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Nov/Dec 2013

**MAYOR'S REPORT
BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK**

Now that the time has changed, we seem to go to work and return in darkness, and with that said, additional precaution needs to be taken for the walkers and runners along the Dudley friendly mile. Many walkers and runners do have reflective clothing, but it still is hard to see them in the darkness. Please proceed with caution at the intersections and the crosswalks. We have been so spoiled with daylight savings; we just need to take a little longer to look in all directions.

With the holidays fast approaching, many will be sending cards and letters, and just a reminder we do have the Forever stamps for your purchase at the city building to save you time from standing in line at the post office.

You can now pay your city property taxes with a credit card on our website. Visit www.edgewoodky.gov to do so.

Our street repairs and replacement construction has been reduced due to the upcoming winter season, but those streets that we were not able to get to will be the first in the spring of 2014. Within the last few months, we have had an engineering firm evaluate all of our streets within our city to develop a rating system based on present and past conditions. Any street that is below a 70 rating needs to be addressed within a short period of time to be either repaired or replaced. This study not only was able to give us a rating system, but it also projects the costs for next year and the next five years so that we can budget the funds accordingly. Our system that we have been using for years is very similar to what the engineers are presenting, but their in-depth reviewing now supports what we have been doing over the years.

The annual tree lighting will be held at the Senior Center on December 1st starting at 5:30 pm with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus around 6:00 pm. So, bring your cameras to take pictures with Santa. Let's have fun.

The school trivia answer to what do diamonds have in common with pencils is CARBON.

I hope many of your families can get together for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, for it is always a great time to meet and see old family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

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LEISURE TIME

with *Laney...*
by Recreation Director
Elaine Hoblik

R.A.D. WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

R.A.D. (Rape, Aggression, and Defense Systems) classes are being offered at the Senior Center on January 7, 9, 14 and 16 from 6-9 p.m. Attendance is required at all sessions. This is a 12-hour course. Any women ages 12-99 can attend. The classes are free of charge and sponsored by the Kenton County Sheriff's Office. Please contact Deputy Autumn Ruehl at 859-393-7345 for further information.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday December 1 at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. **Bring your cameras for photos with Santa, he will be available for pictures after the tree lighting by Rudolf and his friends. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Awnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa. In the spirit of the holiday season, can good donations will be collected and distributed to a local charity, please consider making a donation.**

Show your neighbors who makes the best chili in town. If you think your chili is the best in Edgewood, you need to enter the annual chili cook-off contest. Just bring your crock-pot to the Senior Center by 5:30 p.m. for judging. After the winners are announced, all entries will be available for sampling. If you are interested in entering the chili cook-off please contact Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 or eh@edgewoodky.gov to register.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday, December 2. The mailbox will be located at the City Building. Drop off your letter by December 13 and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve.



ALL ABOARD FOR EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 6th from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents are invited to come and enjoy the holiday toy trains and all the other amenities the museum has to offer during the holiday season at no charge. **Since this is a free event, we are asking that you please bring a can good donation, which will be donated to a local charity.** The evening will also include light refreshments and a craft. **This event is for Edgewood residents only.** You must show a valid ID at the door. If you would like more information on the museum you can visit their website at www.bcmuseum.org.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 6th -8th. 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 13th. 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.

LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD LUMINARY NIGHT

This year the City and Little Red School House will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on Sunday, December 8th from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 15th). The luminary kits will include 12 "Little Red" bags (while supplies last), 12 candles and a 10 lb bag of kitty litter. You can pre-order your kits with the enclosed form which includes free delivery or you may pickup kits at the city building during regular business hours beginning December 2nd. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering fitness classes on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the senior center. The classes will begin on January 6 and run for ten weeks. All classes will consist of stretching, aerobics, weight lifting and toning. Please bring an exercise mat or towel and 3-8 lb weights. The cost is \$50 for the ten week class. You must pre-register at the city building by December 30. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided. See the enclosed flyer or call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 for further information.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Ditch the workout, join the party! The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got a Zumba class!

The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning January 21 due to the RAD Classes the first two weeks in January. The cost is \$40 for the eight week session. All classes will be held at the senior center. You must pre-register for the class. See the enclosed flyer or call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 for further information.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT BETTER BODIES PICK YOUR DAY THE WEEK NOV. 10-16

We invite you to visit and enjoy a workout including spinning or a group exercise class at Better Bodies. Pick a day to be our guest the week of November 10. Kids' Club will be available for child care at specific times. TO ENJOY YOUR DAY OF FUN AND FITNESS, CALL SHARON AT 859-426-6063 TO MAKE A RESERVATION. See our website to plan on attending a spinning or group fitness class for your workout, <http://www.betterbodiesnky.com>. Take time for yourself and give yourself the gift of good health! See you there!

GARDEN CLUB -Maria Meyer

The Garden Club hopes that everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer flowers in the pots and plantings throughout Edgewood. We have recently replaced these flowers with fall flowers and foliage along with spring bulbs. For the winter, we will be adding greens and berries so that the pots can be appreciated all year long. Three more sets of pots will be added at the corner of Turkeyfoot and Dudley, LaRosa's and Ashley Green. A Christmas outing is being planned so look for information on the Edgewood city sign. We would love to have new members help us accomplish all of our goals. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm in the City Building. We hope to see you then!

TAI CHI- NEW INSTRUCTOR-TERRY DOLL

Tai Chi will be offered again! Winter Tai Chi classes on Wednesdays, February 5- March 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This eight week session is only \$40 per person. Tai chi is often described as "meditation in motion," but it might well be called "meditation in motion." There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice, which originated in China as a martial art, has value in treating or preventing many health problems. And you can get started even if you aren't in top shape or the best of health. We had a great turn out last class session; you may come and try a class for free! Terry Doll recently attended a seminar with Dr. Paul Lam, you can check out his teaching methods on You Tube. See the enclosed flyer or call Elaine Hoblik at 331-5910 for further information.

2014 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 Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov.



A NOTE FROM YOUR FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

Edgewood Fire Department would like the opportunity to offer Community CPR at a minimal cost to all of our residents. We feel educating our residents can be very valuable to assist our families and friends if the need were ever to arise. Unfortunately, we must limit this to Edgewood residents.

Our tentative date is 12/14/13. Please contact the Fire Department at 859-414-6424 and leave your contact information. One of our instructors will contact you within 24-48 hours to answer any questions and provide you with the details. Please understand there are a limited number of spots available for each class. We look forward to hearing from you.

SNOW EMERGENCY

by BOB BEGNOCHE, 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 December 25 and January 1. If you have a Wednesday/ Saturday pickup you will only have one pickup on Saturday of each week. Also, you will not have recycling pickup for either week (just for those residents with the Wednesday/ Saturday schedule).

2013-2014 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 29. You can now pay your tax bill online at www.edgewoodky.gov.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off for mulching in the designated areas at both Presidents and Freedom parks. January 6th and the 13th are pick up dates for the Kenton County Public Works in our city. Please don't leave any trees after the 13th of January. Thank You

EDGEWOOD SWEATSHIRTS

Edgewood sweatshirts are available for purchase at the city building. Show your "Edgewood" pride. They make great holiday gifts! We have both crew neck and "hoodie" styles available. They come in various colors and sizes. All shirts have "Edgewood" embroidered in gold on the front. The cost is \$30 for both styles.



Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino

First and foremost, I would like to thank the citizens of Edgewood for attending our Open House on October 6th. Despite the weather, it was very successful and as always it was great to see all of the kids so that we can continue to educate them on Fire Safety. Also, with this year's theme being, "Prevent Kitchen Fires" we were able to educate adults too!

One of my favorite times of the year is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays are always special, but with them come the hazards of the season. Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a 3 foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Test smoke detectors monthly.
- Another common fire hazard occurs in the kitchen. Never leave food unattended that is cooking on the stove.
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, or excessive wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- Do not link more than 3 light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- And last but not least, never go near a Christmas tree with and open flame – candles, lighters or matches.

Please practice fire safety so that we can all enjoy the holidays. Edgewood FIRE/EMS wishes each of you a Happy Holiday Season!