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MARCH / APRIL 2023

## Mayor's Report by Mayor John Link

Each year our Fire Department recognizes the most outstanding individuals that have demonstrated extraordinary care and treatment while performing their EMS duties. A big congratulations is in order to FF/Medic Chris Whittenberger and Mason Hale. Thanks for all that you do.

Currently the N. Ky. Water Department has been replacing lines and valves along Dudley Road that were in disrepair. This work had to be done prior to upgrading Dudley Road. Most, if not, all the repairs have been done but traffic backups still may happen as they finish up.

With the winter weather upon us, make sure to sign up for Reach Alert. This is a free service to all our residents and will notify you of any emergencies, recreation events, crime alerts, and road and snow conditions. To sign up, visit our website and click on the Reach Alert icon.

We are still accepting Military Banner requests in which these will be displayed along Dudley Road from Memorial Day 2023 to Veteran's Day 2023 and again for 2024. For more information, you can visit our website at [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov) or give us a call at (859) 331-5910.

As you can see within the newsletter, we have a lot of events scheduled for all ages in the upcoming months. Come and enjoy the 2023 season with us. Hope to see you at one or more events.



# Recreation Corner

with TYLER WILSON

## Meditation & Chair Yoga

This is a partnership with Kenton County Public Library. The Meditation class will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm. Chair Yoga classes will be held on Thursdays from March 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-12pm. These classes will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center and pre-registration is required by emailing Tyler Wilson at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov).

## Edgewood Day at NKY Ice Center



Residents can enjoy a night of ice skating at the NKY Ice Center on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7:15pm. Skate rentals are included. Limited to 150 and MUST be an Edgewood resident. Liability waivers must be completed in order to participate.

## Health & Wellness Senior Expo



Our annual Senior Expo will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-1pm. The expo will feature a wide variety of information focusing on senior interests. The expo is free to all seniors.

It will include light refreshments/snacks and musical entertainment. A door prize raffle will be offered. MUST be present to win. For more information on the Senior Expo call Tyler Wilson at (859) 331-5910 or email at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov).

## Easter Egg Hunt At Freedom Park

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 moved to the Senior Center. **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.



## DINO DIG with Cincinnati Children's Museum



This is a partnership with Cincinnati Children's Museum. Touch fossils on a mock paleontological dinosaur dig. Discuss Cincinnati's world-famous Ordovician fossils, learn how fossils are formed and unearth how to differentiate them from rock. This program will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm at the Edgewood Senior Center. Must Pre-Register by calling the City Building at (859) 331-5910 or email [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov).

## Save the Dates

- The Freedom Park Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12pm at Freedom Park.

## RUMPKE Trash & Recycling



For the most updated information regarding trash and recycling in our city, please visit [www.rumpke.com](http://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](mailto:southeast.municipal@rumpke.com).

## Fireman Mark Says... by Firefighter Mark Messmer



As we welcome the warmer weather, I hope you and your family have inspected your smoke AND Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors to ensure they are in proper working order and not expired—most smoke detectors and CO detectors are good for 10 years.

As we enjoy this warmer weather be sure to remember to monitor the possibility for severe weather. As we have seen last year severe weather can strike any time of year and anywhere in our region. Here are some tips to keep you safe in the event of severe weather:

- Have a weather radio or a weather alert app on your smart phone (make sure it's charged!)
- Have a tornado emergency plan including a 'safe shelter', your safe shelter should be in the basement or an inside room without windows on the lowest floor (bathroom, closet, center hallway). Do not stay in a mobile home.
- Have an emergency kit with a supply of water and non-perishable food located in your safe shelter area
- Know the difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch:
  - Tornado Warning: means a tornado has been sighted and may be approaching. Seek shelter immediately!
  - Tornado Watch: means there is a possibility of one or more tornadoes in your area. Continue normal activity but monitor weather conditions closely.
- Listen for the storm sirens, the storm sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month at noon.
- Kenton County's Storm Warning Sirens are activated when:
  - A Tornado Warning is issued for Kenton County by the National Weather Service (siren will be activated again if a credible report of a funnel cloud is witnessed)
  - A credible report of a funnel cloud or tornado
  - The sirens may be activated for other emergencies, such as a hazardous materials leak
  - Please be sure to have multiple ways to receive warnings and not solely rely on the sirens
  - In the event of hearing the storm siren tune in to local media for further information
- Sign up to receive CodeRED Weather Warning alerts, please see Kenton County Emergency Communications Website for details (<https://www.kentoncounty.org/180/CodeRED>)

## COUNCILMAN BARLAGE'S Edgewood History

In 1875 D.J. Kenny authored his book "Kenny's Illustrated Cincinnati". The epitome of nineteenth century guidebooks, it includes descriptions of Cincinnati and the surrounding suburbs. Drive No. 8 (by carriage) mentions our Dudley Road and its vistas. "If you wish to extend the drive (south), you may continue along the pike (3L) half a mile to the village of Sanfordtown, and turn to the right, up the hill, by the Dudley Road, at the first corner. From the hill, a valley view of unexpected beauty is presented. Follow the road in its general trend to the right, and at a distance of about two miles from the hill-top strike the Lexington Turnpike (Dixie Highway)." In this short but sweet account we hear of the beautiful vistas across the landscape. During this winter season it is easy to imagine the vistas he is describing. So next time you drive up Dudley hill and start rounding the bend past Prestwicke, look to your right and you can see the City Building and St. Pius Church across the valley. Imagine that entire valley being somewhat void of trees and hosting a variety of farmed homesteads. You too will see the "Unexpected Beauty" described by D.J. Kenny so many generations ago. 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.com](mailto:benbarlage@aol.com)



## 75th Anniversary Garden Flags

Help us Celebrate Edgewood's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by displaying our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden flag. Please stop in the City Building to purchase one today, they are \$15 plus tax.

## Edge of the Woods Garden Club News

### Fun Garden Facts [and a touch of Chemistry]

**K [Potassium]** To promote flowering and increase the size of your blossoms, cut up a banana peel and soak it in water for 2-3 days; dilute this banana solution by adding water to a 1:5 ratio (example: 1 oz. banana water to 5 oz. water).

**Hairy roots?** When planting "hairy" stemmed plants such as tomatoes, place the plant as deeply in the soil as possible to cover all the hairs – these are actually roots! You can remove the lower leaves on the plant to increase the planting depth. The plants grow stronger and sturdier to provide the best yield.

**Please, no tears!** To improve rooting, make a paste of chopped onion and aloe vera gel by adding both to a blender; dip plant cuttings into the solution for a few minutes before planting in the soil to help them root faster and guaranteed rooting. (Stinky hands? To remove the onion

smell from your hands, rub hands on something stainless steel like the kitchen faucet; it removes the smell immediately!)

**Gentle please...**When transplanting seedlings, use a spoon to lift up the small seedling, holding it gently by the leaves rather than the root; transplant it into a larger pot or into the outdoor garden, being careful not to squeeze the tender plant stem.

**Ca [Calcium]** When boiling eggs, rather than discarding the water, use it to water your plants that require a lot of calcium, such as tomatoes and peppers. Calcium can also be extracted from egg shells by dissolving them in vinegar. First, make eggshell powder by placing dry eggshells in a blender, then add about a cup of white vinegar and stir. Let stand for one hour. Dilute with water and use to water your plants. Just like people, plants need calcium for strength too!

**Mg [Magnesium]** Epsom Salts are not just for soaking our aching muscles in a hot bath; plants love it too! It is the magnesium in Epsom salts that helps to ease our aches, but also aids in plant seed germination, chlorophyll production and absorption of vital nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus.

**Hint:** sometimes muscle cramps are caused by low magnesium. Add dark leafy greens, avocado, and nuts to your diet as these are rich in magnesium. By the way, spinach can be started by seed outdoors in a cold frame as early as February in our region. Why not start your crop now?

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 Department

### There is No Off Season for Scamming!



Spring is often a time of renewal. Plants begin to sprout and bloom, people start to come outside more often, kids are playing and enjoying the fresh smells and warmth of spring. It's an exciting time of year for everyone! The officers who patrol the streets enjoy the opportunity to see our residents out and about during their shift patrols.

Those coming out are not limited to those with good intentions, but also those who do not. I would like to take an opportunity to remind you to take a moment when confronted by something that seems too good to be true or if a disastrous phone call is received stating that you have a warrant or someone you know is in jail and needs help. I have to remind you that

many of these calls are from individuals with the intent on scamming you out of your money. In cases like the IRS calls, the IRS will NEVER call you asking for money. In cases where you "have a warrant", the police will never call you to ask you to pay the fine over the phone. Gift cards are NEVER the appropriate form of payment to any legitimate bill.

Please stop, and contact the Edgewood Police Department for help in these situations, before you ever try to make any form of payment. Do not give your social security number or any other personal information over the phone to someone you do not know. You can reach the Edgewood Police Department at the following numbers, our office number 859-331-5911 or more importantly, the non-emergency dispatch number 859-356-3191. Please feel free to come and visit us in person at our office connected to the city building.

Thank you for your appreciation of our Edgewood Police officers. We are proud to serve such a great community. *Have a great spring season!*