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## MAYOR'S REPORT

**BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK**

With the change to EST, it took me a long time to change my clocks and read the instructions on all the electrical devices; now I feel like I'm ready for winter. While I have winter on my mind, don't forget that a 2" snowfall or if icy conditions exist we will be calling a snow emergency asking that all residents remove their vehicles from the streets. The snow emergency will be lifted when all the streets have been cleared by our General Services Department. Our sign in front of our building as well as the local radio and television stations and the internet will keep you advised of any snow emergencies.

The major street repairs for the year should be completed by late fall due to the dry conditions and the lack of rain. Our patching and small replacement work on the different streets will still go on until the weather turns against us.

We were blessed this year to have two major projects completed by two Eagle Scouts Ben Schieman who just completed the exercise stations along the Freedom Park walking trail and Adam Rigbsby who built the gazebo next to our city building. A job well done by both of these young men.

Recycling is still an important issue now and for the coming years. If anyone is in need of a new container please stop by the city building and pick one up. Please read on for a complete list of items that are recyclable.

Spooky Sunday this year was one of the largest crowds we have ever had; we just about ran out of gift bags. My thanks to all the students who helped make it a success.

Again this year we have many exciting holiday events coming up, the Tree Lighting November 25, Letters to Santa November 30–December 14, the Home Decorating Contest December 7-9, and Luminary Night December 9.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

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EMERGENCY DISPATCHING CHANGE

by Chief Anthony Kramer



If you have had to call 911 since November 1, you may have noticed a change in how the call was answered. Prior to November 1, your call would have gone to the Kenton County Dispatch center; since November 1, your call will be directed to the Erlanger Dispatch Center. This is because the city has entered into an agreement with Erlanger for the provision of all emergency dispatching services, including for Fire, EMS and Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Police.

The decision to leave the Kenton County center in favor of Erlanger’s was not a quick or easy one to make. Kenton County has provided the city with quality dispatching service for many years. However, Erlanger is doing things with technology that made their system much more attractive to us. Members of city administration, the fire department, and the police department examined Erlanger’s system and operations for nearly a year before the final decision was made to switch. We are hopeful that the technological advances we will enjoy on the Erlanger system will allow our first responders to provide better service to our residents.

You, as a resident, should make note of the following. In an emergency, simply dial 911. The call will automatically be directed to the appropriate dispatch center. If you need assistance, but it is not an emergency, please call the 24-hour non-emergency number at 727-2424. If you have a monitored alarm system, please contact your monitoring company (ADT, Brinks, Etc.) to make them aware of the change. This will help prevent unnecessary delays that may result if the wrong center is notified.

We hope these changes are not an inconvenience to you, and we hope that the transition from one center to the other is a smooth one. We are confident that the change will ultimately allow us to provide better service to the community.

RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director Kim Wolking

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Tree Lighting celebration will be held on Sunday, November 25, at the Edgewood Senior Center, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The lighting of the tree will be at 6:00 p.m. Other activities will include a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, a chili cook-off, and refreshments. Pictures with Santa will be available. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa. Chili entries must be received by 5:30 p.m.



for judging. All chili entries will be available for sampling after the lighting. If you are interested in entering the chili cook-off please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910. Please see the enclosed flyer.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 7th-9th. Only exterior decorations will qualify. If your home is being considered for an award, you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox.

We will divide the city into sections by neighborhood, and select a winner from each section. Winners will be announced on December 11th.

Please mark your calendars to have your lights on the entire weekend. Judges will be out each night. This is also a great weekend to take your family out to view the lights.

LUMINARY NIGHT

The Annual Luminary Night will be Sunday, December 9th from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 16th). Luminary kits can be ordered with the enclosed form.

Kits are \$8.00 each or two kits for \$12.00. Each kit contains 12 bags, 12 candles and 10lbs of kitty litter. If you pre-order your kit by December 1st, we will offer free delivery the week of December 3rd. Kits may also be picked-up at the City Building during regular business hours.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Friday, November 30th. 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 Eve.



COLOR ME MINE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR AGES 10 AND UP

Just in time for the holidays, Edgewood children ages 10 and up can make a Christmas craft on Saturday, December 8, at the Color Me Mine store in the Crestview Towne Center. Children will have their choice of several different items to make. The class is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. and the cost is \$15. Edgewood residents need to pre-register on the enclosed form by November 30th. Class size is limited so please register early.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering two fitness sessions; one on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and

one on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The sessions will begin on January 3rd and run for eight weeks. All classes will be held at the senior center. All classes will consist of yoga, aerobics, lifting and toning. Please bring an exercise mat or towel and 3-8 lb weights. The cost per session is \$48 (16 classes). You must pre-register at the city building by December 28th. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided. Please see the enclosed registration form.

WINTER MUSIKGARTEN CLASSES NOW FORMING

Introduce your child to the world of music and discovery! Sign up for Musikgarten classes on Wednesday mornings for a 12 week session starting January ninth. Taught by Anna Bonham-White, a licensed and certified Musikgarten instructor, classes are developmentally appropriate for each age group. The Babies class helps you play musically with your baby through bouncing and rocking songs, peek-a-boo games, and dancing. The Toddler class enhances your child’s musical aptitude through movement for coordination and body awareness, singing, and playing rhythm instruments. The Cycle of Seasons class for 3-5 year olds celebrates your child’s love of nature and nurtures the use of language and participation in dramatic play within a musical context. The fee for the classes is \$155.00 and includes a parent book, CD, and instrument or activity cards. Returning families are \$140.00 and there is a 10% discount for bringing a friend who enrolls. Contact bonham-white@hotmail.com for more info and to register, or stop by the city building for a flyer and registration form.

OUTDOOR DAYTIME SENIORS TENNIS GROUP

Local seniors are looking for a few additional members who have played tennis before to play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weather permitting, year round. Cost for tennis balls is less than \$20 a year. If interested call Joe @ 341-8433 or Peter @ 344-8822.

EDGEWOOD SWEATSHIRTS

Show your community pride this winter with an Edgewood sweatshirt. Sweatshirts are available in navy and hunter green and come in a variety of sizes. The sweatshirts are available at the city building and cost \$30 plus tax. Get one for everyone on your Christmas list.

FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

Well fall finally made it and nobody is more pleased than Fireman Joe, I only hope we continue to get the much needed rain we have finally received. With fall, comes the potential for field and brush fires so open burning is still prohibited and if you do have even a small camp or cooking fire please use extreme caution and be sure it is out when you are finished.

The Holiday Season is coming and it is still my favorite time of the year, I love the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and seeing all the folks as they shop and enjoy the holiday time of year. I especially pause to thank our God for the many blessings and benefits we have to enjoy. Edgewood is still the greatest place in the world to be and the good ole USA is still strong and free, thanks to our American fighting forces. During the Holiday time of year, we at the Edgewood FIRE/EMS want to wish all our friends and community a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season. But, we also want you to remember to be safe with all that will go on in your home or around your home this year. Be careful with your cooking, fireplace fires and holiday decorations. Remember to check your lights, decorations and especially the Christmas tree to ensure everything is as safe as it can be. Now more than ever we need our smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, our Home Escape Plans and a good Fire Prevention Plan of our homes. We discourage the use of extension cords but if you do use them be sure they are heavy duty and have them well spaced, do not overload your circuits and outlets. Remember candles are lovely and decorative but very dangerous, always blow your candles out when you leave the room or retire for the evening. Never leave your decorations lit when no one is at home. Enjoy the holiday season, drive safely and always use good judgment when you enjoy that holiday beverage and attend those holiday parties.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



A NOTE FROM YOUR FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT...

by Assistant Chief of EMS Jeannie Rohan

By the time this newsletter is distributed, another year will be almost gone and we will be venturing into 2008. Our department has had a very expanding year. We conducted a major recruit drive this year and our roster has expanded by 26 new volunteer recruits in both fire and EMS to result in our largest roster of close to 100 of combined paid and volunteer personnel. We have a class of 15 that will graduate in December with a new class starting in January for

the remaining 11. We are very proud to have such a thriving volunteer department and would be remiss to not credit part of this to our new facility including our dorms and training agendas that attract our members as well as retain our current volunteer membership. We also are working with our explorer program (ages 14-18) who may be interested in the fire service as they get older and currently have an active program underway. If you have an interest in becoming involved, don’t hesitate to contact us.

On the holiday note, our department will again reach out to our community as we have in the past. We work with a needy family to add to the miracle of Santa and the holidays. We also visit our two nursing homes with some holiday goodies. The residents too have a renewed faith in Santa!

As a department we continually strive to make our community one of the best and safest in northern Kentucky and we all want to wish each and every one of you a very safe and blessed holiday season.

SNOW EMERGENCY

by General Services Director Stan Goetz

The City 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 a snowfall 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 hazard 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 or recycling collected on Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st. If you have a Tuesday/Friday pickup you will only have one pickup on Friday.

RECYCLING REMINDER

Just a reminder of what items may be placed in your red bin: Newspaper, Junk Mail, Plastics #1 and #2, Magazines, Catalogs, Box Board, White and Colored Paper, Computer Paper, Brown Paper Bags, Cardboard Boxes, Steel Food Cans, Aluminum Beverage Cans and Glass Bottles and Jars.

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2007-2008 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

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

BUSINESS LINKS ON CITY WEBSITE

If you are a resident of Edgewood who owns a business or if you own a business that is located in Edgewood and would like to add your business website to the city’s website under “Business Links” please contact Jeannette Kemper at jk@edgewoodky.gov or 331-5910.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off in the designated areas in both Presidents and Freedom parks until January 18th. The Kenton County Public Works Department will pickup the trees and mulch them.