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MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

The way the weather has been going, I guess I can say the snow is over, but our planning for next year is just now gearing up. As the snow lingered on the sidewalks it made it difficult to navigate for those that needed to walk or would like to just get out and stroll, so with this in mind, next year once the snow has stopped falling we will plow the Freedom Park trail. It will give you the parking you need and we will be able to maintain it for easy and safe walking or jogging.

Over a year ago we offered a free prescription card to our residents that had a 20 percent savings if your insurance company did not cover some or all of your prescription. I'm pleased to say over 411 residents have taken and used this offer and had a savings of \$13,080.28 to date. If you have not gotten one and would like to get one, just stop at the city building and pick one up.

By now most of us have received the 2010 census forms. I found it had just enough questions to get me in that 10 to 15 minute completion timeframe. If you have a problem in filling out the form our staff at the city building is ready and able to help you. So if you have problems count on us for "Everyone Counts".

Just another reminder Edgewood's Fourth of July celebration will be on Saturday, July 3rd with the race in the morning and the fireworks in the evening. Get your neighborhood float together and join us in the parade.

Many thanks to all those who stuffed the 6,000 Easter eggs for the annual egg hunt. We had and will now continue to host this event at Freedom Park and the Senior Center so if the weather is not in our favor we can go inside or stay outside as we did this year. This is one of the fastest events we have; it starts at 2:00 p.m. and is over at 2:02 p.m. Thanks for every ones help.

With the weather starting to improve our public works department has begun to fill pot holes. They have also started to work on those streets they were not able to complete earlier this year. Our new list of street repairs should be out in late May or early June once we complete our street assessment. Our Dudley hill project from Winding Trails to 3L is still moving along with soil samples taken last week. It looks like we could get started in 2011. We will keep you updated as we go.

Thanks to our Fire/EMS and all of the volunteers that work so hard in making our annual fish fry a huge success. Of course, we would like to thank each and every one of our residents, friends and relatives that supported us throughout the season. Many of our Friday evening residents enjoyed the round table discussions that build our community. As you read in this newsletter we have many more events in the works and I hope to see you at one or more of these up and coming events.

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RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director Kim Wolking

PERENNIAL SWAP

Attention all gardeners, the city is sponsoring a perennial swap at the Noll Shelter in Freedom Park on Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any plants you need to divide, please do so and share them with your neighbors. Any unwanted perennials can be donated to the parks department. Please have labels or descriptions of your plants to give to the new owners.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 31. In conjunction with Memorial Day the city is sponsoring an art contest for children in grades K-8. All age groups are invited to make a thank you card for a veteran. There will be a first, second and third place winner selected from each grade. All first place winners will receive a \$50 savings bond and will be recognized at the ceremony. Boy Scout Troop 779 will also be collecting tattered and worn flags to be properly disposed of at the ceremony. If you can not 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, contest or flag disposal please email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.

ROCK-N-ROLL TEEN NIGHT

Teens and "tweens" are invited to start their summer vacation jamming with their friends at Presidents Park. "No Outlet," a teen rock band, will get the party started, on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.



TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The 2010 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 15 with Kyle Ryan as Elvis and runs through August 17. 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. We'd like to give a special thanks to our sponsors Duke Energy and Rumpke. Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of performances. If you have questions please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

7TH ANNUAL AMATEUR GARDENER RECOGNITION AWARD

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 11. Judging will take place the week of June 14. Awards will be presented the following week. Please see the enclosed nomination form.

FREEDOM PARK YARD SALE

The city is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Freedom Park. Residents may reserve a space at the park for \$20.00. The cost includes one table and two chairs, a garage sale permit, and our General Services Department hauling away any unwanted items to charity. The Recreation Committee will be sponsoring concessions. Residents are responsible for their own setup, pricing and petty cash. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the city building. Space is limited, register early. If you don't have items to sell but love to shop don't miss this



opportunity to find great bargains in one convenient location close to home. If you have any questions please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

- 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES - SATURDAY, JULY 3RD

5K RACE

The 33rd Annual City of Edgewood Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3rd. 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.sprunning.com until Wednesday, June 30. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. Registration will end at 7:30 a.m. on the 3rd. Pre-registered participants will be able to pickup shirts and numbers at the city building on July 2 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m.–6 p.m. We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 or email at kw@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.



PARADE

The parade will begin at the Kmart lot at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. This year's theme is "Star Spangled Celebration". 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 Kim Wolking at 331-5910 or kw@edgewoodky.gov to reserve a spot. There will be a brief awards ceremony following the parade at the flagpole in Presidents Park.

TOURNAMENTS

The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. 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 25.

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 Saturday, July 3 and will continue until the fireworks begin. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



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 at dusk on Saturday, July 3. Bring a blanket and come early! Rain date for the fireworks is Sunday, July 4th. Please save the enclosed flyer

for a listing of all the activities.

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 @ 341-8433 or Peter @ 344-8822.

IT'S SPRING CARNIVAL TIME AT RC HINSDALE!!!!

Games, Food, Music and Rides!!! Help us kick off summer by joining us for our annual Spring Carnival at RC Hinsdale. Our back lot will be the site of lots of fun games, exciting inflatable rides, great food, and music. Bring the family out for an affordable Saturday afternoon of fun. There will be raffle opportunities, exciting themed basket giveaways, and fun crafts like face painting!!! Raiders Youth Football will be helping us celebrate too by hosting a booth for football signups!!! Join us on Saturday, May 22, from 3-7 p.m. Tickets will be available the week prior through RC Hinsdale, or the day of at the carnival ticket booth. We look forward to seeing you!!!!

Edgewood Fire/EMS Explorer Post 2381

If you would like to explore a career in the fire service and are between the ages of 14 to 18, then we invite you to attend our Fire Explorer Orientation Meeting on May 5th at 7:00pm. All interested candidates are requested to attend where more information on the Explorer program will be discussed. No commitment needed at this time to attend the meeting. You may contact the Edgewood Fire/EMS Dept. at 341-2628 or Lt. Scott Meiners at scottmeiners@yahoo.com for more information.



A note from your Fire and EMS Department . . .

The banners will be going up this month for our annual recruit drive. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and going to school to become an EMT or firefighter (or both), please stop by during business hours and complete your application. Our orientation class will begin towards the end of May with orientation starting in June. Also we would like to thank all that came up and supported our fish fry this year. This is our only fund raiser and it supports all of our outreach programs with Christmas families, our nursing home etc. By you supporting us, we are able to support our community as well. So thank you!



FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

Outdoor fires can cover hundreds of acres and burn for days. They can destroy everything in their paths and it can take hundreds of firefighters to put them out. Forest fires, field fires and general fires in the woods can be sparked by lightning, but most often by people being careless. If you go camping, see if there are any rules about campfires in the area. Be sure to clear the surrounding area of brush before you start it. Never use lighter fluid or gasoline to start a fire use kindling wood. Never leave any fire unattended or take burning sticks out of the fire. Be sure to have plenty of water or a source of extinguishment near by. If using an outdoor lantern or stove, keep it away from things that burn and never bring a grill or charcoal fire inside a tent or confined space. If a wild fire should start, get away quickly and safely. Report it to the fire dept or authorities (Ranger) if camping or a local emergency responder. I also suggest putting the fire out completely before going to bed or leaving your campsite. Use water and then put dirt on top. It goes without saying always keep small children away from any fire source.