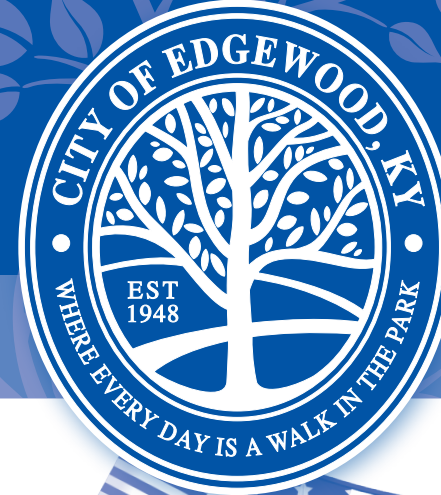


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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Our Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies will be held at the Senior Center starting at 10am. If it should rain, the event will be held inside of the Edgewood Senior Center. Troop 779 will again accept your tattered flags so they can be properly destroyed at the ceremony. If you cannot attend, you may bring your old flags to the City Building prior to May 30th and we will make sure they are retired at the ceremony.

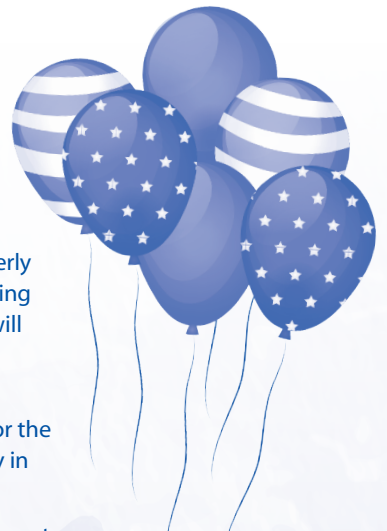
Once again, we will be assessing the conditions of all the city streets to determine which ones need replaced or repaired for the upcoming 2022-2023 program. We should have the list ready in early June.

With the 4th of July just around the corner, it is a good time to get the neighborhood together to watch or participate in the 5k race/walk as well as the parade that will start at 9:30AM at the Turkeyfoot Middle School parking lot. This year our Grand Marshall will be WWII Marine Corporal Mr. Howard Requardt who served in The Battle of Okinawa. Mr. Requardt is 96 strong and has lived in Edgewood since 1955. Our theme this year is Standing Strong; Hometown Heroes. To end the day, Derek Alen Band will be our entertainment and Vito's Fireworks will be held at Freedom Park starting around dusk.

The first annual concert at Presidents Park will be held on June 14th at 7:00PM! Our band line up is located inside this newsletter along with our food truck lineup. Upon your arrival at the concerts, you will notice the new Band Pavilion that has been constructed. Thanks to St. Elizabeth for helping make this project move forward and for all of us to enjoy for years to come.

No city is immune from persons who are willing to break into autos, homes, and open garage doors for a quick item that can be taken and sold for quick cash. Keeping an eye open within the neighborhoods and call 911 if you see something out of place.

Spring is just about here; we have many events in the city for families and friends to enjoy together. We hope you can make it to one or more of the activities and enjoy all the City of Edgewood has to offer.



44TH 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 Monday, July 4th**. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers and a children's fun run. Anyone interested in participating can register online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Edgewood/EDGEWOODTRISTATE RUNNINGCOMPANYINDEPENDENCEDAY5KRUNWALK>. Pre-registration is required. Registration will end at 5 p.m. on 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 Monday, July 4th. The city is also celebrating the 60th 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. This year our Grand Marshall will be WWII Marine Corporal, Mr. Howard Requardt who served in The Battle of Okinawa. He is 96 strong and has lived in Edgewood since 1955. Our theme this year is Standing Strong; Hometown Heroes. 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 Monday, July 4th and will continue until the fireworks begin at dusk. Vendors will be available for purchase of food and beverages.

Vitos 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 Monday, July 4th. Bring a blanket and come early!

Mayor's Golf Outing

Get your foursome together and come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Mayor Link at the 19th Annual Mayor's Golf Outing. The outing is Friday, August 5th 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.



Recreation Corner

with Hannah Centers, Program Coordinator

Memorial Day Ceremony

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 30th. 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.

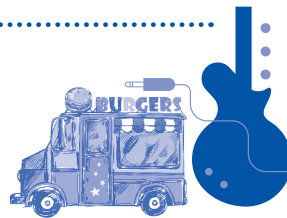


Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 4th from 9am – 11am. 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 2022 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 14th with Doghouse and runs through August 23rd. 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.**



Chief's Corner - Edgewood Police Department

Safety First, At All Costs!!!

The grim reality of today's society is that violence is on the rise. Safety is a concern of every household and we need to be training ourselves and our children, but all too often the danger can be just inside our own homes. What am I talking about? GUN SAFETY!

Gun sales are on the rise with approximately 395 million in the homes of United States citizens. The Second Amendment declare that the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, but with thoughtful care in and instruction, they can be maintained much better. I have been a law enforcement firearms instructor for the past 21 years and I have seen the benefits of gun ownership, but also the dangers of being unsafe with a gun. If you or one of your



family members has made the decision to purchase and own a firearm, be it a rifle or a handgun, it is now the responsibility of every adult in the home to ensure that all firearms are properly secured. There are many ways to accomplish this and some are better than others. There are sheet metal lock boxes and concealment type storage containers that can be purchased, as well as trigger and chamber locks (which we have available at the police department, while supplies last) that can be used to secure the firearms operating mechanisms. In my opinion, the most effective manner for storing firearms is in a secure, steel safe.

Another method of gun safety is education. Ensure that everyone in the house has a working knowledge of the firearm. Educate young adults and children of the dangers of firearms and general safety when handling ANY firearm. Just teaching that all firearms should always be treated as a loaded firearm and to always point the firearm in a safe direction is a huge step in educating young adults and children in the proper handling of a firearm. It is the responsibility of the gun owner to maintain control and when that control is lost, it becomes a liability to you. I highly advise to never leave a firearm in a vehicle unattended, especially overnight.

As always, we truly value the support the Edgewood community shares with us!!! Please stay safe out there and don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything.

Fireman Tony Says...

by Firefighter Tony Lauman

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 municipal@rumpke.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.



Edge of the Woods

Garden Club News

Want to have your own Garden Party?

Spring is an annual opportunity to invest or reinvest in the simple and enjoyable task of starting a garden. You can be successful simply by following a few basics listed below.



Perennials are a great choice if you are looking for something that comes back year after year. It is important to choose plants that are well suited for the areas where you wish to plant. Most plants will have tags that show the amount of sun or shade needed and the soil requirements, such as moist, well-drained, drought-tolerant, etc. Be sure to take note of the mature size and spread of the plants so they can be planted in areas they will not too quickly outgrow, crowd other plants, or infringe upon walkways. Most perennials will be healthier if given room to spread and can be thinned as needed; these can be moved to other areas of the garden, and it is always fun to share perennials with friends.

Annuals give us that wonderful pop of color whether used in landscaping, pots, or window boxes. It's fun to try new combinations of colors, textures, heights, and species. As you may have noticed in nature, most things occur in odd numbers, such as the number of petals on a flower or the number of leaves clumped together on a branch. This is a good rule of thumb for flowers and gives a nice balanced appearance when planted in groups of three, five, seven, or nine.

Plant Nutrition is also very important, but different plants types and varieties have diverse 'palettes' just as people do! Some like acid soil, others basic; some love water and need it almost daily, while others require watering only once weekly. Similarly, some plants such as petunias are fertilizer junkies, while others do quite well without it. Perennials benefit from an early spring jumpstart of a balanced fertilizer such as an NPK 12-12-12. Annuals thrive when fertilized regularly as well, typically bi-weekly but at least monthly. The NPK designation is a guaranteed analysis of the percentage of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K) in that product. Nitrogen helps support leafy growth, Phosphorus encourages bigger, better blooms, and, Potassium helps develop roots and helps plants tolerate stress. You can often choose the fertilizer that best meets your plant's needs simply by observing the plants.

Gardening can be relaxing and rewarding as we stand back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. It gives you an opportunity to enjoy the time outdoors, be creative, take pride in your accomplishments, and create a beautiful environment for your very own garden party. If you need help feel free to ask any gardener (they love to share gardening tips and secrets.) But most of all...have fun.

Happy Spring & Happy Gardening!

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