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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

March Madness and the Masters events have all ended but our city events are just about here with the Tuesday night concerts in the park and our 4th of July race and parade. This year's Grand Marshall will be Mr. Stan Goetz who retired as our Public Works director with 45 years as an employee and a volunteer. Our theme for this year is "Music in America". So get your floats or the pickup truck and bring the neighborhood. We should have lots of fun.

This year's concerts are sponsored by the Hatfield Insurance Agency, St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Rumpke and will start June 11th with Robin Lacy & De Zydeco. Snappy Tomato and Tropical Sno Hawaiian Shave Ice will again be selling items; The Blue Star Mothers will have bake sales during the season. Bring a chair or a blanket for a great time.

Dudley Hill Project - Due to the State of Kentucky's additional requirements, we needed to draft a legal description into deeds for each of the residents from Winding Trails to 3L Highway. Once this is done we can proceed to go out for bids. I'm hoping we start this fall.

Some streets are being replaced along with our public works department working on sidewalks and some small street repairs. It is an inconvenience to have one side of the street torn up, but once it's over you will have smooth sailing.

During our up and coming Memorial Day event at the Senior Center we will take a moment to thank the Reyer Family for painting and donating the star in front of the Senior Center. Thanks to you all.

Our last newsletter had two items as food for thought. The answer to the first was honey will never spoil, and the second was your left lung is smaller. Here is this month's food for thought, if you had two green peppers in your hand how can you tell which is the male and which is the female, and which one has the most seeds?

Looking forward to seeing you at our city events! We will have a great time.

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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 4, 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 daylilies 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 18 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 18. 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 18 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.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 27. Boy Scout Troop 779 will be collecting tattered and worn flags to be properly disposed of at the ceremony. If you cannot 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 2013 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 11 with “Robin Lacey & De Zydeco” and runs through August 13. 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 and Tropical Sno Hawaiian Shave Ice will be available at all performances. **Special thanks to our sponsors Hatfield Insurance Agency, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, and Rumpke.** Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of performances.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Spring is finally here! Our work from last fall is coming to fruition. We planted over 1,000 bulbs at the corner of Turkeyfoot and Dudley and the front of Presidents Park. We plan to add several more pots along with new garbage cans and benches along Dudley. We are developing an adopt-a-pot program for tending to the pots. The city will water them. We are always looking for volunteers. We hope that our efforts brighten your days and our beautiful city!

9TH 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 19. Judging will take place the week of June 19. Awards will be presented the following week. Drop off nomination forms at the city building.

36TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

5K RACE

The 36th Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at **7:30 a.m. on Thursday, 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.com until Thursday, June, 27th. 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.**

Packet pick-up for the City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Company 5K will be at the store on Saturday June 29th (10 to 6), Sunday June 30th (10 to 6), Monday July 1st (10 to 8), Tuesday July 2nd (10 to 8), and Wednesday July 3rd (10 to 6).

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 Thursday, July 4. This year’s theme is “Music of America”. The City is also celebrating the 52nd 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 Thursday, 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 Thursday, July 4 and will continue until the fireworks begin around 9:30 pm. Snappy Tomato Pizza and Tropical Sno Hawaiian Shave Ice will be available for purchases of food and beverages.

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 around 9:30 pm on Thursday, July 4. Bring a blanket and come early! **Rain date for the fireworks is Friday, 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 two 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 11, 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.

COMMUNITY CPR CLASSES

Edgewood Fire Department would like the opportunity to offer Community CPR at a minimal cost to all of our residents. We feel educating our residents can be very valuable to assist our families and friends if the need were ever to arise. Unfortunately, we must limit this to Edgewood residents. Our tentative dates are 6/22/13 and 9/21/13. Please call the Fire Department at 859-414-6424 and leave your contact information. One of our instructors will contact you within 24-48 hours to answer any questions and provide you with the details. Please understand there are a limited number of spots available for each class. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fireman Mike Says...by Firefighter Mike Constantino



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!

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