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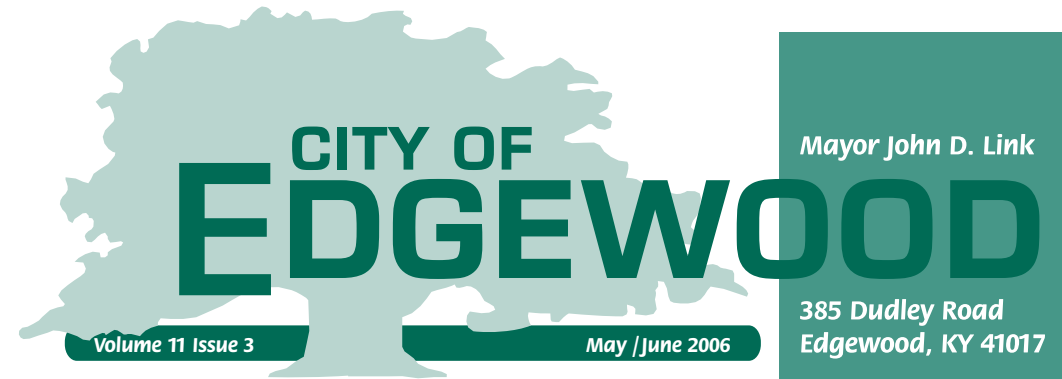
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## Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

"Opening Day" for us was March 27, 2006; the day we moved into the new city building. It's the first time in the city's history that all the offices are connected and accessible under one roof. Some may not see this as a priority but for each of the employees the working relationship, the efficiency and the knowledge of knowing who, what, when and where will give everyone the help that was needed.

May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be our official Open House date for all of the residents to view and tour their new city building offices. We will have all our staff on duty to show you their areas of responsibilities. So bring a pair of scissors for the 10:00 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and take home a piece of the ribbon as a memento.

Currently your city building is under budget and with the delays that we did have, the contractor was able to complete rooms and areas that would not have been completed in our original plans at no additional costs to the city. This saved us both time and money. Our stay was a little longer than originally planned in the temporary home next door, however plans are to raze the home and to turn the corner into a green space with benches and drinking fountains.

Our street program is again in full swing with more to come in July as the new budget is approved. Stan Goetz our Public Works Director will feature those streets in the next newsletter. By the time you receive this newsletter the repaving of Dudley from Thomas More Parkway to Turkeyfoot should be completed providing the weather stays on our side.

The Edgewood Amazing Race was a huge success again and enjoyed by all. I'd like to thank all those who helped with this year's event. One of the fun things participants had to do at Five Seasons was to find a club board member, once they found him he gave them a racquet and asked them to play against a member of the Covington Catholic tennis team and score a point against him before they could move on. Everyone had a great time. Thanks also to the Argentine Bean and Brighton Gardens for their involvement.

It won't be long until the free Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series begins in Presidents Park. Bring your blanket, the kids, your best friends, or just bring yourself to enjoy an evening under the stars.

I hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming events and on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. for the Open House. See you then!

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**RECREATION RAP by  
Recreation  
Director Kim Wolking**

**EDGEWOOD CLUB LACROSSE**

We are exploring the level of interest in beginning a boy's Club Lacrosse Program this summer. Lacrosse is a fast-paced and exciting sport that all kids can enjoy. This summer's program will focus on an introduction to the fundamentals of the sport with no formal games scheduled. Grades 3-8 are welcome. If you are interested in coming to an information meeting that will be scheduled at the end of May, please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**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.

**GET MOVING AND GROOVING!**

Grab your bowling ball, golf clubs, tennis raquet 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.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**

A driver safety program will be held at the senior center on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. The class is an 8-hour refresher course especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. Most states offer auto insurance discounts for taking this course. There is a \$10 fee for materials. You must pre-register at the city building.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial in Freedom Park on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This year's ceremony will include a "Design a Flag Honoring our Soldiers"

contest for children in grades K-2. The winner's artwork will be on display at the ceremony. The city will award a \$50 savings bond to one winner in each grade level. All artwork needs to be submitted at the city building by May 22nd. If you have any questions or would like further information, please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL**

Come join Officer Norm Milligan for some summer fun at the Edgewood Police Department's annual summer youth basketball program. The program begins June 5 and continues every Monday and Thursday evening through June 29, at Freedom Park, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Children 12 and under are invited to participate in learning the basic fundamentals and to play organized basketball. This program gives children an opportunity to play basketball without competing with adults and older teens for the courts.

**HERSHEY'S TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITION**

This year's competition for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be held at Conner High School on Thursday, June 8. Registration is 5:30-6:00 p.m. Participants will need to provide a birth certificate. The meet begins at 6:15 p.m. Entry forms are available at [www.boonecounty.org](http://www.boonecounty.org).

**RACING TO READ 5K RUN & WALK TO BENEFIT THE KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

On Saturday, June 10, at 9 a.m., readers, runners and walking enthusiasts are invited to participate in the third annual Racing to Read 5K Run & Walk, presented by US Bank, at the Mary Ann Mongan Library in Covington. If you are interested in the 5K visit the Library's web site at [www.kentonlibrary.org](http://www.kentonlibrary.org).

**EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT FLORENCE FREEDOM**

Join your friends and neighbors for Community Night with the Florence Freedom Professional Baseball Team Sunday, June 11 at 6:05 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.). Freedom vs. Windy City Thunderbolts. Stop by the city building to get your tickets; ticket price is \$7. Edgewood citizens purchasing tickets in advance will receive 10% off in the Bank of Kentucky Gift Shop. A representative from the City will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch. All kids in attendance will also receive a special offer from the Newport Aquarium.

**DAY CAMP**

The annual Day Camp program is scheduled for June 13-15 at Presidents Park. Day Camp is for children ages 5-8 and runs from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on the 13th and 14th and 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the 15th. The camp will include demonstrations, educational programs, crafts, games, entertainment and a pizza lunch on Thursday. Space is limited to the first 48 children. The registration fee is \$35.00 and includes a camp t-shirt. Children should wear play clothes and appropriate shoes each day. Many volunteers are needed for this program. If you have an older

child (12-13) who needs service hours, this would be a great opportunity to work (and have fun). Please see the enclosed flyer or for further information call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**TUESDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES**

Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of this year's concert schedule. The series begins on Tuesday, June 13 with the Florence Community Band and runs through August 22. We have a great lineup this year. If you have questions about any of the performances, please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**3RD ANNUAL AMATEUR GARDENER RECOGNITION AWARD**

The Edgewood Garden Club is recognizing amateur gardeners whose personal dedication and love of gardening creates beautiful spaces, large and small that 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 gardening is the Nominee's profession or he/she generates income from the garden, they are not eligible as this is an amateur award.

Deadline for nominations is June 16, 2006. Judging will be June 21 and 22. Awards will be presented the following week. Please see the enclosed Nomination Form or contact Kim Wolking if you have any questions or would like further information.

**FREEDOM PARK YARD SALE**

The city is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00-noon at Freedom Park. Residents may reserve a space at the park for \$20.00. The cost includes one table and two chairs, a garage sale permit, and our General Services 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. All vehicles will have to be moved to the designated parking area by 8:35 p.m. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the city building by June 9. If you have any questions please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES**

**5K RACE**

The 29th Annual 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 8:00 a.m. on July 4th. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers. Anyone interested in participating can pick-up a registration form at the City Building or register online at [www.sprunning.com](http://www.sprunning.com) until June 30. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 if you can volunteer.

**PARADE**

The annual 4th of July Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 4th. Participants can assemble in the Kmart lot at 8:45 a.m. The parade route will be the same as last year. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Original Entry, Best Performing Entry and Best Entry Honoring the theme. This year's theme is "Edgewood-Memories Old and New". Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade should contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910 to reserve a spot.

**TOURNAMENTS**

The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament and the coed recreational softball tournament will be held on July 4th. Registration forms are available at the city building or call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

**CONCERT AT FREEDOM PARK**

There will be a free concert July 4th featuring "Elaine & The Biscaines" from 7:00 p.m. until the fireworks begin. Come early and enjoy the music!

**FIREWORKS AT FREEDOM PARK**

And of course I have saved the best for last! Rozzi's has a special display in store for us. The fireworks begin at dusk. Bring a blanket and come early! **Raindate** for the fireworks is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the concert and fireworks display will be at Freedom Park. We will be sending out another newsletter prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> with more details.

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**HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The Northern Kentucky Water District will be flushing hydrants May 15<sup>th</sup> - May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FIREMAN JOE SAYS:**



Hello and Hurray! The day has finally arrived. I'm happy to report we have moved in and are working in our new building and offices. I'm elated to be working in such a magnificent facility; it has taken a while to get settled but things are going well. I'm looking forward to continuing and expanding our fire and life safety programs for our great community.

With the coming of spring comes the unsettled weather conditions and often these weather changes can occur without a lot of warning. Just remember to always stay informed and prepared for thunderstorms that can turn severe with hail and high winds; often tornadoes can be produced from these unstable conditions. You've heard this many times but know the difference; a watch whether it is a severe storm watch or a tornado watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather or a tornado. A warning means it's imminent and take shelter immediately, a tornado or severe thunderstorm is on the way. I suggest watching your local television station or listen to your radio for information and instructions. If outdoors go to the basement or close to weight bearing walls, stay away from windows and doors, consider having blinds pulled over the windows or curtains which will help shield you from flying glass. I think a great idea is to have a kit prepared in the basement or somewhere in the house containing fresh water, a flashlight, snacks, a radio with extra batteries, and an activity like a game or books to keep young minds occupied.

Don't forget the Dedication Ceremony for the new building May 20<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to seeing all our friends. I'll be in my new office with gifts and surprises for everyone, stop by and say hello.



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