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MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Our thanks and our hats are off to the Fire Department and Life Squad members who volunteered to make this year's Friday Night fish fry a big success. All of the proceeds that were received go to helping needy families in the Edgewood area, so thanks to our families and visitors who supported the Friday night fish fry, Job well done!

Due to the nice weather we have already started street repairs on those streets that we were not able to repair last fall. Presently, our staff has been assessing which streets need to be replaced or repaired this summer. We should have this street list in the next newsletter. The Dudley hill project is on hold again due to some minor changes the State has asked for before final approval. We are hoping that within the next few weeks all issue points will be addressed. It is still a setback for us all.

The summer concert series will begin on June 12th with the "Sweet Beats". I do hope you and your family can get out and enjoy the evening under the stars. Snappy Tomato Pizza will again provide food for those who are rushing or those who just want a snack while enjoying the concert.

Our newly formed Garden Club had their first meeting with many new ideas. If anyone is interested in joining the group they would be happy to have you join. Please call Sandy Geisen at 344-9466.

We have been asked from time to time if the city still has pavers that can be engraved for members of their family and friends. The answer is yes we do, our staff can advise you of the different locations that are still available. Memorial Day is approaching and this could be a nice tribute to those family members.

With the 4th of July just around the corner and the schools have just a few more weeks, it's a good time to get the neighborhood together to watch or participate in the 5K race/walk as well the parade. Our theme this year is "Light the Sky with Freedom". Our 5K race will have a new start time, 7:30 A.M. This new time should help with the parade starting on time and for those who participate in more than just our morning activities.

As you can see and read Elaine's news, we have plenty of activities forthcoming it would be great to see you at one or more of the summer events.



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LEISURE TIME

with *Laney...*
by Recreation Director
Elaine Hoblik

PERENNIAL SWAP

Attention all gardeners, the city is sponsoring a perennial swap at the Noll Shelter in Freedom Park on Saturday, May 5, 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.



FREEDOM PARK YARD SALE

The city is sponsoring the annual Freedom Park Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19 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 at the City Building.

In addition to the Freedom Park Yard Sale vendors, other residents are encouraged to have yard sales at their homes on May 19. 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 19 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 Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910.

EDGEWOOD'S COMMUNITY NIGHT

With the help of the City of Edgewood, the Florence Freedom are proud to offer Edgewood residents a \$2 discount on their community's night on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:05 p.m., opponent team is Rockford River Hawks. Also, \$3 from your ticket purchase will go to support the 'Senior Outreach Holiday Program' foundation. For more information please call 594-HITS.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 28. 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 call or email Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov.

TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The 2012 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 12 with "Sweet Beats" and runs through August 21. 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 sponsor Hatfield Insurance. 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 15. Judging will take place the week of June 18. Awards will be presented the following week. Please see the enclosed nomination form.

35th ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

5K RACE

The 35th Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 7:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, 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.edgewood5K.gov until Tuesday, July 3. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. Registration will end at 7:00 a.m. on the 4th of July. **Pre-registered participants will be able to pick up shirts, numbers and chips at Tri-State Running, 148 Barnwood Drive.**

Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, July 1st noon to 5 p.m.,
Monday, July 2nd and Tuesday, July 3rd 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.

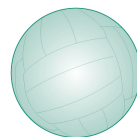
We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or email at eh@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.



PARADE

The parade will begin at the Kmart lot at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4. This year's theme is "Light the Sky with Freedom". The City is also celebrating the 51st Anniversary of the parade. 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 Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or eh@edgewoodky.gov to reserve a spot. There will be a brief awards ceremony following the parade at the flagpole in Presidents Park.

Please call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or email at eh@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.



VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament will be held on Wednesday, 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 "Jimmy's New Invention". The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, July 4. Bring a blanket and come early! **Rain date for the fireworks is Thursday, 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 8-10 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 **"Check Us Out" on Tuesday, June 12, 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 Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

EDGEWOOD FIRE/EMS COMMUNITY CPR/AED and FIRST AID CLASSES



Edgewood Fire/EMS CPR Program teaches the appropriate administration of adult, child and infant CPR, the use of an AED, and how to help a person who is choking. CPR is taught at a level that everyone can understand while providing required certifications for professions such as Daycare workers, Lifeguards, Coaches, Fitness Center Personnel, Medical Responders, and Medical and Nursing Students. After completion of the course students will receive a two year course completion card along with other CPR equipment and materials. This is a great opportunity for all Parents, Grandparents, Babysitters and Family/Friends, or anyone in our community interested to learn how to make a difference during an emergency!

Basic First Aid and CPR for the Healthcare Provider classes are also available.

Cost

CPR/AED or Basic First Aid: \$30
CPR/AED and Basic First Aid: \$50
CPR for the Healthcare Provider: \$40

Fireman Mike Says:



Thanks to all 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. We also handed out a few free smoke detectors to some of our Edgewood residents. Hopefully everyone replaced the batteries in their smoke detectors when they changed their clocks for daylight savings time. If you forgot, it's not too late! We've been lucky enough to enjoy warm weather early this year and I'd like to recommend the following fire safety tips for fire proofing your home this spring: Inspect, clean out and de-grease your charcoal and gas grills for great grilling **without** having to call 9-1-1. Have all your fire extinguishers checked by a certified technician or purchase a new one if outdated. You should have one on each floor of your house and in each car. And finally make sure all fire exits or escape routes that are identified in your fire escape plan are clear of any debris and are not blocked-off. Stay Fire Safe and enjoy your Spring!