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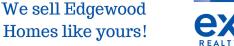
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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

The City of Edgewood is celebrating our 75th Anniversary! According to early Edgewood history, it was named for an early homestead in Walker Estates. Edgewood was incorporated by act of the state assembly on November 15, 1948. Part of what was early Edgewood was called South Ft Mitchell. In 1968, two nearby cities merged – Summit Hills Heights and St. Pius Heights. The new city government began operation on January 1, 1969.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 for your accomplishments and we all wish you the best in the coming years! You made it!!

Our Tuesday night concerts in the park has taken a new look with our new band pavilion for the bands, it has better acoustics plus more electrical outlets and space for everyone's enjoyment. Come out Tuesdays and enjoy the entertainment.

Many thanks to Edge of the Woods Garden Club for the summer flower colors that have been placed in each of the tri-pods, that little touch makes the difference. Thanks again for all that you do behind the scenes.

We were honored to welcome Governor Andy Beshear to our city building to present a check that was awarded to us from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to help us improve the walking trail in Freedom Park. The walking trail will have a new rubberized surface for ease in walking or running.

Our 4th of July 5k race had over 800 walkers and runners! Congratulations to our overall winners! We had over 100 participants in the 60th Annual July 4th Parade – Our Grand Marshall WWII Marine Corporal Howard Requardt enjoyed seeing all of the residents smiles and friendly waves. Thank you to everyone that came out to the firework show by Vito's Fireworks and music by Derek Alan Band. Thanks for everyone's support.

The street projects should start up within the next few weeks, both minor and major street repairs, please be patient and look for alternate routes once they begin. If you have not done so already, sign up for our reach alert FREE service to stay updated on the projects around the city. Head to www.edgewoodky.gov to sign up.

Check inside the newsletter for more upcoming events that we are offering in the next few months and I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Recreation Corner

with HANNAH CENTERS, Program Coordinator

Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series

The concert series is continuing at Presidents Park every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. All concerts are free to the public. The remaining performances are as follows: July 12 – Tyler Moore Band, July 19 – Velvet

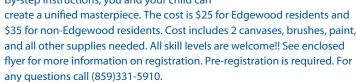
Soul, July 26 – The Grateful Dads Band, August 2 – Elvis (Edgewood Senior Center), August 9 – What She Said, August 16 – Don't Tell Steve, August 23 – DV8. A special thank you to this year's sponsor: Hummel - Hatfield **Insurance.** The remaining Food Trucks are as followed: July 12 - Dreamy Whip, July 19 - Dreamy Whip, July 26 - Colby Fries, August 9 - WildSide, August 16 – Ignite Your Taste Buds, and August 23 – Sweet Meats BBQ.

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SUMMER CONCERTS

Mommy and Me Painting Class

Looking for a fun, creative activity for you and your child? Come to the Mommy and Me Painting Class, July 19th at Presidents Park-Jefferson Shelter 5:30pm. With stepby-step instructions, you and your child can



Edgewood Night at Putt-Putt

Edgewood Night at the Erlanger Putt-Putt is Sunday, August 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Residents can play two games of putt-putt free of charge. You must bring a valid ID with proof of residency. Thank you and have fun.

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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.

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Property Tax Address Change!!

Effective this year our remittance address for **Edgewood Property Taxes has changed.** Please make note of the new address with your bank or mortgage lender.

> **City of Edgewood Property Taxes** PO Box 791704 Baltimore, MD 21279-1704

Tax Notices are mailed to owners in early October.



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 &

Bees are in trouble and they need our help. Across the country, there is a condition called "colony collapse disorder," a term used when honeybees abandon their hives. Changes in agriculture have led to the destruction of wildflower meadows, and the increased use of pesticides has drastically reduced the wild pollinators in the US and Europe. Well-meaning beekeepers have been trading honeybees across the country which has led to an increase in the disease of the honeybee colonies. Needless to say, our honeybee population is decreasing rapidly.

Some of the reasons bees are important: Many of the foods we eat depend upon pollination by bees; bees are a natural food source for other insects in the food chain; bees have an excellent sense of smell and have been used by researchers to detect the presence.



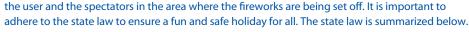
Darla Kettenacker, President of Edge of the Woods Garden Club & City Council Member



Throughout the 1850s and 1860s Covington based attorney John W. Coleman and his wife Lucia operated the 173 acre "Gatewood Farm" on Dudley Rd, approximately where Freedom Park is located. The Farm was well watered with fine springs. In 1858 Mr. Coleman offered good stabling and pasturage for horses. A limited number of horses could also be wintered on his farm for the low price of \$2 a week. He would even bring them the 6 miles to and from Covington for no charge. "Horses would be kept up at night, grain fed and allowed to run out during pleasant weather." By 1861 he had slashed his price to \$1 per week. In 1868 at the age of 67 Mr. Coleman passed away. On Wednesday Morning September 13th, 1871, the property was offered for sale. "On the Bank Lick and Lexington Junction Turnpike (Dudley Road), 1.5 miles from Sanfordtown, 2 miles from Latonia Springs, on Bank Lick pike (3L Highway) and the same distance from the second tollgate on the Lexington Turnpike (Dixie Highway). The entire stock, consisting of 4 horses, 3 cows, 14 hogs and farming utensils, which are nearly new; among them are a New York mower, horse-rake, plows, harrows, and small tolls; also a jolt wagon, a barouche (fancy open carriage), a Gosling buggy, complete set of harnesses. The crops consist of 40 acres of corn, very fine, 2 acres of potatoes, Early Rose and Irish Cup (potatoes), 20 tons of timothy hay, some furniture and other articles. The Colemans also had a lovely 31-acre farm on Dixie Highway named "Lake Cottage". I am always looking for more stories like this to investigate, so if you have a suggestion, please reach out. Thanks! Ben Barlage benbarlage@aol.

CHIEF'S CORNER - Edgewood **Police Department**

A quick reminder from the Edgewood Police Department about the use of fireworks. With summer in full swing, we here at the Edgewood Police Department would like to remind everyone what the state law says about consumer fireworks and their use. The number one concern is the safety of



- Individuals under the age of 18 years old cannot sell fireworks unless supervised by a parent or quardian.
- Those under 18 years of age cannot purchase, possess or use fireworks.
- **Fireworks CANNOT be used within 200 feet of a structure, vehicle or other person.**
- Use of fireworks cannot place the user in violation of any local ordinances.

Here are some simple safety tips to keep you, your family and your neighbors safe over the upcoming 4th of July celebrations.

- · Use fireworks outside only.
- · Obey state and local laws.
- Always have a source of water nearby.
- Only use fireworks as intended and per instructions.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and extinguish in a bucket of wate
- Keep spectators a safe distance from the fireworks. Use safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. If property damage or injury occurs and the user is intoxicated, he or she could be charged with additional criminal violations.
- Do not use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives; they can kill you.
- Report "illegal" explosives to the fire or police department at 859-356-3191

We sincerely wish all residence of Edgewood a safe and happy summer! Remember to be courteous to your neighbors!





Fireman Tony Says...

by Firefighter Tony Lauman

Summer is the time to enjoy vacations, camping, picnics and Independence Day; however, summertime also brings fires and burn injuries due to fireworks and outdoor cooking. Annually almost 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. When **GRILLING**, keep a 3 foot "safe zone". Only use your grill outside and keep it away from siding and deck rails. Open your gas grills before lighting and keep an eye on your grill without leaving them

FIREWORKS are designed to burn and explode, and are a leading cause of injuries in the United States. In 2020, fireworks used by amateurs cause over 10,000 thousand injuries serious enough to require emergency room treatment. Children between the ages of 10 and 14 are at greatest risk of injury from fireworks. The safest way to enjoy fireworks to attend an outdoor public display put on by professionals like the City of Edgewood provides.

Did you know?: Sparklers burn at 1,200°F





