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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

After the last newsletter, we had a number of inquiries concerning the 1.6 million dollar grant we received from the OKI Council for road improvements to Dudley Road to Dixie Highway. The changes that will take place will be new asphalt, pavement markers and better water drainage on the road surface. There will be no changes in width or any other major changes. This work is scheduled for 2011-2012. The other major Dudley Road project from Winding Trials to 3L Highway should get started in the spring of 2011.

We had our first meeting with the residents and business owners last month; some minor changes were requested and are being addressed.

Roger Rolfes, who has been my CAO for the last 11 years, announced he will retire as of January 1, 2011. We are currently advertising for this position and hope to have his replacement by or before December 1. Roger did a great job in the day to day activities, as well as being very instrumental in securing millions of dollars in grant money to help improve our city. Roger, we wish you the best of luck in the years to come and you will be missed. Thanks again for all that you have done and given to our great city.

From the 4th of July activities, the concerts and Shakespeare in the park, softball and volleyball leagues, putt-putt night, and all the other activities, our sponsorships and attendance were up this year. Thanks to everyone for a great summer.

The Fabulously Fun Day that was held at Presidents Park in September was a huge success and it looks like this event will take the place of the annual Fall Festival. The pet show was a big hit. The weather was great and with one low price all day for all the activities it was truly a family affair. We appreciated everyone's support and comments and we will offer this event again next year.

With Halloween and Spooky Sunday behind us, we are now turning our attention towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. To kick-off the holiday season, please join us at the chili cook-off and visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, at the annual Tree Lighting, on Sunday, November 28 at the senior center. Dust off your chili recipes and see if you have the best chili in Edgewood. Please read on for more information on all the holiday events we have planned.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see you at one of the many upcoming events.

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RECREATION RAP

By Recreation Director Kim Wolking

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

(Rape, Aggression, Defense Systems) Classes are being offered at the Senior Center on **November 8, 10, 15 and 17 from 6-9 p.m.** 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 and sponsored by the Kenton County Sheriff's Office. Please contact Deputy Autumn Ruehl at **859.393.7345** for further information.

SCARF IT UP

Basic knitting classes will be taught by a volunteer from Scarf It Up For Those In Need on **Tuesday, November 9, from 7-9 p.m.** at the Edgewood Senior Center in Freedom Park. Learn the basic skills to make a scarf. Please bring size 19 or 35 knitting needles and Lion Brand thick & quick yarn. Class fee is 1 skein of yarn. No need to register, just come on the 9th. If you can't make it to the class but would like to donate yarn, scarves, hats or mittens, there is a drop-off barrel in the lobby at the city building.

"TURKEY BOWL" FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Annual "Turkey Bowl" Flag Football Tournament will be held at Freedom Park on **Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, November 20.** Sunday slots may be added. The tournament is open to both coed and men's teams. Championship games will be played Thanksgiving morning. We will use a one and out format. Entry fee is \$50. Registration forms are available at the City Building. Deadline to register is November 5.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT BETTER BODIES

Come live fit at Better Bodies on **Wednesday, November 17.** Reduce your stress to enjoy the holidays! Residents are invited to visit and enjoy a workout including spinning or a group exercise class at Better Bodies, 2230 Grand View Drive in Ft. Mitchell, anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. You must be 14 years of age to workout. Kids' Club will be available for child care with a 2 hour limit between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8

p.m. for children ages 8 weeks to 9 years. Please make a reservation for Kids' Club by calling Sharon at **344-9995.** See Better Bodies website if you 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!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration,

Sunday, November 28, at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving just in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. Santa will be

available for pictures after the tree lighting. You must bring your own camera for photos. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa. Awtnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa. In the spirit of the holiday season, can good donations will be collected and distributed to a local charity, please consider making a donation. Show your neighbors who makes the best chili in town. If you think your chili is the best in Edgewood you need to enter the annual chili cook-off contest. Just bring your crockpot to the senior center by 5:30 p.m. for judging. After the winners are announced all entries will be available for sampling. If you are interested in entering the chili cook-off please contact Kim Wolking at **331-5910** or kw@edgewoodky.gov to register. Please see the enclosed flyer.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole **beginning Monday, November 29.** The mailbox will be located at the City Building. **Drop off your letter by December 15** and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve.

ALL ABOARD FOR EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for **Friday, December 3 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 can 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 10-12.** 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 December 14. 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.

LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD LUMINARY NIGHT

This year the City and Little Red School House will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on **Sunday, December 12 from 7-9 p.m.** (rain date Sunday, December 19). This year our luminary kits will include "Little Red" bags (while supplies last). You can preorder your kits with the enclosed form which includes free delivery or you may pickup kits at the city building during regular business hours beginning December 1. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00. Each kit contains 12 bags, 12 candles and 10lbs of kitty litter.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering fitness classes on **Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the senior center. The classes will begin on January 3 and run for eight 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 \$40 for the eight 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.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Ditch the workout, join the party! The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms 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 **Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.** beginning January 5. 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. Registration forms are available at the city building.

2011 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 Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.



A NOTE FROM YOUR FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

By the time this newsletter is distributed, another year will be almost gone and we will be venturing into 2011. We want to thank all that attended our open house in October. We had some stiff competition with the Bengals playing at the same time, but always enjoy "showing off our stuff." On the holiday note, our department will again reach out to our community as we have in the past. We work with a needy family to add to the miracle of Santa and the holidays. We also visit Brighton Gardens with some holiday goodies. The residents too have a renewed faith in Santa! The community helps make this possible by supporting our only fund raiser which is our fish fry in the Lenten season which will again be here before you know it. That is where some of the funds go, so thank you for helping us "pay it forward" as they say. As a department we continually strive to make our community one of the best and safest in Northern Kentucky and we want to wish each and every one of you a very safe and blessed holiday season.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS: With 2010 about to come to a close, we are preparing for the best time of the year, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The holidays are always special, but with them come the hazards of the season. We want everyone to enjoy themselves but also keep their home and families SAFE, this holiday season. As always, fires

occur in the kitchen more than anywhere else, **Rule # 1- NEVER LEAVE FOOD UNATTENDED THAT IS COOKING ON THE STOVE!** Keep the children out of the kitchen while the oven and stove in on. Prepare those great holiday meals with love but use caution in their preparation. When decorating your home, check the decorations, cords that may be frayed or worn, perhaps this is the year you replace all of those old decorations with some new and fresh ones. Candles are neat but always blow them out when you leave the room or house; that also goes for the holiday lights, never leave them lit when you leave the house. The stockings hanging by the fireplace with care are decorative but will burn if you use your fireplace, be sure to place a screen in front of the burning fireplace to keep ambers from flying into the room. Christmas trees, especially live trees need special care, watering, placing them away from heat vents and the fire place are critical; don't burn cut limbs of evergreen in your fireplace or wrapping paper from your presents, they may cause a flash fire. Enjoy the holidays but practice safety and we can all have fun! Chief Amon, and the men and women of your Edgewood FIRE/EMS want to wish each of you a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season!

SNOW EMERGENCY

by Stan Goetz, 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.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE There will be no trash collected on December 25 and January 1. If you have a Wednesday/Saturday pickup you will only have one pickup on Wednesday of each week.

2010-2011 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS Just a reminder, if you would like to take advantage of the 1.25% discount, your tax bill must be postmarked by November 30.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING Christmas trees may be dropped off in the designated areas in both Presidents and Freedom parks until January 14. The Kenton County Public Works Department will pickup the trees and mulch them.

EDGEWOOD SWEATSHIRTS Edgewood sweatshirts are able 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. All shirts have "Edgewood" embroidered in gold on the front. The cost is \$30 for both styles.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on November 6th at Turfway Park in Florence from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.nkyhhw.org for a list of items being accepted.

