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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Much has been written and discussed about the 911 parcel fee that has been approved by the Fiscal Court to consolidate the dispatch centers in the near future to save us, the taxpayers, from unnecessary tax increases. Presently our contract is with Erlanger dispatch and our revenue comes from the \$4.26 fee on landline phones to cover the cost for this service. Effective January 1, 2013, we will have asked that this fee to be taken off the phone landline bills for the City of Edgewood. The parcel fee that was adopted by the Fiscal Court will be applied as our payment. The Fiscal Court has assured us this will happen and once the County dispatch system can handle our call loads and the system is equal to or better than what we have today, Edgewood will join the County system. Let me reassure our residents that your calls for help when in need will not go unattended and our services will continue to excel with either of these centers. There will be no interruption in service. I will say, all of our cities in Kenton County, are committed to work together to make this system the best and most cost effective even if we have to look at other revenue sources in the near future. Our time frame for joining the county dispatch is tentatively set for October 2013. We ask all of our citizens to be aware that the dynamics of this issue are continuing to evolve, and we will ensure that Edgewood's emergency services continue to respond to emergencies in the professional manner we have all come to expect.

All of last year's street repairs and replacements are completed and we are now beginning to work on this year's schedule. We should get some done this fall if the weather is in our favor, but the majority will be finished in early spring and summer 2013. Our city crews are still out fixing the minor repairs to those streets in need and will continue as long as they can. The Dudley road project from Winding Trails to Brookwood is in the final stages of getting all the easements in writing to meet the State's requirements. With that said, we should see contracts and work beginning in 2013. With the new designed curbs, lighting and pavement this should cut down on the accidents we have been seeing most recently. We can make all these improvements going down the hill but speed, light weight cars and wet pavement have been the major concerns. Please use care going down the Dudley Hill section.

With the holiday season approaching, we are again having the annual tree lighting on November 25 at the Senior Center starting at 5:30 pm and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive about 6:00 pm. Again this year, we will have the hot wheels event and if you do not have a hot wheel, one will be provided for your use. Bring your camera to take your favorite picture that you will remember for years to come.

I'd like to thank and welcome all of our new residents that have chosen Edgewood as your new home. We are glad you are here and hope to see you at one or more of the coming events. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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LEISURE TIME

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

Nifty Knitter Class

A basic knitting class will be taught by a volunteer from Scarf It Up For Those In Need on Saturday **November 3** from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Learn the basic skills to make a scarf. You will need: Nifty knitter circle sold at Wal-Mart or Michaels (at least) one skein of chunky yarn-more to make a scarf or a scarf and hat (#5 “Bulky” or #6” Super Bulky” works best). Or 2 thinner yarns (such as #3” light, #4” Medium”, even Fun Fir). Fee for the class is 1 skein of yarn or a pair of gloves or hat. **Class size is limited to 12.** Please sign up at the city building. For more information or to register email Elaine at eh@edgewoodky.gov.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT SILVERLAKE AND BETTER BODIES PICK YOUR DAY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 REDUCE YOUR STRESS AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

We invite you to visit and enjoy a workout including spinning, water fitness or a group exercise class at Silverlake and/or Better Bodies. Pick a day to be our guest the week of Nov. 11. Kids’ Club will be available for child care at specific times. **TO ENJOY YOUR DAY OF FUN AND FITNESS, CALL SHARON AT 859-426-6063 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** See our website to plan on attending a spinning, water fitness or group fitness class for your workout, <http://www.silverlakefamily.com>. Take time for yourself and give yourself the gift of good health! See you there!

Annual Tree Lighting

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday November 25 at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. **Bring your cameras for photos with Santa, he will be available for pictures after the tree lighting by Rudolf and his friends. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Awtnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while**

they wait to see Santa. We also have the hot wheel race cars competition. 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 crock-pot 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 Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or eh@edgewoodky.gov to register.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Edgewood Garden Club has been busy adding fall color and preparing for the spring. We have planted 700 tulip and daffodil bulbs and 75 pansies on the corner of Turkeyfoot and Dudley and 300 tulip bulbs at the entrance to Presidents Park. We also added fall color to the existing pots by the Edgewood signs and the park. Next spring we will be adding more pots along Dudley. In December we will have a social outing. Stay tuned for details. We hope that everyone enjoys our efforts!

Letters to Santa

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday November 26th. The mailbox will be located at the City Building. Drop off your letter by December 14th and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas.

Let’s Team-Up Edgewood

My name is Charlie Atkinson and I am a junior at Dixie Heights High School and an Edgewood resident. I am teaming up with Athletes United Foundation and the city of Edgewood to collect non-perishable food and hygiene items to benefit children in need. As part of a service learning project I am asking residents to donate listed items to help combat poverty. Please drop off donations to the city building between now and December 1st. By teaming up with Edgewood we can all make a difference! Thanks for your support!
Food Items - crackers, cereal, chicken canned, fruit canned or dried, macaroni and cheese, pasta, oatmeal, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, tuna, and vegetables canned.
Hygiene Items – dental floss, deodorant, face wash, hairbrushes/combs, hair conditioner, lotion, mouthwash, shampoo, soap/body wash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Edgewood Sweatshirts

Edgewood sweatshirts are a great gift idea for the holidays. Show your “Edgewood Pride“ and come to the city building to purchase one for you or a family member. 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.

All Aboard for Edgewood Night at Behringer-Crawford

Edgewood night at the Behringer –Crawford Museum in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 7 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 web site at www.bcmuseum.org.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST * SEE FLYER *

EDGEWOOD DAY AT NKU BASKETBALL GAMES *SEE FLYER*

BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES *SEE FLYER*

Light up Edgewood Luminary Night

This year the City and the Little Red School House will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on Sunday, December 9 from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday December 16). This year our luminary kits will include “Little Red” Bags (while supplies last). You can preorder your kits with the enclosed forms which includes free delivery or you may pick them up at the city building during regular business hours beginning Nov. 29. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00. Each kit contains 12 bags, 12 candles and 10 lbs. of kitty litter.* See flyer for order form.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi will be offered again! Winter Tai Chi classes on Wednesdays, January 9 – March 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This ten week session is only \$50 per person. Tai chi is often described as “meditation in motion,” but it might well be called “medication in motion.” There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice, which originated in China as a martial art, has value in treating or preventing many health problems. And you can get started even if you aren’t in top shape or the best of health. We had a great turn out last class session; you may come and try a class for free! Contact Elaine at the city building to sign up!

STRENGTH/CARDIO

The Recreation Department will be offering fitness classes on Monday evenings from 6-7pm at the Senior Center. The classes will begin on January 7th and end on March 11. All classes will consist of stretching, aerobics, weight lifting and toning. Please bring an exercise mat or towel and a 3-8 lb. weight. You may pre-register at the city building by January 7.

Zumba

Ditch the workout; join the party with Gabrielle Dion! 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! Winter classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning January 8-March 12. The ten week course will cost \$50.00. All classes will be held at Senior Center. Please pre-register for the class.

2013 Events Calendars

Please watch for the **January-June** events calendar in the next newsletter and website. If you are interested in a certain program or would like to **join our volunteer committee** contact Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov or call 331-5910.

SNOW EMERGENCY

By Bob Begnoche, General Services Director
The City of Edgewood 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 snow fall 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 hazards 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 25th and January 1st. If you have a Tuesday/Friday pickup you will only have one pickup on Friday of each week.

2012-2013 Real Estate Property Tax Bills

Just a reminder, if you would like to advantage of the 1.25% discount, your tax bill must be postmarked by November 30.

Christmas Tree Mulching

Christmas trees with wires or bags may be dropped off for pick –up by January 14th at the designated areas in both Presidents and Freedom parks. The Kenton County Public Works Department will pick-up the trees and mulch them.

Fall 2012 Events

Household Waste Collection Event A household waste collection day will be held at **Florence Freedom at 7950 Freedom Way In Florence, KY on November 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Northern Kentucky residents can dispose of electronics, computers, TVs, oil, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, car batteries, toner, ink cartridges and more. Copy registration form on line at www.nkyhhw.org and fill out before dropping off on the day of event please. This will keep a flow for drop off. For more information call Kenton County (859)392-1920.

Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino



One of my favorite times of the year is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays are always special, but with them come the hazards of the season. Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater. Have a 3 foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters. Never use your oven to heat your home. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Test smoke detectors often. Another common fire hazard occurs in the kitchen. Never leave food unattended that is cooking on the stove. Also, holiday lights can be a danger in the home. Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, or excessive wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not link more than 3 light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch. And last but not least, never go near a Christmas tree with and open flame – candles, lighters or matches. Please practice fire safety so that we can all enjoy the holidays. Edgewood FIRE/EMS wishes each of you a Happy Holiday Season!