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## MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Ike's storm was felt throughout the entire area and even today some of our residents are still working on their roofs and downed trees. We were lucky that some of the area had power and people were able to assist those that didn't have power. While our storm damage didn't compare; we can now sympathize with those in areas that have seen hurricane damage and the problems they have to deal with. Sometimes we take so much for granted; I personally had roof and siding damage and lost everything in the freezer and refrigerator as many of our residents had. But we were all blessed to still have our homes to come home to. Our public works department, as well as our fire and police departments, did not miss a day or an hour during and after the storm. Once we had the storm behind us our crews were out and we started picking up debris that was left by the curbs. I'd like to thank our residents for their patience and for helping each other.

Due to the dry weather conditions this summer our street repair program should be completed this fall. For the last few years we have been applying for grant funding from the State to improve Dudley from Winding Trails to 3L Highway due to the high accident rate during wet weather conditions and the amount of school bus traffic that travels this section each day. Last week we were notified that we will be receiving funding and we are now in the planning stages. Due to the size of this project it will be late 2009 before we are able to get started.

If you have not taken the grandchildren or the family to Presidents Park within the last few weeks you may not know that our eighteen year old wooden playground was replaced with a new patriotic playground. It's just another reason to pack up the family and head to the park for a few hours in the sun.

Spooky Sunday was a pleasant day and we had a good crowd. Each year it gets harder and harder to judge the costumes. Beetle Juice and his magic show were a real hit with young and old alike. Thanks to the recreation committee for stuffing the goody bags and for decorating the park.

Now that I'm putting away the Halloween decorations I'm trying to put off carrying up the Christmas boxes. Don't forget the annual Tree Lighting coming up on November 30 at the senior center. Everyone is encouraged to enter the chili cook-off this year. Please read on for more activities for the entire family to enjoy. I hope to see you at one or more of these up and coming events.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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## RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director  
Kim Wolking

### ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Tree Lighting celebration will be held on Sunday, November 30 at the 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 for a small fee and each child will receive a small treat from Santa.



Chili entries must be turned in at the senior center 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 to register. Please see the enclosed flyer.

### HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 12-14. Only exterior decorations will qualify. One neighborhood winner will be selected from each of the following areas: Winding Trails, Prestwicke, Brookwood, Dudley Village, Charter Oak, Whispering Woods, Pius Heights, Meadowlark and Old Edgewood (Based on participation the judges may omit an area and select more than one winner in the same neighborhood if necessary. All judges' decisions are final.)

If your home is being considered for an award, you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox. Winners will be announced on December 16.

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 14 from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 21). 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 1, we will offer free delivery the week of December 8. 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 Monday, December 1. The mailbox will be located at the City Building. Drop off your letter by December 15 and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve.

### 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 5th 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 \$64 (16 classes). You must pre-register at the city building by December 31st. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided. Please see the enclosed registration form.



### FREE FAMILY ICE SKATING

The city is sponsoring a free ice skating session on Sunday, January 4 at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Skate rental is included or you may bring your own. There is no charge for Edgewood residents but you must show proof of residency at the door and sign a waiver.



### 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

Please watch for the January-June events calendar in the next newsletter. If you are interested in a certain program or would like to share your programming ideas please email Kim Wolking at [kw@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:kw@edgewoodky.gov).

### 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 by Fireman Joe Stambush

WOW! It was great to see everyone at the Open House this year. We had a great time. I hope everyone remembered to change the battery in their smoke alarm when we changed the clock on November 2nd. With the coming of Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays even an old fire dog like me still gets excited and looks forward to all the food, gifts and fellowship. Over the Thanksgiving holiday some great meals will be prepared and eaten so all you gourmet cooks out there please use your best kitchen safety when preparing those holiday meals. Fireman Joe has so many things to be thankful for,

take a short moment to thank God for family, friends and for living in the greatest country in the world.

With Christmas comes the special lights and displays so remember these special tips when setting up your home for the Christmas holiday:

- Keep Christmas trees watered and away from wood stoves, fireplaces, heaters or the heat register. Don't block an exit and stay close to an outlet so you won't need an extension cord.
- With the lights unplugged, check all lights for frayed cords and cracked sockets.
- Always unplug your lights and tree when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Never burn a candle on or near a Christmas tree; if you use candles blow them out when you leave the house or go to bed, never leave candles unattended.
- All decorations should be flame-resistant, spread the electric cords around and don't overload your circuits, if you must use extension cords only use heavy duty cords please.
- Never burn wrapping paper, the Christmas tree or branches in the fireplace or wood stove. A dry Christmas tree is one of the biggest fire dangers of the holiday season. Dry evergreen trees burn so hot and fast that it only takes seconds for a whole room to be on fire.

Lastly, Fireman Joe, Chief Amon and the women & men of your Edgewood FIRE/EMS want to wish everyone a safe, blessed and fun filled holiday season.



### Note From Fire/EMS

We want to thank all of those that attended our open house in October. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed showing you what we are made of. We had several demonstrations showing off our trucks, equipment and Fire/EMS personnel. This year it was scheduled as a highlight during fire prevention week and we are planning this now every year to focus on community awareness. We had a great turnout this year and hope to grow every year. This is also to spark interest in the community to become part of our department as a volunteer. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about becoming a member.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!

### CPR CLASSES FORMING

Your Fire/EMS department is offering CPR classes. Their frequency will be scheduled upon the demand of the classes. If you are in need of a recertification or an initial class in CPR or First Aid, please contact Assistant Chief Jeannie Rohan at 578-3280 for more information

### SNOW EMERGENCY



by Stan Goetz, General Services Director

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 collected on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1. If you have a Monday/Thursday pickup you will only have one pickup on Monday.

### 2008-2009 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 28.

### CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off in the designated areas in both Presidents and Freedom parks until January 14. The Kenton County Public Works Department will pickup the trees and mulch them.

