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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

During an October council meeting, our city engineer, John Wiley, reported on the Dudley Road project. Mr. Wiley stated the project is fifty-one (51) to sixty (60) percent complete with six (6) to eight (8) weeks until the estimated completion date. The unfortunate news was the contractor is currently behind our estimated time table. The project has had multiple set-backs including delays for such things as gas and sewer lines crossing under the roadway that were not known to exist but were discovered during excavation, a water line that upon installation had a manufacturing flaw and several gas and water breaks due to out dated lines.

Those issues are now behind us and Mr. Wiley say's our new goal is to have the road open by the end of November with a minimum acceptance of the several layers of blacktop suitable for safe passage way. He truly believes worst case would be the second week in December barring the weather holds out. It is the city's standpoint we must have the roadway opened for traffic before the inclement weather hits our door step. We will continue to move forward and keep everyone informed of the changes.

On October 26th, the city hosted our annual Spooky Sunday event with Beetle Juice, costume parade, costume contest, treat bags, haunted forest and magic show. The success of this event was witnessed by over 450 adults and children celebrating the fall event. The weather was beautiful and after a walk in the haunted forest, they were treated to a magic show. I want to give special thanks again to all who volunteered and worked behind the scenes.

With darkness creeping upon us we are reminding our runners and walkers while out to be sure to face the traffic in areas that do not have sidewalks on either side of the street. Reflective tape or flashing lights should be worn to increase safety and visibility for both runners and walkers. Safety first is a must!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making their rounds at the Senior Center on Sunday, November 30, 2014. They are planning to arrive around 5:45 pm to light the Christmas tree and stay for pictures. Do not forget to bring your cameras to take pictures that will last a lifetime.

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

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RECREATION CORNER with Michelle

by Program Coordinator, Michelle M. Frisch

GARDEN CLUB – Sandy Geisen

The Garden Club experienced another good summer. Moving forward, our focus remains enhancing areas along Dudley Rd. Hopefully, by next spring, all old garbage cans will be replaced with new wrought iron cans. All benches will be black. We hope to work with neighborhoods along Dudley to enhance plantings at their entrances. To accomplish our goals, we need new members. Please consider joining The Garden Club and help enhance our great city! Contact the city for more details. Our next meeting will be a social at The Pub in Crestview Hills, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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 6, 8, 13 and 15 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.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT BETTER BODIES - PICK YOUR DAY THE WEEK NOV. 9-15

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 Sunday, November 9th – Saturday, November 15th. Kids' Club will be available for child care at specific times. **TO ENJOY YOUR DAY OF FUN AND FITNESS, CALL SHARON AT 859-344-9995 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!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday November 30th 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 camera 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.**

Awtnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa. Come out and see who is the best hot wheels racer. There will be three divisions 6mos – 6 years, 7 – 12 years and 13 years to adult. Trophies will be awarded to the top two contestants in each age group for the event. In the spirit of the holiday season, canned



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 Michelle M. Frisch at (859) 331-5910 or mfrisch@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 1st. The mailbox will be located at the City Building. Drop off your letter by Friday, December 12th 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 5th 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 canned 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 5th -7th. 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 Friday, December 12th. 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 Rainbow Child Care Center will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on Sunday, December 7th from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 14th). The luminary kits will include 12 luminary 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 pick up kits at the city building during regular business hours beginning December 2nd 8am – 6pm. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00.

FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering strength cardio yoga classes on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the senior center. The classes will begin on January 5th 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 (859) 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 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. beginning January 20. 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 by January 15th. See the enclosed flyer or call (859) 331-5910 for further information.

NEW CLASS RESISTANCE BAND CLASSES with Instructor Dan Ryan

The Recreation Department will be offering resistance band fitness classes with instructor Dan Ryan of the ALL-AMERICAN Athletic Training Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm. The classes will begin on January 7th and run for eight weeks. All classes will consist of a combination of strength, endurance and flexibility work using resistance bands that are adaptable to ANY strength and skill level. A great opportunity for family fitness!! Ages 10 and up are welcome. Bring a water bottle, a towel for sweat, a good attitude and a desire to work hard in order to look and feel better. Resistance bands will be provided during class. The cost is \$40 for the eight 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 (859) 331-5910 for further information.

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. Two styles of sweatshirts are available; one style has "Edgewood" embroidered in gold on the front and one style has the Edgewood tree logo in black on the right side of the sweatshirt. The cost is \$30 for both styles.

2015 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 Michelle M. Frisch at mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov.

SAVE THE DATE

January 18, 2015	Town and Country Night 6pm – 9pm
January 19, 2015	Lazer Kraze 10am-noon
January 22, 2015	Acoustic Jam at Senior Center 6pm-9pm
January 29, 2015	NKU Women's Basketball vs. Stetson 7pm – Kenton County Discount Day \$1 Admission
January 31, 2015	NKU Women's Basketball vs. Florida Gulf Coast 7pm Kenton County Discount Day - half time show with Sherwood Rappin Ropes and shoot around after game with the players \$1 Admission

2014-2015 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 December 1. You can pay your tax bill online at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have not received a bill, please call (859) 331-5910.

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. Let's all work together to keep our streets clear and safe for everyone. Happy Holidays!



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 5th. It was a little cold and windy, but that didn't stop the hundreds of guests we had this year. 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. And in case you forgot to test your smoke detectors when the time changed, please do so as soon as possible. They really do save lives!

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 3 feet 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!

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For the most updated information regarding trash and recycling in our city, please visit www.rumpke.com.
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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash collected on December 25th and January 1st. If you have a Monday/Thursday pickup you will only have one pickup on Monday of each week.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off for mulching in the designated areas at both Presidents and Freedom parks. January 7th and the 14th are pick-up dates for the Kenton County Public Works in our city. Please don't leave any trees after the 14th of January. Thank You.

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE CHANGE FOR 2015

In October 2015, when you receive your tax bill you will see a change in the discount and the due date. The new discount amount will be 2% if paid by November 30th or the full amount will be due December 31st (new date) **starting in 2015**. This notice shall give everyone one year to prepare for the change. There will be no change to the 2014 bill that has already been mailed.

IF YOU WOULD RATHER RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO JK@EDGEWOODKY.GOV. INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.