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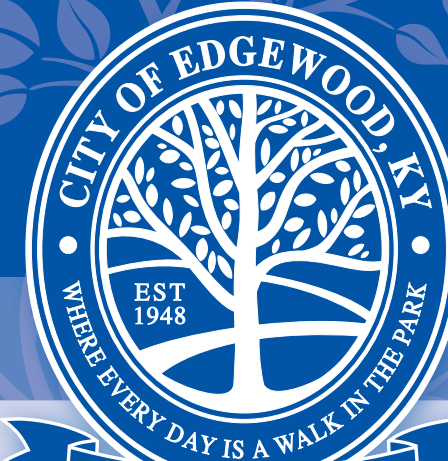
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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

The Home Decorating Contest was a big hit again this year. It was very hard for our judges to choose the winners with so many wonderful displays. We gave out over 80 red ribbons and had 10 finalists that received an award and poinsettias. Thanks to all for a job well done. The list of 10 finalists is on our website so make sure to go out and look at the winning displays.

Our Edge of the Woods Garden Club volunteers have again spruced up each of the planter boxes with the Holiday plantings. This has added some color to the arrangements to shine during these drab days. It's a great way to get into the 2023 season.

We would like to welcome Officer Ken Hall as our new SRO officer at Turkeyfoot Middle School and Jim Schaefer as our new Assistant Fire Chief. We are pleased you have chosen Edgewood as your new home. We would like to welcome Mr. Scott Spille as our new City Council member who replaced Mr. Dale Henson who had served our city for 28 years. We would like to wish Mr. Dale Henson the best in the coming years and thank him for his time and dedication to the city.

Our Police Department has a medication drop box for those needing to dispose of prescription medications. This drop box does not accept liquids, vitamins or sharps.

Recycling is still very important in our city and many of our residents are finding that once they start the recycling bins fill up sooner than the garbage bins. So, please keep up the recycling as it does work and helps save our landfills.

The annual Mystery Dinner again will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center on March 4, 2023. There are a number of up-and-coming events so look inside the newsletter for more information and activities.

During these inclement days do not forget about your neighbors who may be elderly and can not get out in this cold weather, please be sure to check on them.

Happy New Year to all!



Awesome Animal Adaptations

This is a partnership with the Cincinnati Children's Museum Center. Meet and touch live animals that may include a bat, snake, box turtle, salamander, frog, and/or hissing cockroaches. Learn about unique items from our collections such as baleen, caribou fur, and armadillo armor. This program will take place on January 3rd from 6-7pm. Must Pre-Register by calling the City Building at (859) 331-5910 or by emailing twilson@edgewoodky.gov.

Spring Field Reservations

Anyone interested in reserving a field for spring of 2023 should submit a field request form to Tyler Wilson by February 3rd, 2023. The field request form can be downloaded from www.edgewoodky.gov under the Parks/ Recreation tab. Please include the coach's complete address, including work, home and cell phone numbers and email, day of week needed (list 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice), time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, the field name you are requesting and submit with a **complete roster with addresses and phone numbers**. Incomplete field request forms or forms submitted without complete rosters will **NOT** be accepted. Permits will be issued mid-February. Procedures for field usage and the issuing of permits may change at anytime. All city leagues and special events will have field priority. You can email your field request form with complete rosters to twilson@edgewoodky.gov, fax to (859) 331-5912 or mail to City of Edgewood, 385 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.

Winter Paint Night

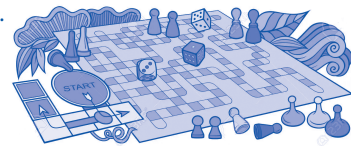
Looking for a fun night of painting with Friends and Family? Come to our Winter Paint Night class, January 24th at the Edgewood Senior Center from 6:30-8:30pm. With step-by-step instructions from RMD Art owner Randi Dunigan, you will create a unified winter wonderland masterpiece. The cost \$25 for Edgewood residents and \$35 cost for non-Edgewood residents. Cost includes a blank canvas, brushes, paint, and all other supplies needed. Pre-registration is required. For any questions call (859) 331-5910 or email Tyler at twilson@edgewoodky.gov.

Mystery Theater Dinner

The annual Mystery Theater Dinner, **"Halloweentown Murders: A Tim Burton Themed Mystery", will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center, 550 Freedom Park Drive, on Saturday March 4th, at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for an evening of fun, adventure, and murder. Play a part in the mystery or just play a part in solving the crime. Call now and reserve your spot for the show and let us know if you'd like to be cast; parts and spots will go fast! The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes the mystery, a catered dinner, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks.

NKY Senior Games

The Northern Kentucky Senior Games is an event for Northern Kentuckians ages 50 and over to engage in spirited competition and exercise through many different games and events. Cost is \$10/person (add \$8 if bowling). Entrants age 50 or over receive a Shirt, Goody Bag, Games, Lunch, & Awards. For more info please call the NKADD (859) 283-1885 or Boone County Parks (859) 334-2117. Late entries are not guaranteed a shirt. In case of inclement weather call the Boone County Parks Department cancellation line at (859) 334-2283.



Military Banner Program

The City of Edgewood Military Banner Program was established in 2021 to honor and recognize hometown active-duty and veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Banners will display the official military photo of the service person, as well as their name, rank and branch of the United States Armed Forces. The cost of each banner is \$150, which includes a 30' x 80' double sided, vinyl banner. Military Banners are installed along Dudley Road between Presidents and Freedom Parks. Applications are accepted January 3 – the first working day in March. However we are limited to 20 banners so apply early! **YOU MUST COME TO THE CITY BUILDING TO COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK.** Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

Councilman Barlage's Edgewood History Notes:

Watching R.C. Hinsdale's Beloved Ginkgo Tree turn a golden yellow and then shed its leaves, I wondered if there are any stories about what happened under its branches over its storied life. Here are a few from the local newspaper archives regarding the home that was located where R.C. Hinsdale now stands. In 1871, witnessed the birth of Maurice Dudley Phillips. Named after his father's friend Colonel Dudley. On July 6th, 1877, the residence of Mrs. George Phillips, a short distance from the city on the Latonia pike, was again entered by burglars a few nights ago, and all the chandeliers in the house were carried off. August 12th, 1877, The Farm of the late George Phillips consisting of thirty- and one-half acres on the Bank Lick and Lexington Pike sold to John A. Robinson of Cincinnati for \$5,000. The home changed hands once again and was owned by the O'Neal family. February 17th, 1917, Attorney John O'Neal, and his wife hastily formed a fire brigade of their own Friday afternoon when they discovered the roof of their home on the Dudley Pike ablaze. Mrs. O'Neal mounted the roof and threw water on the fire as fast as her husband could draw it from a cistern. After Considerable work they succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The loss was estimated at \$50. Sparks from the chimney set fire to the roof which was fanned by a strong wind.

If you have more stories about this house, or others, please let me know. Shoot me an e-mail and I will send you the photo I have of this farmhouse.

Thanks! Ben Barlage benbarlage@aol.com

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.

Christmas Tree Mulching

Real Christmas Trees may be dropped off January 11th through January 18th for mulching in the designated areas at Presidents Park and Freedom Park. Please don't leave any trees after January 18th. Thank You.



CHIEF'S CORNER - Edgewood Police Department

SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

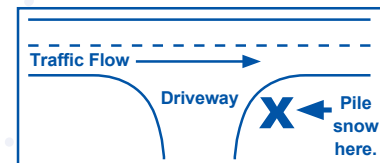
Did you know the City has an ordinance that prohibits all motor vehicles from parking on any street in the City during a Snow Emergency. A Snow Emergency may be declared by the Mayor anytime driving conditions are deemed hazardous. A Snow Emergency is automatically in effect when there is a snowfall of two or more inches. Snow Emergencies are put into effect for your safety as well as the City's. It allows the Public Works Department to plow and salt the thoroughfares without the additional hazard of parked vehicles.

The City notifies radio and television stations of declared Snow Emergencies, but they do not always broadcast the notice in a timely manner. Please be aware that public notification of a snow emergency is not required. If a vehicle is left on the street during a snow emergency it is possible a citation could be issued to the vehicle owner or the vehicle could be towed. If it is snowing, or if snow is predicted, please remove your car(s) from the street. Working together we can keep our streets clear and safe for everyone!

Driveway Shoveling Tips

In order to clear a street, plows must push snow to the side of the roadway. This creates a necessary but unfortunate consequence - snow pushed into your driveway. The City asks for your understanding and offers the following suggestions:

- ✳ Avoid shoveling snow into the street. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has already been cleared may create safety hazards. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has not been completely cleared will result in the snow being pushed toward the side of the street and back into your driveway by the plow.
- ✳ To avoid the frustrating problem of the snow plow covering your driveway with snow after you've just shoveled it, shovel the snow into your yard instead of into the street or shovel the snow to the "downstream" side of your driveway as determined by the travel direction of the truck. Normally, this is to the right side of your driveway apron as you are standing in your driveway facing the street. View the illustration for details.



SNOW REMOVAL IN CUL-DE-SACS

Due to the various designs, driveway locations and hydrant placements, each cul-de-sac is unique and must be plowed accordingly. As much as possible, plow operators try to plow snow away from driveways and deposit it in open areas of the cul-de-sac. If you believe a snow plow operator has piled snow into your driveway, please contact the General Services Department at 859-331-5910.

SNOW PLOW DAMAGE TO SOD

Contact the General Services Department at 859-331-5910 if you believe damage has occurred to your yard due to snow plow operations. Our Department will repair the affected areas deemed damaged by the snow plows.

Edge of the Woods Garden Club News | Christmas Cactus

So, you've been gifted with, or couldn't pass up, a beautiful Christmas Cactus at the garden store, and might now be wondering what it really is, or how to best care for it? *Schlumbergera*, the botanical name, is one of the species of cacti found in the coastal mountains of Brazil. Unlike the desert cacti species, these plants thrive in a shady habitat with high humidity and fairly consistent temperature between 70°-80°F. They can be grown outdoors until the first frost and then moved indoors for the winter where they will bloom profusely through the winter. While they enjoy moist soil, it is important not to overwater. When properly cared for, these plants can live up to 100 years! The Christmas Cactus does not have leaves, but rather soft, somewhat tulip-shaped stem segments with profuse flowers that come in a variety of colors such as red, pink, white and salmon. It is important to stop watering the plant for 30 days after it stops flowering.

These fuss-free plants bloom best when "pot-bound," so no need to repot your plant for a couple of years. If the plant gets too "leggy," it should be pruned by cutting between two of the joined segments. The segments you remove can be easily propagated by sticking them into a pot of moist soil and placing it in bright light; it will begin to develop roots in just a few weeks. Before you know it, you will have a plant 'offspring' to share!

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



Fireman Mark Says...

by Firefighter Mark Messmer

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready to start the new year off fire safe. Home fires occur in the winter more than any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart! Heating equipment is involved in 1 of every 7 reported home fires and 1 of every 5 home deaths. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters. Plug only one heat-producing appliance, such as space heaters, into an electrical outlet at a time. Also, please be more attentive when cooking, make sure furnaces and chimneys are professionally cleaned and smoke detectors are properly maintained.

Many residents are unaware of the potential threat that carbon monoxide (CO) poses in their homes. Called the "silent killer," carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that can be deadly. It is produced any time fuel is burned and may come from common household appliances, such as gas stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. When appliances are not properly installed or maintained, they may malfunction and cause CO to seep into the home.

Because carbon monoxide has no smell or taste and the initial poisoning symptoms often mimic the flu (headache and nausea), victims may be unaware they are being exposed. The only safe way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is with working carbon monoxide alarms. CO alarms are available at your local home improvement store and are easy to install.

Be sure to place CO alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas to help keep your family safe. CO alarms should be replaced every 5 to 7 years. If you don't know how old your alarms are, you should replace them today!

Continue making Edgewood a safe place to live. For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mark at MMessmer@EdgewoodKY.gov.