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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Our Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 31st at Freedom Park beginning at 10am. The event will be canceled if we do have rain. The Boy Scouts will be present to take your worn or tattered flags, so they can be properly destroyed at the ceremony. You can drop the flags off at the City building prior to Memorial Day and we will bring them to the ceremony.

Just a reminder that no city is immune from persons who are willing to break into your vehicles or home for a quick item that can be taken and sold for quick cash. Keeping an eye open within the neighborhood and call 911 if you see something out of place or suspicious. Keep your doors and cars locked at all times.

With the better weather creeping upon us more road work and delays will continue on Dudley from Thomas More Parkway to Catherine Drive. Much progress has been made but curbing still has to be completed. Once this is done, the old asphalt will be ground and new pavement will be laid down from Winding Trials to Catherine Drive. The contractor is hoping to have this work completed by late summer or early fall. We ask for your patience during this time and you may want to take an alternative route to avoid these up-and-coming delays.

This year we are planning to have the 4th of July parade on Saturday, July 3rd. We are asking that each and every one of you watch out for each other by social distancing during these times. We have asked some of the Doctors and Nurses from St. Elizabeth to be our Grand Marshalls in this year's parade. We want to recognize them for all they have done to get us through these tough times and still working on our behalf. Thanks again for all you have done for us.

Our concerts in Presidents Park will be every Tuesday evening this summer starting on June 15th with The Leftovers. The lineup for this year's concert series is located inside. Thanks to Hummel Hatfield Insurance for their sponsorship!

This year our Fire Department is honoring Captain Tony Lauman as outstanding Firefighter and ALS Coordinator Chris Snyder as our outstanding EMT for their accomplishments during this past year. Thanks to you all!

We ask that you all stay strong and healthy! We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.



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Memorial Day Celebration

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 31st. Boy Scout Troop 779 will be collecting tattered and worn flags to be properly disposed of at the ceremony. If you cannot make it to the ceremony, you may drop-off your flags at the city building and we will make sure to give them to the scouts. If you would like to watch the ceremony live, please visit our Facebook page to watch. If you have any questions about the ceremony please call or email Hannah Centers at hcenters@edgewoodky.gov.

Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 5th from 9am – 12pm. Residents are allowed to bring up to five (5) brown paper bags of documents to shred. For more information, please go to www.edgewoodky.gov.

Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series

The 2021 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 15th with The Leftovers and runs through August 24th. Mark your calendars to spend Tuesday evenings at Presidents Park this summer. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Each week we will be spotlighting a Food Truck vendor that will be available at all performances for purchase. Please follow us on social media (Facebook & Twitter) for updates and spotlights. Special thanks to our sponsor Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency.

43rd Annual 4th of July Activities

5K Race

The 43rd Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 7:30 a.m. on **Saturday, July 3rd**. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers and a children’s fun run. Anyone interested in participating can register online at: [year. https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Edgewood/EDGEWOODTRISTATERUNNINGCOMPANYINDEPENDENCEDAY5KRUNWALK](https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Edgewood/EDGEWOODTRISTATERUNNINGCOMPANYINDEPENDENCEDAY5KRUNWALK). Pre-registration is required. Registration will end at 7:00 a.m. on the **July 3rd**. Race will start promptly at 7:30 am. Pre-registered participants will be able to pick up shirts, numbers and chips at Tri-State Running, 148 Barnwood Drive.

We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Hannah Centers at 331-5910 or email at hcenters@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.

Parade

The parade will begin at the Caywood Elementary and Turkeyfoot Middle School campus at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, **July 3rd**. The City is also celebrating the 59th Anniversary of the parade. Please visit our website at www.edgewoodky.gov for the parade route. No walkers are permitted in the parade route, all participants must be mobile. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Original Entry, Best Performing Entry and Best Entry Honoring the theme. Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade must register online at: <http://edgewoodky.gov/4th-of-july-parade-form/> to reserve a spot. There will be a brief awards ceremony following the parade at the flagpole in Presidents Park.

Free Concert in Freedom Park

Come early for the fireworks and enjoy the amazing vocals of “Derek Alan Band” The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 3rd and will continue until the fireworks begin at 9:45. Vendors will be available for purchase of food and beverages.

Vito’s Fireworks at Freedom Park

And of course, we’ve saved the best for last! Vito’s has a fabulous display in store for us. The fireworks begin around 9:45 on Saturday, July 3rd. Bring a blanket and come early!

Edge of the Woods Garden Club

Are your plants hungry? In container gardening, the most important step after cleaning your pots is preparation of the SOIL. If you are using the soil in your containers from last year, after removing all roots, clumps and old vegetation, you can enhance the soil using one of the following methods.

- Method 1: replace half of the soil in your container with new potting soil and mix well.
- Method 2: remove 1/3 of the soil from your container and replace it with a good quality compost and mix thoroughly.

With either method, be sure to add in a high quality slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote or Dr. Earth and moisten the soil lightly to activate the bio-organisms in the soil.

The health of your soil plays a big role in the health of your plants, just as your health is impacted by the foods you eat. Soil should contain both organic (and inorganic materials (i.e., silt, sand & clay) to help keep your soil moist, but allow good drainage. In addition to the soil methods above, adding trace minerals to the soil with products such as Kelp Meal

or Azomite will re-mineralize depleted soil and provide healthier plants throughout the season. Once your soil is ready, you can plant your favorite flowers or vegetables, then lightly mulch the top of the soil with a biodegradable mulch like rice hull to help maintain moisture. Remember to feed your plants weekly with a water-soluble fertilizer and enjoy.

Happy Gardening!



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Mayor’s Golf Outing

Get your foursome together and come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Mayor Link at the 18th Annual Mayor’s Golf Outing. The outing is Friday, August 6th with a shotgun start at 9am at Kenton County Golf Course. The scramble format is \$80 per golfer and includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, drink tickets, BBQ lunch grill out, door prizes and contests. You won’t want to miss out on a chance at winning our Hole in One Prize sponsored by Hummel - Hatfield Insurance. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Michelle Frisch at mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov to register or for further information.

Fireman Paul Says

by Firefighter Paul Birchall

Hopefully everyone remembered to change the batteries or replace your old smoke detectors back in March when moving the clocks forward. If not, it isn’t too late, so do it now!

I’d like to touch base on “Planning an Escape” from your home in case of a fire:

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map showing the doors/ windows and discuss with family members.
- KNOW at least 2 ways out of every room, if possible. Practice using different ways out.
- HAVE an outside meeting place (tree, light pole, mailbox, neighbor’s house) a safe distance from the home and preferably in the front yard.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day at least twice a year.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave. This is very important to slow down fire spread.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people, pets or anything. Only firefighters go into a house with smoke/fire.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW and GO under the smoke to your way out.
- CALL 911 (Fire Department) from outside your home.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Edgewood Fire/EMS at (859) 341-2628.

Rumpke Trash & Recycling

For the most updated information regarding trash and recycling in our city, please visit www.rumpke.com or call (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.



COUNCILMAN BARLAGE’S

Edgewood History

AN EDGEWOOD GEM AND ITS HERITAGE...

In 1948, the same year that Edgewood was incorporated by the state assembly, two young couples pooled their resources and purchased 6.6 acres of farmland in the middle of Edgewood. Bert & Mary Shelton and Bert’s sister Nancy Martin and her husband George divided the property and sold two lots fronting Dudley Road. An easement allowed them access to the interior acreage on which they each built their homes. The secluded property on which the two couples raised their families was surrounded by trees and a lovely creek that still runs across the front of the property.

Bert’s passion was growing a vegetable garden, consisting of staples such as corn, green beans and tomatoes, broccoli, horseradish and peanuts. Brother-in-law, George, maintained an apple orchard.

As Edgewood grew around this secluded little gem of property, the next generation put down their roots. However, in 2008 the two properties that had passed to the second generation were combined upon the untimely passing of the Martin’s daughter, Janie Cochran. The Shelton’s daughter, Mary, and her husband Tony Luebbers, cared for the properties and took pride in cultivating new plants such as raspberry patches, Wisteria, Peonies, Easter lilies, Hydrangea, and Yucca plants. Elephant ear, Naked Lady and Canna gifts from friends and family also adorned the property. Many of these “heritage plants” were passed along through several generation of the family.

When Tony Luebbers passed away in 2014, his wife Mary wanted to maintain the property but found it difficult for one person to manage. Although there were multiple parties interested in purchasing the property, Mary Luebbers and her two grown children considered their options and agreed that making their property a part of Presidents Park, which had been built adjacent to their property, would be the best way to preserve its heritage and character. Mary approached Edgewood city officials about acquiring the property and they responded enthusiastically to the possibility of expanding the park.

The City of Edgewood purchased the Luebbers’ property and invested in it to create the White House Event Center, Mary and Tony’s former home. In addition, the city created a walking trail in the woods near the tennis courts and has plans for a gazebo in a picturesque setting.

Mary joined the Edge of the Woods Garden Club and has played an important role in creating and implementing a new “Heritage Garden” on the property as well as caring for the property flowers and landscaping. The garden, distinguished by the stone “E” is located along the sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the pergola-covered deck of the White House Event Center. Many plants belonging to the family have been rescued and replanted there for all who visit the property to enjoy. Those of us in the garden club have watched the beautiful transformation of the property which fulfills the wishes of the family to provide an area that can be enjoyed by all residents of the city and visitors. We have this gift as a result of a generous family that wished to share with others their “little piece of heaven.”

And now you know...the rest of the story.

Written by Mary Shelton Luebbers and Darla Kettenacker in memory of Tony Luebbers, Bert and Mary Shelton and George and Nancy Martin (nee Shelton).