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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

I'd like to thank Hummel Hatfield Insurance for their sponsorship to our Summer Concert Series 2020. We had a great year and we look forward to next summer. Thank you all for coming and supporting us as well as keeping your distance!

Santa and Mrs. Claus are planning to visit at the Senior Center on November 19th at 5:30pm to help us kick off our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremonies. This year we will not be gathering inside the center but we will have a tree lighting by the Fire Truck, Christmas Carols Lighting of the tree, pictures with Santa, Social distanced style and goodie bags full of fun to take home. Don't forget your letters to Santa! Letters can be dropped off in the City buildings front lobby from November 16th – December 4th. Please remember your return address for Santa's reply.

Now that we have gone back to Eastern Standard Time, please take a little extra care in the evenings for the walkers and runners at each intersection. We are asking all those who are walkers and runners to wear some type of reflective clothing or lights to be seen. Safety first!

Our street and sidewalk projects will continue until the weather turns against us. Some smaller projects will continue as long as we can. The major project from Winding Trails to Catherine Drive has just about come to a halt. Spring of 2021, work will begin from Thomas Moore Parkway to Catherine Drive and final paving should begin late summer early fall of 2021. Effective November 1st, we have hired Mr. Rick Lunnemann as our Public Works Director to help in the Administration and planning of our future road projects and other needs. Rick, we are glad you are here!

Property Tax bills have been mailed, if you have not received a bill, please contact the City building. You may pay by mail or check, cash, or credit card at the City building or visit our website www.edgewoodky.gov to pay online for no additional fees. There is a 2% discount if paid by November 30th, bills are due December 31st.

Please check inside our newsletter for further information.

Happy Holidays and have a Great New Year!

If you would rather receive the newsletter electronically please send your request to bn@edgewoodky.gov; include your name and address. Please visit our website at www.edgewoodky.gov or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofEdgewoodKY





Letters to Santa

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday, November 16th. The mailbox will be located at the City Building lobby. Drop off your letter by Friday, December 4th and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve (be sure to put your return address on your letter. Santa knows where you live but the USPS needs to know too!).

Annual Tree Lighting

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday, November 29th at the Senior Center beginning at 5:30pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. There will be NO event inside the center, so please dress accordingly. Awtnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa. Pictures with Santa will remain but will have regulations. When you arrive please visit the Santa Ticket Booth. There will be a petting zoo for the public to enjoy while waiting for Santa. A holiday goodie bag will be provided (while supplies last) In the spirit of the holiday season, canned good donations will be collected and distributed to a local charity, please consider donating.

Home Decorating Contest



The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 11th -13th. 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 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 and decorations.

Scarf It Up

For the last 10 years The City of Edgewood has supported Scarf It Up for Those in Need by having a barrel in the lobby. The barrel will have a change of location this year. Starting November – February, you may drop your items off at St. Vincent De Paul in Florence or Crescent Springs. Let them know you are dropping off for Scarf It Up and they will take the items. Scarf It Up is a program that gathers and distributes handmade scarves to inner city youth, homeless, the elderly and others in need. For more information about Scarf It Up go to www.scarfitup.org, join them on Facebook Scarf It Up For Those In Need or call (859) 802-4881

Spring Field Reservations

Anyone interested in reserving a field for spring of 2021 should submit a field request form to Hannah Centers by February 3, 2021. The field request form can be downloaded from www.edgewoodky.gov under the Parks /

Recreation tab. Incomplete field request forms or forms submitted without complete rosters will NOT be accepted. Permits will be issued mid-February. You can email your field request form with complete rosters to hcenters@edgewoodky.gov, drop-off request forms at the city building, fax to (859) 331-5912 or mail to City of Edgewood, 385 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.

2020-2021 Real Estate Property Tax Bills

Tax Bills were mailed out in October. The discount amount is 2% if paid by November 30th or the full amount is due by December 31st. You can pay your tax bill online with no additional fees at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have not received a bill, please call (859) 331-5910

Eyes Open For The Grinch...

by the Edgewood Police Department

The holiday shopping season is quickly approaching and the Edgewood Police Department wishes everyone a safe shopping experience. We would like to recommend some quick and easy steps to take during the season to help keep it an enjoyable one. It is very important to always remember to lock your vehicles when you park them on the street or in your driveway overnight. Make it a habit to push that remote button and hear it lock or physically check to ensure that your vehicle is secure overnight. Remember that out of sight is often out of mind. Keep your valuables with you. Please don't leave high value items in your vehicles overnight. While you are shopping consider taking a blanket with you. It will not only be helpful during the colder fall/winter days, but when you are shopping at multiple locations, place that blanket over the items you have already purchased. Your communication with the police department is vital to the success in fighting those who wish to cause harm. When you see something, please say something. We can easily be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center (dispatch) at 859-356-3191 or 911 for an emergency. With your eyes and your call, we can respond during the incident to have the opportunity to deal with the issue during the time of the incident. Thank you for calling and letting us know how we can help you. Thank you for your continued

support of the Police Department. Your kind words really do mean a lot to us. We consider it a pleasure to serve you as your police officers!

Fireman Paul Says... by Firefighter

Paul Birchall



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. 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!

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 an open flame – candles, lighters or matches.

The holidays are also a time whereby we may be spending more time in the kitchen preparing tasty food for our loved ones and friends.

Often when we are called to a cooking-related fire, the residents tell us they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that is all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. The bottom line is that there is really no safe period of time for the cook to step away from a hot stove. A few key points to remember:

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the room even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).

Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.

If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the home and call the fire department

Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. There have been too many homes destroyed, and people killed or injured by fires that could have been easily avoided. Please heed these simple safety rules. We firefighters would like to be in your kitchen, but only when you invite us for dinner!

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

Snow Emergency by General Services

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!

Rumpke Trash & Recycling

For the most updated information regarding trash and recycling in our city, please visit www.rumpke.com or call Rumpke Waste and Recycling at (800) 828-8171. If your trash has not been picked up and it is after business hours, please contact Rumpke at southeast.municipal@rumpke.com.

Christmas Tree Mulching

Christmas trees may be dropped off January 1st – January 13th for mulching in the designated areas at both Presidents Park and Freedom Park. Please don't leave any trees after the 13th of January. Thank You.

