37.6%; the National Citizens Survey response rate is 25-40%. We did well, thanks to all of you. I can’t cover all the survey results in one newsletter but I can and will respond in each of the upcoming newsletters. One question asked was who would like to receive their newsletter via email and our response was 26% would like to receive their newsletter via email. If you would like to have your newsletter forwarded to you by email and not receive a mailing please forward your email address to jk@edgewoodky.gov and the next one will be forwarded to you. Please include your mailing address, as well, so that it can be removed from the list. In 1998 only 42.7 % of survey participants had internet access. Today that number is 88 %. We had 53% of the residents wanting to keep the twice a week garbage collection. Our current contract will stay as is. You can view all the survey results on our website at www.edgewoodky.gov.

It’s pleasing to see how many people in the 4th of July 5K had color coordinating shirts showing the generations of family members who have and continue to participate in the run. We had a great turnout at this year’s race with 603 participants. Thanks for coming; see you next year.

Most of the street repairs and replacements are just now beginning and with weather permitting we should have those completed by fall.

Even though we are heading toward the fall season we still have a lot of activities on the schedule for all ages to enjoy; so pack up the family and come and enjoy the events we have to offer. Hope to see you then.

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Recreation Rap *by Recreation Director Kim Wolking*

4th OF JULY WRAP-UP

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 5K. We had a great turnout with 603 runners and walkers. Congratulations to this year's winners Ben Foley-15:37 and Heather Backer -19:00. Thanks to this year's sponsors: Insight, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, The Bank of Kentucky, Panera Bread, Kroger, Northern Kentucky Water District, Gateway and to the Beiting family for years of service at the Freedom Park water station. For a complete listing of the participants and times please visit www.sprunning.com. If you placed in the top three in your division and have not picked up your medal you may do so at the city building. Congratulations to this year's parade winners: The Patton Jeep- Mayor's Award -Best Entry Honoring the 4th, First Security Trust Bank-Council's Award-Most Original Entry, and Gleiers-Recreation Committee's Award-Best Performing Entry.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY-DECEMBER

The Recreation Committee has set the events schedule for July through December. Please save the enclosed flyer for easy reference. Additional activities may be added at a later date and some dates may be changed during the year. Detailed information about all activities will be in future newsletters, on the city sign, and in most newspapers. You may also check our website at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have any suggestions, an interest in a specific program or can give of your time or expertise, your input is needed and welcomed. You can email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.



TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The concert series is continuing at Presidents Park every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. All concerts are free to the public. The remaining performances are as follows: August 11-Eight Days a Week and August 18- The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra, **A special thanks to this year's sponsors: Duke, Insight and Rumpke.**

If you have questions about any of the performances please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

LAZER KRAZE DISCOUNT DAYS

Lazer Kraze in Erlanger is offering Edgewood residents discount days on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15. You can play laser tag for \$4 a mission any time or use the inflatables for \$4 as follows: Friday, 10:30-12:30 for preschoolers, Friday and Saturday 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. for any age. Residents must show proof of residency to receive the discount. For liability forms and for further information please visit the Lazer Kraze website at www.LazerKraze.com.

MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING FEATURING \$25,000 CASH OR NEW CAR HOLE

Get your foursome together and come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Mayor Link at the 6th Annual Mayor's Golf Outing Friday, August 14, 11:00 a.m., at Twin Oaks Golf and Plantation Club. Don't miss out on your chance to win a new car or \$25,000 cash, as well as a LCD flat screen TV, two domestic airline tickets, and a set of Big Bertha irons all courtesy of Hatfield Insurance. The scramble is \$80 per golfer and includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, draft beer, unlimited sodas and water, snacks, a New York Strip Steak dinner, and door prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov to register or for further information.



FREE FAMILY CAMPOUT

The Family Campout at Presidents Park will be held on Saturday, August 15 (rain date August 22). The fun gets under way with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The city will provide hot dogs, brats and metts. Each family should bring a side dish or salad to share. Please see the enclosed flyer. This award-winning event is a lot of fun and is for Edgewood residents only so please R.S.V.P. early to kw@edgewoodky.gov.

MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Recreation Department is offering a Saturday morning Men's Flag Football League. League play will begin on August 22 and will include a one-and-out tournament after league play. Entry fee is \$300. Registration deadline is August 14 or until league is full. Entry forms are available at the city building. If you have any questions please email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company will be performing "Romeo and Juliet" at the Madison Pavilion in Presidents Park on Sunday, August 30 at 7 p.m. The event is free to the public. Special thanks to Insight for their sponsorship. Please see the enclosed flyer.

OUTDOOR DAYTIME ADULT TENNIS GROUP

A local group is looking for a few additional members, who have played tennis before, to play on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays, weather permitting, year round. Cost for tennis balls is less than \$20 a year. If interested call **Joe at 341-8433 or Peter at 344-8822.**

RUMPKE OPTIONAL-SIZE RECYCLING BIN

Larger recycling bins are available to lease at a cost of \$18 per year. Rumpke will bill each resident directly. These containers have a sixty-five (65) gallon capacity, with lids. Please call Rumpke customer service at **859.472.7339** to order your new container by September 30. Delivery of containers will be the first week in October.

JUST A REMINDER

We have had several requests from residents to remind everyone to clean up their grass clippings that go into the street after mowing. This keeps our city looking beautiful and prevents the yard waste from going into the storm sewers.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Northern Kentucky Water District will be flushing hydrants September 14-18.



NOTE FROM FIRE/EMS

We want to welcome our new recruit class of volunteers. We continue to flourish with new members. We have 13 new members that will start fire school in August as well as 3 new EMT recruits. We are very proud to offer our community a thriving volunteer base to supplement our paid personnel. The volunteers for the department man the department from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and are available to supplement the paid staff if the need arises at all hours. We have been able to take full advantage of our dorm facilities for those that live outside of our immediate area and our recruiting programs continue to be a success thereby offering a savings to our community, but even more a commitment to serve and become involved creating a stronger community. Fire and EMS school is offered twice a year (August and January) when openings are available. Please contact the department if you would like more information in becoming involved. We also offer an Explorers program for the ages of 14-18 in the fire service. Call for more information. We would love to have you!

CPR CLASSES FORMING

Your Fire/EMS department is offering CPR classes. The frequency will be scheduled upon the demand of the classes. If you are in need of a recertification or an initial class in CPR or First Aid please contact the firehouse at 341-2628 for more information.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

On Independence Day, the 4th of July, in a typical year, more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day and fireworks account for half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires. With that thought in mind, I hope everyone had a great 4th of July and went to the park and watched the fireworks rather than try to shoot fireworks off on your own! It was a great day for a family picnic or barbeque so dads' I trust you fired up the grill. I ran across some interesting statistics that I want to share; 4/5's of the grills in America are fueled by gas and 16% use charcoal or other solid fuel. Gas grills are involved in 1,300 home fires, including 600 structure fires and 600 outside fires. June and July are the peak months for grill fires. So with that in mind remember a couple of important tips: propane & charcoal grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill. NEVER leave a grill unattended. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter, NO GASOLINE! And lastly, when you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container. Enjoy your cookout but stay safe and have fun, SAFELY!!

2009-2010 STREET REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

by General Services Director Stan Goetz

The following streets are scheduled for complete concrete replacement: Hillview Court and Becky Lane, parts of Laurel Oak, Balsam Court, Kingston Drive, Kinsella Drive and Hurstborne Lane will also be done. Part of Dudley Road will receive an asphalt replacement. All of Oak Ridge Drive, Horsebranch Road and Willowbrook Lane will receive an asphalt overlay. Our public works department will be working on Sperti Drive, Poinsettia Drive, Madonna Drive, and Barnwood Drive.

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