



### City of Edgewood

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### CPR Training

Edgewood Fire/EMS will be offering Community CPR at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates in 2023:

May 20<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup> December 9<sup>th</sup>

If you're interested in CPR training, please email Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Whittenberger at CWhittenberger@EdgewoodKY.gov.

### Turning 65 in 2023?

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](http://www.kentonpva.org) for additional information or call 859-392-1750. Happy birthday from the Kenton County PVA Office, Darlene M. Plummer, PVA.

### 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).



MAY / JUNE 2023

### Mayor's Report by John D. Link

Our Easter Egg Hunt this year was held inside the Senior Center due to poor field conditions and high winds. Each age group entered through the front doors and the eggs were scattered on the floor. Once the age group was finished, they would exit through the back doors to make room for the next group. It went very smoothly and most of the baskets were full. The Easter Bunny enjoyed taking pictures with all of the families. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their work behind the scenes.

The Memorial Day ceremony will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Park beginning at 10AM. The Boy Scouts will again perform their burning of worn or tattered flags so they can be properly retired. If you have a worn flag, you can bring it the day of our event or drop it off at the City Building prior to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Rain or shine we will have the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, we will move it to the Edgewood Senior Center.

Our concert series in Presidents Park will start on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with Doghouse kicking off the 2023 season. Hummel Hatfield Insurance company will help in their sponsorship to bring these concerts to us again this season. A big thank you to them! Please see the enclosed flyers for the concerts and food trucks.

This year we have asked Boy Scout Troop 779 and our long time Edgewood Resident and Kenton County Commissioner Mr. Jon Draud to be our Grand Marshalls in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Jon was very instrumental in providing funds to construct our Senior Center and the street lighting along Thomas Parkway.

With the nicer weather upon us, our Public Works Dept. and engineers will be assessing the road conditions to see which ones need to be replaced or repaired for the 2023-2024 season. The streets we were not able to finish last fall will be the focus as weather improves. We should have the list ready in June.

With Spring and Summer upon us, no City is immune from auto or home burglary/theft. Please keep an eye open within your neighborhoods and call 911 if you see something out of place. The quicker you call, the quicker we can be there.

Spring is here and we have many events lined up for your families and friends to enjoy together and we hope you can make it to one or more of these activities within the city. I know you will enjoy the time spent. We look forward to seeing you!

### CITY OF Edgewood KENTUCKY

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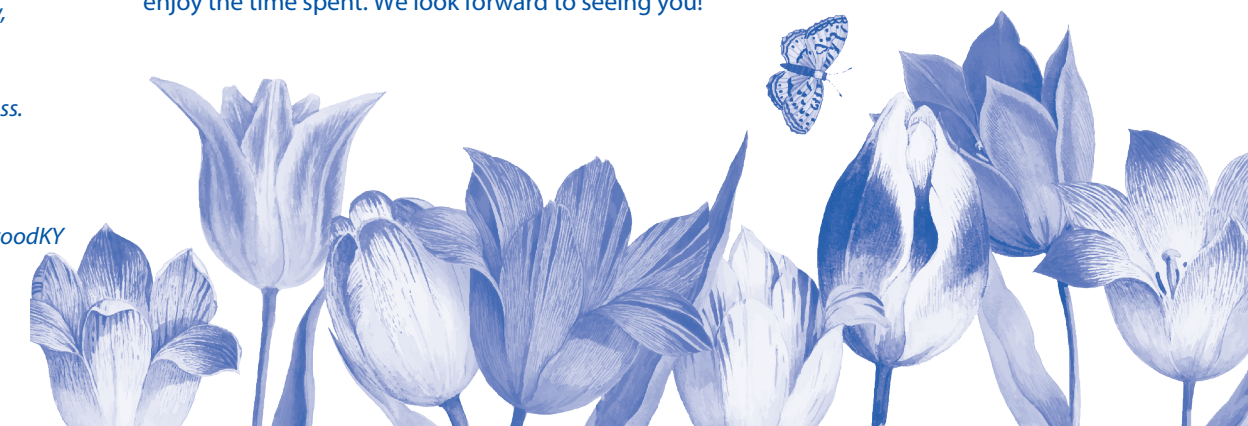
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## Freedom Park Yard Sale

The city is sponsoring the annual Freedom Park Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Freedom Park. Residents may reserve a space at the park for \$20.00. Spaces fill up quickly so reserve now. The cost includes one table, two chairs, a garage sale permit, and our General Services Department hauling away any unwanted items to charity. The Recreation Committee will be sponsoring concessions. Residents are responsible for their own setup, pricing and petty cash.

## Yoga at the Park

The City of Edgewood will be offering Yoga at the Jefferson Shelter in Presidents Park on Tuesday evenings May 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This program is open to ages 10+ and welcomes all skill levels. Limited to 40 participants. Pre-Registration is required. To register, please call the City Building at (859) 331-5910 or email Tyler at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov) with your address and phone number.



## Chair Yoga

The City of Edgewood is excited to bring back three more Chair Yoga classes on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be held on Thursdays from 11am-Noon at the Edgewood Senior Center.

This program is open to ages 50 and older. Limited to 40 participants. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call the City Building at (859) 331-5910 or email Tyler at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov) with your address and phone number.

## GROOVY BOUQUETS: Floral Arranging 101

Come join us on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center for this special introductory-level workshop and have a 'blooming' good time creating your own take-home floral arrangement with Scarlet Begonia's Flower Truck. Fee is \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Limited to 25 participants. Pre-Registration is required at the City Building.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 Tyler Wilson at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@edgewoodky.gov).

## Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 12pm. Residents are allowed to bring up to five (5) brown paper bag sized documents to shred. For more information, please go to [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov).

## Tuesday Evening Concert Series



The 2023 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with Doghouse and runs through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 see the enclosed flyers and follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram) for updates and spotlights. **Special thanks to our sponsor Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency.**

## FIREMAN MARK SAYS...

by Firefighter Mark Messmer

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, neighbors 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 Fireman Mark at [mmessmer@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:mmessmer@edgewoodky.gov) or call 341-2628.

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities

## 5K Race

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers and a children's fun run. Pre-registration is required. Registration will end at 5 p.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 Tyler Wilson at 331-5910 or email at [twilson@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:twilson@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 Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The city is also celebrating the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the parade. 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 Boy Scout Troop 779 and Honorary Grand Marshall Mr. Jon Draud. Our theme this year is **"Celebrating our Star Spangled 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"**.

Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade must register online at: <http://edgewoodky.gov/4th-of-july-parade-form/> - **No walkers are permitted in the parade, all participants must be mobile.** 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 Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the fireworks begin at dusk. Vendors will be available for purchase of food and beverages.

## Vito's 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 Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring a blanket and come early!



## Edge of the Woods Garden Club

Got the 'itch' to garden but space is a problem? Try Grow Bags!

Grow bags offer a good alternative for those who have limited space for growing a garden. They are available in various sizes and materials, so it is important to first decide what you want to grow and how much sun and space you have. Many grow bags come with handles and are made of polypropylene or burlap; this makes them a great choice as they are light and can easily be moved to different areas of the garden, deck or patio for the sun or shade requirements of the plants.

The porosity of these grow bag means that roots are 'air pruned' rather than growing in circles as can occur with plastic or ceramic containers. Those bags with side flaps allow you to monitor the soil for pests as well as watch the progress of your root plants such as potatoes, carrots, or turnips. Because grow bags are porous, they will require more frequent watering, and in the heat of the summer could need water daily. To evaluate for moisture, gently lift the corner of the bag and if it is light, water it; if it is heavy, you can skip watering that day.

When choosing a location, consider that sun-loving plants such as tomatoes, peppers, and

melons need about six hours of sun per day. As for size, a general rule of thumb is a 3-gallon grow bag will accommodate 1 pepper (or similar) plant or salad greens; a 5-gallon bag is large enough for one tomato plant (plus cage), and a 10-gallon bag is best for root vegetables or up to three vegetable plants. Use a good potting or container soil and fill the bag about 2/3 full; plant your vegetables and add a time-released fertilizer, such as Osmocote™ to the top of the soil.

At the end of the growing season, empty, clean and fold the dry grow bags for easy storage and they should last for two to three seasons. The utilitarian appearance of grow bags may make them less attractive for flowers unless cascading or spreading flowers are used to make the bags less noticeable. There are so many flowers and vegetables from which to choose – enjoy experimenting with plants or seeds and learn as you grow!

### Happy Gardening!

**Council Member Darla Kettenacker, President of Edge of the Woods**

## Edgewood History COUNCILMAN BARLAGE'S NOTES:



Rooting through an estate sale last fall I came across a book entitled "The Comprehensive Plan of Covington, Kentucky and its Environs". This publication from 1930 described all the regional infrastructure improvements that could be made to strengthen the city. Some of these suggestions involved areas that now are part of Edgewood. Several maps show Dudley Road being expanded in length westward, all the way to River Road and east all the way to Decoursey Pike! This newly expanded Dudley Pike would double to four lanes and become one of several ring roads around Covington. From an air travel standpoint, this comprehensive plan of 1930 describes how the current day President's Park property north-west towards Turkeyfoot Road with its 900-foot elevation would be the ideal location for a major regional airport. A small air strip was already in service there at that time, so the proposal likely seemed justified to those involved. Reading through these ideas and more, I start to wonder what our city would have looked like if these revisions had come to pass. Or would we even have a city at all?

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)

## Chief's Corner

Edgewood Police Department

### Prescription Drug Disposal

As many of you are already aware, the Edgewood Police Department has a drug takeback deposit box in our lobby. You can drop off any unused prescriptions in this box and it will be disposed of. Our officers collect the drugs, empty them from the bottles and then package them to be incinerated. We are happy to provide this necessary service for our residents.

There are a few items that would assist our officers during the preparation process. Please do not drop your empty prescription bottles in the Prescription Box, this is not necessary, you can simply throw those bottles in the trash. If you wish to put all your medications into one Ziplock bag, this is fine, but please make sure it is sealed. Unpackaged prescriptions in the box makes it more difficult and potentially dangerous to us as we empty the box and prepare them for incineration.

Here are a few things that you cannot

drop in the collection box. Please do not drop liquids of any kind in the box. We do not have a procedure to handle liquids, this includes eye drops, cough medicine and similar items. Also, if you have any type of sharps, including needles of any kind, EpiPens or anything of the like, please do not put those in the box. We have a sharps container on the side of the box for these items. Also, there is no need for you to drop off over the counter medication. This can simply be thrown away in the trash.

Thank you for helping us help you in removing old prescriptions from your residence. This helps eliminate the possibility of a young person accidentally gaining access to medications that could be very dangerous to them. As always, if we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call us, our dispatch number is 859-356-3191, simply ask for an Edgewood officer or you could call our office number 859-331-5911, but we may not be in the office at the time of your call. If it is an emergency, please don't hesitate to dial 911.

**Your Edgewood Police Department**