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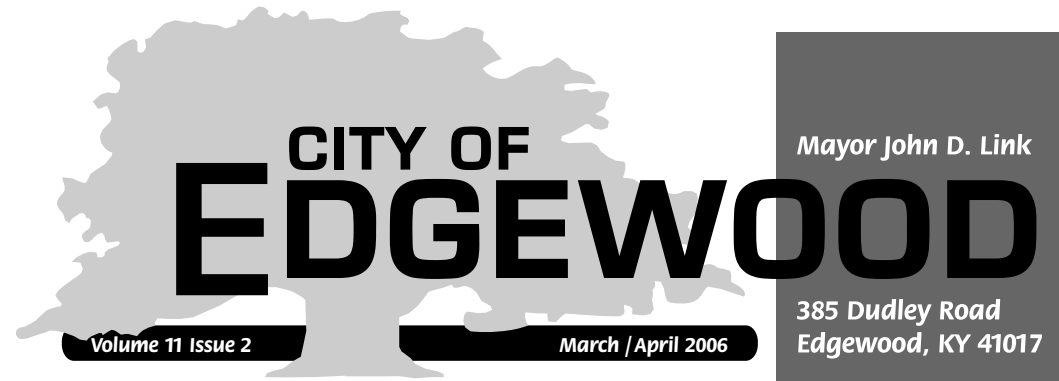


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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Each year our fire department has an annual dinner to thank all of their members, both paid and volunteers, for their outstanding accomplishments. The 2005 awards were given to Jeannie Rohan for the highest number of EMS runs, Greg Burk for the highest number of fire runs, Nick Russell for the highest number of training hours and EMT of the Year, and Rob Dreyer as Firefighter of the Year. The winners are voted on by the membership for their outstanding work performance. Congratulations to all.

A few months ago our Fire Chief Joe Messmer and his son Mark visited Berlin, Germany while on business and a short vacation. While in Berlin, they visited one of the fire departments near where they were staying and were treated as royalty during the four-hour visit. Joe and Mark told all of the firefighters if you ever come to America; please make Edgewood one of your stops. On March 3rd five firemen arrived from Berlin to visit Edgewood and other parts of Kentucky as well as Cincinnati, before going to New York City. During their stay they visited Ft. Knox, Mammoth Cave, and a few of the Northern Kentucky fire departments, as well as the Kenton County Police Department to exchange ideas and methods on how similar we all are when it comes to protecting our citizens. It was very refreshing to know that the common connection is to save lives and to make each of our communities as safe as possible. We wish them well and we are glad they came. Many thanks to the Arlinghaus family for letting them stay with them during their visit. Thanks again from all of us.

The Turkeyfoot and Dudley Road intersection should be completed once the weather permits and all of the utilities are connected.

By the time you receive this newsletter we should be in the new city building dusting and cleaning corners and ledges while putting all of our paperwork in the files and storage areas that we have needed for years. We have set May 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m. as the ribbon cutting ceremonies for all of our Edgewood residents to cut the ribbon and tour the new facilities. Mark your calendars for May 20, 2006; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I hope to see everyone there.

Our street program will again get underway once the weather permits. The new list of streets for the 2006-2007 replacement or repairs will be ready in April with work starting at once.

The ice-skating programs at Northern Kentucky Ice Center have been a big success. We plan on continuing the skating inside so everyone can enjoy the exercise and fun. The Amazing Race will be held on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. and we expect it will be bigger this year than last, so get the entire family together as a team. Please read Kim Wolking's recreation article for all the upcoming events.

We welcome all the new residents to Edgewood and look forward to meeting you at one of our up and coming events.

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RECREATION RAP

by Recreation
Director Kim Wolking

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Presidents Park will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m. The egg hunt is for children ages 3-8 and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny will be available after the hunt for pictures at the Washington Pavilion. There will be special prize eggs in each age group. You can redeem prize eggs at the Washington Pavilion. (In case of inclement weather, children can still visit with the bunny and receive eggs at the senior center). **PARKING IS LIMITED, ARRIVE EARLY. THE HUNT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 2:00 P.M. NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREA.** Please keep the enclosed flyer.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Summer Recreational Softball Leagues are being offered on the following nights: Men's -Wednesdays and Coed-Sundays. League play will begin May 3. The entry fee is \$375. Entry deadline is April 15. Registration forms and rules are available at the city building. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

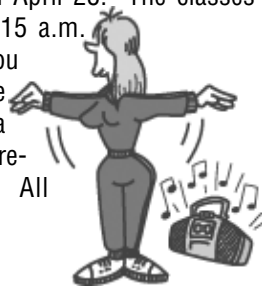
A Recreational Summer Coed Volleyball League is being offered on Wednesday evenings beginning May 3. The entry fee is \$175. Entry deadline is April 15. Registration forms and rules are available at the city building. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

EDGEWOOD AMAZING RACE ROAD RALLY

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a scavenger hunt/road rally on Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The race is for families, friends, neighbors, seniors or any group of 2-6 people. Groups will have 2 hours to gather photographs and items and return to the senior center. Refreshments will be provided while judges view the photos and award points. Prizes will be awarded. Participants will need to bring a digital camera, with a LCD screen, with memory for at least 25 photos, or a Polaroid camera and film for at least 25 photos. You must pre-register for this event. Space is limited. Last year's event was a sellout. Cost per group is \$20. Registration forms are included with this newsletter.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Tuesday and Friday morning classes have been extended through April 28. The classes will run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. at the Senior Center. You should bring an exercise mat or towel. There is a \$2 fee per class. No pre-registration required. All participants must sign a waiver.



PERENNIAL SWAP

Attention all gardeners, the city is sponsoring a perennial swap at the Noll Shelter in Freedom Park on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. Start planning your gardens now, if you have any plants you need to divide please do so and share them with your neighbors. The city will have daylilies on hand and we hope to swap for some plants for the new city building. Please have labels or descriptions of your plants to give to the new owners. The Kenton County Extension Office will be on hand with some useful gardening information. If you would like to participate please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 for further information. Please see the enclosed flyer.



GET MOVING AND GROOVING!

Grab your bowling ball, golf clubs, tennis racket and fishing pole and join us for a great week of fun events for everyone age 50 and older. Show the world you still have what it takes to toss a horseshoe, sink a basketball and slide your shuffleboard puck right on to the 10 points mark. Choose from even more events including corn hole, bocce ball, disc golf, billiards and a whole range of track and field competitions. It's fun for serious competitors and for everyone who just wants to get out and get moving. Registration fee of \$15 covers all events, including t-shirt and medals for top three winners in all age groups. Games are scheduled from May 16 to May 22 and held in locations throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information and to get a registration form, contact Northern Kentucky Senior Games at NKADD, 859-283-1885.

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REMINDER! PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE DUE APRIL 28TH.

STREET REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

by General Services Director, Stan Goetz

The following streets still need to be completed for 2005/2006: White Oak Drive from Laurel Oak Drive to Larkspur Court, all of Catherine Drive, and Arbor Drive from Marcel Drive to approximately 3075 Arbor Drive. We will be completing our 2006/2007 street survey in April.

Starting April 3, we will be sweeping streets throughout the city. We would appreciate it if you could keep your vehicles off the streets between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ELDER CARE AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

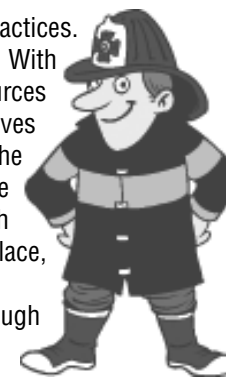
by Police Chief Tony Kramer

Senior Services of Northern Kentucky and the Kenton County Police Chiefs have partnered to offer a daily notification program to checkup on Kenton County citizens who would be interested in such a service. Participants receive an automated telephone message every day at either 9am or 11am. They simply press the number 6 to let the 9-1-1 center know they are ok. If they do not press the number 6 as instructed, an emergency contact person is called or a police officer will be dispatched to check on them. For more details, please contact: Senior Services of Northern Kentucky at 859-491-0522

FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

I want to again remind all of our friends, remember to practice safe heating practices. During winter months, there are more home fires than any other time of year. With the high prices of natural gas and other heating fuels alternative-heating sources may have been on your mind. Heating devices like space heaters and wood stoves make homes comfortable, but should be used with extra caution. Heating is the second leading cause of fire death and the third leading cause of injury to people ages 65 and older. Many of these deaths and injuries could be prevented with safe heating practices. So before you grab a good book and cozy up to the fireplace, make sure you do the following:

- Keep fire in the fireplace by making sure you have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs.
- Space heaters need space. Keep flammable materials at least three feet away from heaters. Don't leave items to dry or warm on them, like gloves or towels and socks.
- When buying a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- Burn fuels consistent with manufacturer instructions, and store them outdoors or away from heat sources.
- Be sure Flues and chimneys are free of obstructions and debris.
- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, test batteries every month and change them at least once a year. We at the firehouse can provide smoke alarms and batteries if you need them.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan regularly, at least twice a year. Keep exits clear of debris. Be sure everyone knows your plan especially visitors and friends staying overnight.



Lastly, any heating device must have care and maintenance. Annual cleaning, inspection and maintenance by trained professionals is a must for safe operation.

Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Congratulations to Fireman Joe on winning the Syrian Shrine Firefighter Leadership Award at Shriner's Hospital.



Are you looking for a fun time?

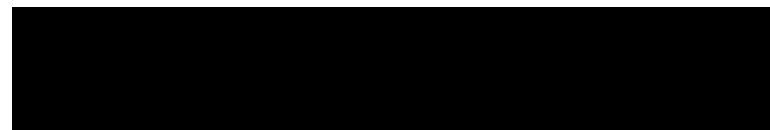
Licking Valley Girl Scouts is looking for you! We are also looking for great leaders if you want to get involved with a group of great girls. Please contact Kendra Proctor at 859-342-6263 ext. 19 or kproctor@fuse.net if you are interested.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Northern Kentucky Water District will be hydrant flushing the week of May 15th.

KENTON COUNTY SPRING CLEANUP

Kenton County is sponsoring a spring cleanup program on March 31, April 1, and April 2 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Kenton County Public Works, 420 Independence Station Road, DRT Construction, 1991 Walton-Nicholson Pike, Piner Fire Department, Bracht-Piner Road, and Ryland City Building 10145 DeCoursey Pike. Appliances and tires will be accepted at the Public Works location only. Four tires per vehicle will be strictly enforced. No paint or liquids accepted.



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