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Mayor's Report by Mayor John D. Link

With the winding down of our Tuesday night concerts, we would like to thank everyone for observing the required social distancing; and for Hummel Hatfield Insurance in their continued support throughout the series. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Our Spooky Sunday event is set for October 18th, in Presidents Park, starting in the St Pius parking lot at 4:pm. We feel we can and will be able to keep the required social distancing while walking from St. Pius to Presidents Park, and through the haunted forest. Costume contests, treat bags, and Beetle Juice, with his amazing magic show, are all included for a fun afternoon. The Edgewood trick or treat hours on Saturday, October 31st will be 6 to 8 PM. If you wish to participate in handing out treats, please leave your porch light on, and if not, please keep the lights off.

The Dudley Road Project is off and running with the curbing on the sidewalk-side that will stabilize the new pavement. We anticipate that the new pavement will not be put down until early Spring 2021. The old pavement must be milled and we have to reinforce some of the weak areas prior to repaving. With the weather and time against us, that puts us into next year for completion of Phase I of the Dudley Road Project. The current phase of the Brookwood Drive Project is just about completed. We are in the design stages for the remaining sections. Our other city street repairs and maintenance work will continue until the weather is not in our favor.

Each year our Fire Department holds an annual Open House to kick off Fire Prevention month, this year we will not have the event, it would be hard for us to keep our distance and to keep everything protected. In leu of the Open House, this year we will be holding a "Spy a Truck or Furry Friend" event on October 3rd, please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

Our tax bills will be going out after the first of October, and again this year, the bills will reflect a two-percent (2%) discount, if paid by November 30th. After that date no discounts will be offered and your full payment is due on December 31st. City Council has approved lowering the tax rate from 2.51% to 2.33%.

Please check inside the newsletter for the upcoming events we are offering for the next few months. We ask that you stay strong and healthy; and we hope to see you at one or more of these events.





MadCap Puppet Show

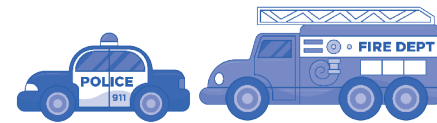
Thursday, September 3rd at 7:pm the MadCap Puppets will present Pinocchio at the Madison Shelter in Presidents Park. This event is free and will practice social distancing.

Fall Yoga Classes

Yoga Class with Laurie Maile starts on Monday, September 14 at 6pm. This 10-week class is \$50. Please register in advance online.



The City of Edgewood will have its FREE movie night on Friday, September 18th at Freedom Park on the soccer field. The movie is Disney's The Incredibles 2! Food Truck vendors will be available for purchase. Family friendly games will be available to play starting at 8pm. Movie starts at dusk, come out bring the family and enjoy a movie night in the park!



Spy a Truck or Furry Friend

You won't want to miss this NEW and exciting event! Join the City on Saturday, October 3rd from Noon – 2:pm as we showcase firetrucks, dump trucks and police cars in Freedom Park. We'll also have 10 furry friends to spy on and pony rides! Please see the enclosed flyer.



"Spooky Sunday"

The Annual "Spooky Sunday" celebration will be Sunday, October 18th 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. Thank you so much to our sponsors for making this event possible!!



Edgewood Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Watch out for all the ghosts and goblins roaming the streets on Saturday, October 31st from 6pm – 8pm for our Halloween trick or treating hours. Please leave your porch light on if you wish to participate. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Fireman Paul Says... by Firefighter Paul Birchall

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Fall weather is just around the corner, and of course, fall means October - which is Fire Prevention Week. We like to celebrate and teach about fire safety for the entire month of October. This year's theme is "Fire Safety in the Kitchen". With this year's theme, we are going to inspire and empower everyone in the community, grown-ups and children alike, to be heroes in their homes and workplaces through awareness of measures to prevent fire or injury in the kitchen. Whether it be through increased vigilance and safety measures, or planning for a kitchen emergency, there are all sorts of ways for individuals to be heroes at home. To read more about Fire Prevention Week, visit firepreventionweek.org.

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 "Spy-a-Truck" event on Saturday, October 3rd at Freedom Park. Please save the date and join in on the activities planned.

Lastly, fall is the season when the fire department responds to 911 calls regarding camp fires. As a reminder, open burning is prohibited within the city limits of Edgewood. Permissible fires are those fires that include candles, torches, grills, and ceremonial fires that are burned in an area no greater than three (3) square feet. These fires must also be in an enclosed metal container or surrounded by noncombustible materials, such as stone. These fires should not be left unattended and it is recommended that a hose connected to a water source or other appropriately sized extinguisher be present. During extreme weather conditions, this regulation may be superseded by a higher governmental authority.

For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Paul at pbirchall@edgewoodky.gov



Edge of the Woods Garden Club

AUTUMN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and while the petunias have gotten leggy, deer have feasted at the Hosta salad bar and the



days get shorter and cooler we can still look forward to wonder fall flowers. Why not welcome fall by replacing your summer annuals with colorful mums, pansies and Ornamental Kale or cabbage plants that will last well into the fall.

Many local nurseries have clearance prices on perennials. If you choose perennials that bloom in spring, you will see these flowers peeking up after the winter with no effort on your part - what a wonderful surprise they can be! Now is also the perfect time to divide perennials and SHARE with friends or move some to another planting area. There is plenty of time for them to become reestablished before winter as long as you keep them watered this fall.

Thinking ahead to Spring, this is also the perfect time to order and plant spring/summer bulbs. Tulips, while beautiful, are candy to deer so you may want to opt for daffodils and hyacinths - deer don't particularly like highly scented flowers. Our local nurseries have a nice variety of bulbs or you may choose to use an online nursery such as Colorblends.com. Above all else, enjoy planting and the fruits of your labor. Happy Gardening!



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.

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COUNCILMAN BARLAGE'S

Edgewood History

I was recently hiking in the woods behind my house and noticed that there is a Maple of significant stature (10'+ trunk circumference) perched on the hillside overlooking the Banklick Valley. A few doors down the street, my sister has an Oak tree of similar size, if not larger. Both are certainly in excess of 120 years. As a child we would hike the woods throughout Winding Trails, Belle Meade and Prestwicke. I recall a tree in Winding Trails with markings on it identifying a date from the 1940s and the Bilz family name. There was a spectacularly large tree in the back of Prestwicke that had railroad spikes embedded in it for climbing purposes. I believe these trees are still in place marking sentinel around the city. The most famous of these is the Ginko Tree at R.C. Hindsdale. Previously part of the 30 Acre George Phillips Farm in the 1800s and then the O'Neal Farm in the 1900s. I can only imagine all the events this tree has witnessed. On one occasion in June of 1918, Mr. O'Neal installed a 50' tall flagpole with bronze globe and eagle adjacent to the tree. 200 people were in attendance for its presentation and several notable leaders addressed the crowd. Harvey Myers, Stephens L. Blakely, Dr. J. Robert Kelley and Stanley Ashbrook among others. I suspect it was a very festive event. Where have you spotted exceptionally large trees in our city? Let me know! benbarlage@aol.com

Watch for Bicyclist on our Roads and Keep Everyone Safe:

More Kentuckians than ever are taking to the roads on bicycles as a means of transportation and exercise. While Edgewood has the benefit of offering an excellent sidewalk system, great parks, medical facilities and beautiful homes, our roads are narrower and heavily trafficked making it difficult for vehicles and bicycles to share the road. For the safety of all there are some important KY Statutes and Regulations that both motorists and cyclist need to know as they share the road.

- KRS 189 defines bicycles as vehicles and grants them the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles on KY roadways.
- Bicyclists may ride two abreast in a single highway lane but must use bicycle lanes whenever feasible as long as they are not blocked, littered, or unsafe.
- Faster vehicles may only pass bicyclists when there is reasonable clearance in the opposing lane so as not to cut off the bicyclist.
- When passing bicyclists, motorists must allow AT LEAST THREE FEET beyond their car's side-view mirror on the passing side to ensure the safety of the bicyclist.
- Motorists must take particular care when preparing to turn and shall treat bicyclist as they would another motor vehicle, taking care to use their turn signal & use side and rear-view mirrors before turning.

Remember, it's the Law. Be patient; be kind; be a good neighbor.

