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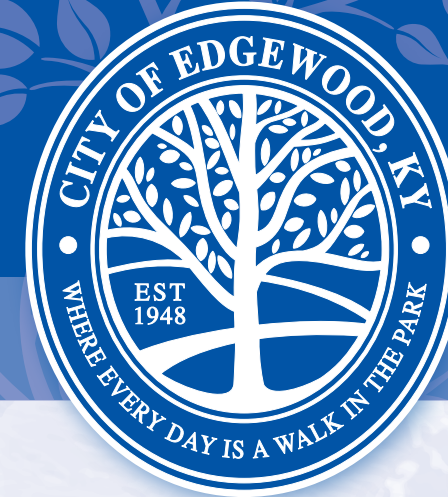
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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Emerald Trace has been recognized by the US News and World Report as one of the Best Nursing Homes for short-term care in 2021-22 and received a 5-star rating by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid! Kenton County Fiscal Court has proclaimed February 8th, 2022 as Emerald Trace Day. Congratulations on your success!

Our Annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at Freedom Park on Saturday, April 2nd at 2pm for ages 3-8. Please remember that the event will start at 2pm sharp. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures so make sure to bring your camera. In the past if we had rain, the event would be held inside of the Senior Center but this year the event will be cancelled if there is rain. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We will be having our Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series in Presidents Park this summer! We look forward to the new 2022 line up and getting outside.

I would like to recognize the Seibert Family and the Whittle couple for winning our Cutest Couple and Family Photo Contest in February! Thank you to all of the families and couples that participated in the social media event. We enjoyed all of the photos that were submitted and had a tough time picking the best! Visit our Facebook page @CityofEdgewoodKY to see the winning photos! Thanks again!

Within the next few weeks, our Public Works Department will be evaluating our streets that need repairs. We should have a list within the next few months for us to all assess. Currently, we will continue to patch potholes until we get into some better weather.

Would you like to know more information regarding emergencies, cancelled/location changes of concerts in the park, league and event cancellations, new events happening in the city, crime, road closures, etc.? Then sign up for Reach Alert, its FREE! You will be able to control how you would like to receive this information, this means choosing up to 3 ways to receive the message, adding up to 4 devices, and updating contact information at any time. To register go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue text, "create an account", network name: Edgewood.

I'd like to thank our walking residents that pick-up trash along the sidewalks and beautify the city! I'd also like to thank and welcome all of our new residents that have chosen Edgewood as their new home. As you read on, we have some exciting events forthcoming.





Recreation Corner

with **HANNAH CENTERS**
Program Coordinator

Easter Egg Hunt At Freedom Park

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. located at FREEDOM PARK. The egg hunt is for children ages 3-8. There will be special prize tickets in each age group inside eggs. You can redeem prize tickets in Noll Shelter. In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. **PARKING IS LIMITED, ARRIVE EARLY. EGG HUNT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 2:00 P.M. NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREAS.** The hunt areas will include eggs and candy. The hunt area for 3-4 year olds will be on the soccer field, the hunt area for 5-6 year olds will be in the baseball outfield and the hunt area for 7-8 year olds will be beside the basketball courts. No registration is required.



Edgewood Day at Superbowl

Residents can enjoy two (2) games of bowling at Superbowl on April 21st, 2022 from 6-8pm. Shoe rental is included. This event is open to the first one hundred (100) Edgewood residents **only**. You must pre-register by e-mailing Hannah Centers at hcenters@edgewoodky.gov. There will be a limited number of bumper lanes available. Liability waivers must be completed in order to participate.



Save the Dates

The Freedom Park **Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, May 7th from 9 am-12 pm. Edgewood residents can purchase an area equivalent to two parking spaces for \$20 which includes a table and two chairs. Our **Shred event** is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th from 9am-12pm at Freedom Park.



Summer Co-Ed Volleyball League

A recreational summer Co-ed volleyball league is being offered on Wednesday evenings beginning May 4th. The entry fee is \$200. Entry deadline is April 11th.



Registration forms are available online at www.edgewoodky.gov under Parks and Recreation, Leagues, or at the city building. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Fireman Tony Says...

by Firefighter
Tony Lauman



Let me start by reminding you that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th at 2 a.m. While you are changing your clocks one hour ahead, be sure to change the battery in your smoke detectors too! Also check the date on the smoke detector to see if it has expired. Most smoke detectors and CO detectors are good for 10 years.

Furthermore, as part of spring cleaning make sure to take a few minutes to clean up and brush up on your safety plans as well:

- Make sure you have smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. If you have natural gas in your home, be sure to have working CO detectors as well.
- Clean-up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away and out of any child's reach.
- Check fire protection and safety equipment to include fire extinguishers. Make sure all doors and windows open easily and are accessible for quick escapes.
- Make sure your street numbers are posted properly and are visible, preferably on your mailbox. If you were to call 911, you want us to respond as quickly as possible. If we can't see your address numbers on the mailbox or house from the street, it could cause a delay.
- Practice your escape plan. Even the best plan is no good if it's not practiced.

For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Tony at tlauman@edgewoodky.gov.

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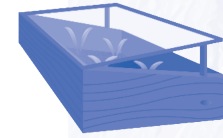


Trash & Recycling

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.

Edge of the Woods Garden Club News

Do you push the envelope? For those of us who are anxious to get out into the garden and start planting, or find ourselves sad to tear out the garden when the sunlight hours wane and the temperatures begin to dip - there is the **Cold Frame**.



The soil temperature required for seed germination is ~70°F and it takes several warm, sunny days in a row to attain this. When flowers & seeds begin showing up at the garden store we are (sometimes too) anxious to get out into the garden which can result in a low success rate and high frustration. In our area, the week **after** Mother's Day is typically safe for planting. This is where the cold frame comes in.

What is it? Cold frames are bottomless boxes that are set over plants or seeds in the garden in a sunny location to protect them from adverse weather and retain heat. They can be any variety of heights and have a transparent top that can be flat or raised to hold and amplify the sun's heat. The higher the angle of the lid slope, up to 55 degrees, the more sunlight will enter the frame during winter. A hinge on the top of the frame provides easy access and allows 'venting' during the warmer hours of the day. They can be used in the spring to jumpstart seedlings or to "harden off" plants that have been started indoors, and they can extend the autumn garden well into late fall. Planting seeds for salad greens, kale, spinach & snow peas (my favorite) every two weeks provides a steady supply of cool weather crops and with a little care can even be maintained throughout the winter! Once the weather is warmer, the cover can be removed and the cold frame used as a raised garden. So, we have learned to 'hedge' with Mother Nature...now are you feeling spunky?

How do I get started? For the DIY'er, a cold frame can be built out of lumber and glass, plexiglass or plastic sheeting (materials < \$50). Kits are also available (Amazon, ~\$100). Free videos on how to build a cold frame are available online. Farmers Almanac: <https://www.almanac.com/how-build-cold-frame>. Home Depot instructions: How to Build a Cold Frame (homedepot.com)



Most of all, have fun, and as always, happy gardening!

Council Member Darla Kettenacker, President Edge of the Woods Garden Club

Chief's Corner

Edgewood Police
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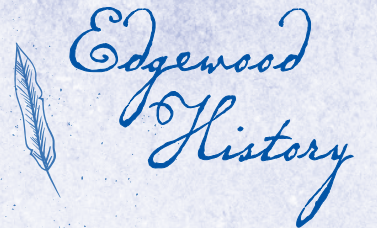


Is This a Scam?

It really is hard sometime to know if the person on the other end of the line is someone who is trying to scam you. What do I do? How can I know? What should I do if I feel like I have made a mistake? First of all, it is important to know that it is not your fault and unfortunately, you are not alone. Many people fall victim to scams every year. Scammers do not care if you are a victim of a natural disaster or if you are older or younger. They simply are trying to get to your money. Many of us know of someone who has been scammed! The Federal Trade Commission is available to help inform people about fraud activity and scams. Please take some time to review their

website, www.ftc.gov. Many scammers are starting to use social media and email spoofing. Email spoofing means that it will look like it is from a friend or trusted source, but they mask their true email addresses. Don't be afraid to verify the source or ask a friend or we would love to help as well! Phone scams are still very prevalent. If someone says they are from the police or sheriff's office, please be careful. There are times we do call, but we will never ask for money to be sent to us, especially in the form of gift cards. Gift cards should be your first clue that something is not right. Don't be afraid to hang up on them as well. You can contact the Edgewood Police at our dispatch number 859-356-3191 or at our office at 859-331-5911 and confirm any information and we will help. If you are ever in doubt, trust your instincts and verify before you commit! Thank you again for the wonderful support you show to the Police Department and all of the service departments in Edgewood. We are tremendously grateful to help you!

COUNCILMAN BARLAGE'S



If you worked for the US Post Office or the Department of Commerce in the late 1920s you may have had the opportunity to get a bird's eye view of what is now Edgewood, KY. How you may ask? You may have been part of the team building the Louisville / Cincinnati Airway Beacon #7 (D) located at 424 Dudley Road directly across the street from the current Whispering Woods entry park. The Beacon consisted of a tower, four-legged, 75 feet in height and painted orange and white. There were small red lamps on the rail of the tower that would flash morse code "dah dit dit" denoting the letter D. The main beacon rotated and had a 24" parabolic mirror and a 110V 1 Kilowatt lamp spinning at 6 rpm, creating a quick one-tenth second flash every ten seconds. In clear weather it could be seen for 40 miles! The tower sat on a concrete slab in the shape of an arrow that pointed towards Lunken Airfield. An adjacent 10x14 generator shed was required to keep the device in action. The roof of the shed was painted with "LC" on the west and "7" on the east. This beacon was one of 1500 erected across the nation to assist pilots with navigation prior to modern day radar. I am not exactly certain when it was dismantled, but I suspect it was a welcome deletion from the Dudley landscape. Vincent Kahmann once told me that he could see the light from his childhood bedroom near modern day Lindsey Drive. I am always looking for more stories like this to investigate, so if you have a suggestion, please reach out. Shoot me an e-mail and I will send you the only photo I have found of the beacon. - Ben Barlage benbarlage@aol.com

Turning 65 in 2022?



If you own and occupy your home, you may be eligible for a reduction in the net taxable value of your home under the Homestead Exemption Act. Please visit www.kentonpva.org for additional information or call 859-392-1750. Happy birthday from the Kenton County PVA Office, Darlene M. Plummer, PVA.