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MAYOR'S REPORT
BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Just a friendly reminder, if your auto, health or property insurance policies show a city tax, Edgewood does not have an insurance tax. You should contact your agent and advise them that this tax should not be applied to your insurance bills.

Work has begun on installing the new 36" water line along the lower half of Horsebranch Road. The Water District should have the project completed by June. Once this project is finished we will resurface the entire road from Thomas More Parkway to Orphanage Road. Construction will restrict some lanes from time to time, so please allow enough time while traveling Horsebranch Road.

A few years ago Edgewood and the National League of Cities teamed up and presented a prescription card program that saves our residents 20% on all medical prescriptions not covered by your medical insurance. Today, that program has saved our residents over \$30,000. You can pick up a card at the city building, it's free.

This year we have teamed up with the National League of Cities on an insurance policy to cover sewer line breaks, leaks and backups to your home. Service Line Warranties of America will provide this service to us. It is an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expenses that can cause a hardship in the family budget. This is an OPTIONAL service to all residents but can bring a peace of mind if you have had past or present sewer problems. This service is a 24/7 repairs service using all local certified technicians. We will have a press release and a campaign program sent to all Edgewood residents within the next few weeks.

Our Public Works Department has been reviewing streets that need to be repaired or replaced for the upcoming budget year. Our street list should be presented to us in June with work to starting in July. Repairs that were not completed last fall will be starting within the next month. Our crews have already started the patching and smaller street repairs.

The Recreation Committee has been very busy bringing you winter programs, and working on the spring and summer programs. We had good attendance for all the winter events and I'd like to thank all those that came out and took part; we had a great time. With 4th of July rapidly approaching, now's the time to get your neighbors and friends together and plan that float or pickup truck to ride in the parade.

Our Fish Fry Friday's were once again a big hit. Many residents were able to sit and eat all the efforts they put forth in putting on this annual event. A job well done!

I hope to see you and your family at one or more of the upcoming events; we'll have a great time together.

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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 7, at 10:00 a.m.** If you have any plants you need to divide, please do so and share them with your neighbors. The city will have day lilies available. Any unwanted perennials can be donated to the parks department. Please have labels or descriptions of your plants to give to the new owners. Representatives from Hospice will be selling slightly used vases at the swap with all proceeds benefiting Hospice. If you are planning on buying fresh cut flowers for Mother's Day you'll find some great deals on some unique vases while supporting a good cause.

FREEDOM PARK YARD SALE

The city is sponsoring the annual Freedom Park Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 21 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, 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, so register early. In addition to the Freedom Park Yard Sale vendors, other residents are encouraged to have yard sales at their homes on May 21. Residents will still need to apply for a \$5 permit at the city building and all regular rules apply. The benefit of having a yard sale the same day as the Freedom Park yard sale is that the city will have a listing of all the yard sales in the city on May 21 available at the city building the week prior and at the Freedom Park sale. This will give



bargain hunters an opportunity to make a day of yard sale shopping in Edgewood. If you have any questions please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 30.

Boy Scout Troop 779 will 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 please email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.

TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The 2011 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 14 with Kyle Ryan as Elvis and runs through August 23. 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 will be available at all performances. Special thanks to our sponsors Hatfield Insurance and Rumpke. *Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of performances.*

8TH 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 17.** Judging will take place the week of June 20. Awards will be presented the following week. Please see the enclosed nomination form.

* 4th of July Activities *

*** 5K RACE *** The 34th Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, 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.sprunning.com until Tuesday, June 28. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. Registration will end at 7:30 a.m. on the 4th. Pre-registered participants will be able to pickup shirts, numbers and chips at Tri-State Running, 148 Barnwood Drive, on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2, from 8 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 Monday, July 4. This year's theme is "Happy Birthday USA". 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.

*** VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS *** The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament will be held on Monday, 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 24.

*** 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 Monday, July 4 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 Monday, July 4. Bring a blanket and come early! (Rain date for the fireworks is Tuesday, 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 10-12 volunteers. These volunteers not only give generously of their time but have been doing so for anywhere from six to twenty years. Many of these volunteers got involved when their kids were young and they were coming to all the events, now these kids are some of the volunteers staffing the events. While many of these volunteers are still very committed to their community, they are also very busy families with even busier schedules. Therefore, we are asking for your help, if you are interested in meeting new people, serving your community and spending fun quality time with your family while volunteering, then you may want to consider joining the recreation committee. 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 "Open House" on Tuesday, June 21, 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 Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

WALKING CLUB The Recreation Committee would like to start a walking club and are looking for people who would like to be involved in getting the club started. We would like to hold a September, kick-off event at Freedom Park. If you are interested in helping with the development of the program please contact Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.

JUST A REMINDER-GARBAGE CANS Garbage cans are only to be left out between 5:00 p.m. on the day before any day scheduled for the collection of any garbage or other solid waste material and 9:00 a.m. on the day thereafter collection.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS... Thanks to all my friends who stopped by and said hello at the Senior Expo in March. We had a great time and I hope the information we passed out was helpful. If you are like me you were probably wondering if spring was ever going to get here but I promise sunny days are ahead. With that I want to go over something you may have heard many

times but it bears repeating; watch and warning. You may hear the weatherman or see messages on the TV and radio mention a Thunderstorm Watch and Tornado Watch and then a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or a Tornado Warning, what does all of that mean. A watch simply means conditions are favorable for thunderstorms or a tornado to develop. Tornadoes and thunderstorms are most likely to happen in the late afternoon on hot spring days. However, these storms have occurred in every month, at all times of the day or night. A warning means a severe thunderstorm or a tornado has actually been sighted. Realize that these storms can be deadly and devastating storms, with winds up to 260 miles an hour. If a warning is issued seek shelter immediately. Don't wait until an emergency siren sounds; start thinking about what you need to do. Plan ahead when it comes to these storms. Take responsibility for your own and your family's safety. Consider having a disaster kit on hand, which may contain things as simple as flashlights with extra batteries, a radio, a weather alert device, water, food, activity games or things for your family to do. Remember, the power may go out and stay out for some time, so be prepared. For more information or ideas on how to plan for emergencies stop by the firehouse or city building.

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