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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

By now you have read or heard through the news media or watching one of our council meetings that effective August 1st, all of the Kenton County cities except Elsmere and Erlanger have gone with the Kenton County 911 dispatch center. While you will notice no change when dialing 911, please note that our 24 hour non-emergency number did change to 859-356-3191. Our own police number is still the same 331-5911.

The county has advised us that the \$85 dollar parcel fee on last year's tax bills will now be lowered to a \$60 dollar parcel fee. Our city has again frozen this year's tax rate for the 2013-2014 year, as we have for the last 6 years with no increase.

The July 4th 5K race of 1080 runners and walkers was our largest group we have ever had. Thanks to you all for coming out and enjoying a healthy morning. The weather did put a damper on the parade and the neighborhood cookouts, but we still were able to get the fireworks off, just before another down pour.

As of August 14th, the Dudley Road easements from Winding Trails to Madison Pike (3L) have been delivered to District 6 DOT office with the hope of a quick answer to when we can go out to bid on the Dudley Hill construction project. Once we are approved we can proceed.

Within the last few weeks the highway department has changed the turning arrows at the following intersections, Dudley and Turkeyfoot and Barnwood and Turkeyfoot to a flashing yellow arrow after the light has cycled from red to green. This flashing arrow is to make us aware to proceed with caution while turning at those intersections.

Recycling is still a hot topic and many residents are finding that their recycle bins are filling up sooner than their standard garbage bins. So keep up the recycling, it's showing it does work and it is saving the landfills.

Two reminders, one is that our city does not have an Insurance Premium tax and if your insurance bill does reflect this tax please call your agent and advise that we do not have this tax and they will correct their error. Secondly, our police department does have a medical drop off box for those who need to dispose of expired or no longer needed prescriptions.

On August 19th, our city administrator Douglas Beckham was seriously injured in a car accident on his way home. Please remember him in your thoughts and pray for a speedy recovery.

The trivia answer on how do hippos protect themselves from the sun; they use their sweat to protect themselves. Our school related trivia is, what do diamonds have in common with pencils?

As you see in the newsletter, Elaine has many activities lined up for the coming months for us to attend and enjoy. I hope to see you at one of our events.

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LEISURE TIME

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

YOGA/PILATES CLASSES

Yoga/Pilates will be offered for ten weeks at the Senior Center on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. The classes begin on Monday September 9 and run through November 11 and the cost is \$50. You will need to bring an exercise mat or a towel. Registration forms are available at the city building. Laurie Maile is our instructor for this class.

ZUMBA

The Zumba classes will be offered at the Senior Center this fall on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Classes begin September 3 and run through October 22. The cost is \$40 for the 8 week session. Registration forms are available at the city building. Our instructor is Gabrielle Dion.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi classes will be offered at the senior center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning September 4 and running through November 6. The cost is \$50 for the 8 week class. Registration forms are available at the city building. Our instructor is Bobby Hughes.

NIFFY KNITTER CLASS

Basic knitting classes will be taught by Elaine Hoblik on Saturday, October 19th from 9 am.-10 am. At the Edgewood Senior Center in Freedom Park. Learn the basic skills to make a scarf. You will need a nifty knitter circle sold at Walmart or Michaels (at least) one skein of chunky yarn-more to make a scarf or a scarf and hat(# "Bulky" of #6 "super

bulky" works best). Or 2 thinner yarns (such as #3"light, #4"medium", even fun fur). Class fee is 1 skein of yarn. Class size limited to 12.

KENTON COUNTY FARM HARVEST TOURS

13 Kentucky County farms will open their doors to the public for a festive day of down-on-the-farm family fun. This self-guided tour features some of Kenton County's farms, interactive activities and the chance to discover the roots of food grown in our region. Keep September 21 open on your calendar rain or shine, between 9 am-5 pm for a day of farm fun. Come in to the lobby for more information on this wonderful event.

FREE EYE SCREENINGS

Halpin-Noll Eye Center, a division of Tri-State Centers for Sight, has provided general ophthalmology care to Tri-State residents for the past 29 years. Their office is offering a Free Vision Screening at the **Edgewood Senior Center on October 3rd at 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.** We will have a sign-in sheet and will see people on a first come first serve basis. Trained ophthalmic technicians will provide visual acuities for distance and near, and intraocular pressure (glaucoma screening). They will also provide education on eye care including cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. The screening will take about 10 minutes and will NOT require having your eyes dilated. If you wear eyeglasses please bring them to the screening so we can test your best corrected vision. We look forward to providing you with your vision needs!

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

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Classes forming soon . . . do you have what it takes??



We are currently accepting applications for the upcoming class for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. Our next new recruit class will be forming in September. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer of Edgewood either as a firefighter and/or an EMT, please stop by the department and complete an application. Our membership committee will then get in touch with you directly to give you more information. The orientation

class for the department will begin the end of September. Please contact the department at 341-2628 or stop by soon to fill out your application. We need you!

Also mark your calendar for our upcoming open house that will be held on Sunday October 6th. We have a new aerial truck that will be on display along with our other vehicles providing service to the community.

WHO WANTS TO BE A PALEONTOLOGIST?

Come join us for a fossil hunt led by the experts from the Behringer-Crawford Museum, Saturday, September 28th, 10 a.m., at the CITY BUILDING. Voyage into the ancient Ordovician Sea, which covered Kentucky and the Ohio Valley long, long ago, find out what strange creatures lived here 450 million years ago. People from all over the world come to this area to dig for what you may have in your own yard. After an introduction to fossils and how to search for them at the senior center, we will travel to a local site to dig up fossils for your own collection. You provide transportation to the site. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes and bring a zip lock storage bag for your finds. The dig is limited to the first 100 Edgewood residents who pre-register. Please see the enclosed registration form.



"SPOOKY SUNDAY"

The Annual "Spooky Sunday" celebration will be Sunday, October 27 at Presidents Park. The event is for children 12 and under and kicks off with a costume parade from St. Pius to Presidents Park at 4:00 p.m. where activities will include a costume contest, the haunted forest, a magic show and plenty of treats for everyone. Many volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer or have a child who needs to complete community service hours, this would be a fun event in which to participate. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information. To register email Elaine Hoblik at eh@edgewoodky.gov.

NKU DAYS for Edgewood

Come out and support the 2010 Men's Division II Champions as they compete against North Florida Friday, October 11 at the NKU SOCCER COMPLEX. The Men's Game is at 7 PM. Edgewood residents must show proof of residency to attend this game for free. We will also have the opportunity to attend on January 18, 2014 Kennesaw State Basketball Game at the Bank of Kentucky Center. You will also need to show proof of residency to attend this game for free.

RAD CLASSES IN JANUARY

Women's Self Defense Classes will be offered again next year at our Senior Center. Learn how to defend yourself in the event of an attack. The classes will be offered January 7, 9, 14 and 16 by Deputy Autumn Ruehl. Attendance required at ALL sessions. This is a 12-hour course from 6-9 pm. Who may attend, ONLY women ages 12-99. What would the cost be for this class? FREE! If you have any questions you may call Deputy Ruehl at 859-393-7345.

Fireman Mike Says...



Hope everyone survived the heat this summer. Fall weather is just around the corner thankfully. And of course fall means October which is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." They say the kitchen is the heart of the home, but it's also the #1 site of home fires and home fire injuries.

So let's get cooking with Fire Safety! During the month of October, the Edgewood Fire Department will be doing programs to enhance these prevention efforts. One of the events will be our Open House on Sunday, October 6th from 11 – 2 at the fire station. We will have lots of things for the kids to do including a large fire truck inflatable! So please save the date and join in on the fun activities planned. Also during the month of October we will have Fire Station Tours, School Visits to the classrooms, and visits to Day Cares. We will also be promoting efforts to Stamp Out Fire Hazards, the importance of Smoke Detectors, planning ahead for a Safe Escape, and of course Preventing Kitchen Fires. We are going to ask each child during the school visits to do a home inspection, so parents be ready to assist them. Plan now to help us continue to keep Edgewood a safe place to live.

A few more tips for the fall: **1. Watch Those Flames.** Never leave burning candles or open flames unattended for any period of time. **2. Climb with Care.** When using ladders to clean gutters or decorate, check the rungs, make sure the ladder is securely placed, and don't overdo the angle when propping it against your home. **3. Keep it to Treats, No Tricks.** Keep the scariest night of the year fun by purchasing flame retardant costumes and teaching your kids about Halloween safety. **4. Be Alarmed.** Make sure that you have smoke alarms on each floor of your home, test them weekly and change the batteries twice a year.

For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mike at mconstantino@edgewoodky.gov