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MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Overall, 2008 was not a bad year for our city. We were able to complete our scheduled street repairs, with more to be repaired or replaced in 2009. We should have an updated list once the bad weather is behind us and we can see how much damage we really have.

Our fire department had a very successful recruiting drive with a number of new volunteers signing up. We are excited to have these talented individuals join our team and are still interested in additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please call the city building at 331-5910.

Even though the cost of fuel hit the ceiling this year our police department was able to stay within budget by implementing several cost saving measures. All of our departments are committed to continue to save during these times.

The recreation department events were very well attended and the newly added programs were a real hit and will be carried over into 2009. During the Christmas Home Decorating Contest we had nine winners and passed out over one hundred ribbons to other decorated homes. Many thanks to all the residents who kept the spirit alive and the lights on.

The year 2009 will be a challenging year for us all and I hope we can get some costs stabilization for all of our purchases to enable us to gain confidence in where we are headed for the coming months. This may keep us away from the sharp increases and decreases we have all gone through. Our city tax rate for 2008-2009 is the same rate as last year and we will continue to provide the same quality services.

You may have seen on our electric sign that we are asking all residents to try and make their house numbers visible in case of an emergency. House numbers painted on the concrete curb is not enough since it can get covered up during snow days and becomes no help. Our recommendation is to apply the vinyl numbers to the side of the mail box or the pole. If you should have any questions give us a call at 331-5910.

The recreation department included their events/program schedule for January –June in this issue. You can count on this schedule for your individual or family enjoyment for the coming year. I hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events. Please keep reading on.

We wish you a healthy and a prosperous new year!

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS

by City Clerk Jeanette Kemper

In order to take advantage of the second discount period property tax bills must be paid or postmarked by January 30, 2009. Otherwise, the full amount is due by April 30, 2009. You may pay your bill with Visa, Mastercard or Discover. To pay by phone call 331-5910.

RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director Kim Wolking

OUTSTANDING DEPARTMENT AWARD

The recreation department received the 2008 Kentucky Recreation and Park Society “Outstanding Department” award at the KRPS annual conference in November. The award is given to departments for their outstanding contributions to the leisure profession. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and to all the residents who participate in our programs.



2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

The recreation committee has set dates for most of the 2009 events and programs. Please save the enclosed flyer for easy reference through June. Another flyer will go out for July through December. Other activities and new programs may be added at a later date and some dates may be changed during the year. Information about all activities and programs will be in future newsletters, on our city sign and in most newspapers. Information pertaining to children’s activities will be sent to the local schools. You may also check our website at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have any suggestions, an interest in a specific program or can give of your time or expertise, your input is needed and welcome. Anyone interested can call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT TOWN AND COUNTRY

Edgewood Night is Sunday, January 18 from 6-9 p.m. at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder, Kentucky. The night will include unlimited rock climbing, aero ball, tubes and tunnels, junior gym, junior exercise equipment, two indoor warm water pools with two indoor slides,

the large basketball court, sports wall, game bikes, viper rope and dance, dance revolution. Direct parent supervision is required for all activities. The concession stand will be open for snacks and drinks. Please bring a towel for the pool and wear tennis shoes and socks for the land activities. This event is for Edgewood residents only. Residency will be checked at the door. Parents must accompany every child in attendance. Parental waivers will have to be signed.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT LAZER KRAZE

Edgewood Day at Lazer Kraze in Erlanger is Monday, January 19 from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is free to Edgewood residents and includes 2 missions and use of the inflatable room. This event is for Edgewood residents only. Residency will be checked at the door. Parents must accompany every child in attendance. Parental waivers will have to be signed for all participants under the age of 18. For more information on Lazer Kraze visit their website at www.lazerkraze.com.

BELLY DANCE CLASSES

Belly Dance Classes will be offered at the senior center on Wednesday evenings, January 21 through February 25 from 7-8 p.m. The classes will feature “Dance of the Seven Veils”. The cost of the course is \$30. Registration forms are available at the city building or for further information please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910 or kw@edgewoodky.gov.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY SENIOR GAMES-WINTER EDITION

Winter games for everyone 50 and over will be held Thursday, January 22 at the Armory Gymnasium, Tower Park, Ft. Thomas. The games will include: Skittles, Shuffleboard, Corn Hole, Billiards, Frisbee Toss, Football Toss, Snag Golf, Basketball Spot Shooting, Pop-A-Shot and Washer Toss. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes: continental breakfast, games 9 a.m.-noon, lunch, awards and tote bag. Registration is \$15. For more information call the Northern Kentucky Area Development District at 283-1885.



EDGEWOOD SOCCER

(Formerly Dixie Soccer)



Open registration will be held on Saturday, January 24 and 31 at the Edgewood Senior Center from 9-11 a.m. Registration forms are also available on the NKSL website www.nksl-soccer.org or may be picked at the Edgewood City Building during regular business hours.

SPRING FIELD RESERVATIONS

Anyone interested in reserving a field for the spring of 2009 should submit a written request to Kim Wolking at 385 Dudley Road, by February 16. The request should include the coach’s complete address, including work, home and cell phone numbers and email, day of week needed, time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, complete rosters with addresses and the field name you are requesting. Permits will be issued the first part of March. Procedures for field usage and the issuing of permits may change at anytime. All city leagues and special events will have field priority.

FREE ROLLER SKATING

Come enjoy a fun night of free roller skating at the Independence Skateway on Sunday, February, 15 from 6:30-9 p.m. This event is limited to the first 200 Edgewood residents only and includes skate rental. You must show proof of residency at the door and a waiver will need to be signed. You can visit www.independenceskateway.com for directions or call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 for further information.



EDGEWOOD DAY AT SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

Edgewood Day is Monday, February 16 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Sports of All Sorts on Cavalier Drive in Florence. The day will include the batting cage, miniature golf (weather permitting), slam dunk, 20 arcade tokens, 2 pieces of pizza and a drink. This event is limited to the first 100 residents. This event is for Edgewood residents only. Residency will be checked at the doors. Parents must accompany every child in attendance. Parental waivers will have to be signed.

SNOW TUBING AT PERFECT NORTH

Come and join us for a day of snow tubing at Perfect North Slopes on Sunday, February 22 from 2-4 p.m. (weather permitting). Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the city building by February 18th. You must pre-register to receive the group discount. The cost is \$20 for ages 7 and up and \$10 for ages 6 and under. Liability waivers need to be signed for all participants. For more information on snow tubing or to download the liability waiver please visit www.perfectnorth.com.



MYSTERY DINNER

The annual Mystery Dinner “The Captain’s Will” will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center, 550 Freedom Park Drive, on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes the mystery, a catered dinner, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks (you may bring your own alcohol). Please see the enclosed reservation form. For further information please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

SENIOR EXPO

A Senior Expo will be held at the senior center on Thursday, March 5 from 2-4 p.m. The expo will feature a wide variety of information focusing on senior interests. The expo is free to all seniors. If you are interested in being an exhibitor please contact Kim Wolking for further information at 331-5910.

EDGEWOOD WEBSITE

Please visit our website at www.edgewoodky.gov.



A NOTE FROM YOUR FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT ...



During the winter months residential fires are more prevalent than they are in the spring or summer. This is due to an increase in the number of cooking and heating fires. With the economic conditions I am afraid of what could happen this winter especially with colder temperatures and the high cost of home heating fuels and utilities. I fear more alternative heating devices will be utilized, such as fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters and others. Be sure wood stoves and fireplaces are installed properly; check your chimneys and vents. When did you have your furnace checked professionally by a licensed dealer or technician? Never burn charcoal grills inside, even in the garage, burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide. Space heaters need space, at least three feet all the way around and keep them away from curtains, bedding and furniture. Keep extra blankets and warm clothing in case of a power outage and be cautious with generators using them properly and outdoors. Be sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order, recheck your home escape plans and have a safe meeting place at a neighbor’s house or close by. Also, please check on one another, especially home bound or the elderly. A quick call or a ride to the store or an appointment would help a lot. Please feel free to contact Fireman Joe at the firehouse for questions or help with other winter safety planning. My number is 578-3099 if I’m out leave a voice message or e-mail me at firemanjoe@edgewoodky.gov.

FISH FRY!

The Edgewood Fire/EMS is once again holding their annual “Fantastic Fish Fry” during the Lenten season. Come enjoy fried fish (beer battered and country style), shrimp and baked fish along with sides such as beer battered onion rings, fries, homemade coleslaw and macaroni and cheese. There will be chicken nuggets and hotdogs for the kids! Every Friday at the Edgewood Senior Center beginning February 27th-April 10th from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Please come and support your Fire Department!



FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT PLAYING SANTA

The Fireman’s Association made up of mainly our volunteers of the department have funded again this year our very own Santa with not only gifts to each resident in our nursing homes, but also a needy family here in Edgewood. We were a “blessing” we were told to this family who had come on to some very hard times with one parent and many kids to support. These funds are acquired from our annual fish fries and makes such a difference to these people young and old especially this time of year when some of these people feel forgotten or just too overwhelmed to cope with day to day, much less to provide a “special day” that Christmas means to most of us. So we thank all in our community that support our fish fries and allow us to “pay it forward”. We were able to touch many families this Christmas and I am sure our needy family will remember it a lifetime.

Our fish fries will be starting in February (the six weeks prior to Easter), so please keep supporting such a worthwhile cause. It does give back to your community.

We wish all the best and healthy New Year!

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

Little Red School House will have an Open House at the Edgewood School, 573 Freedom Park Drive, on February 28 from 12-3 p.m. For further information please contact Megan George at 727-6148.