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## Mayor's Report by John D. Link

Best Wishes and Congratulation to the Class of 2023. We all wish you the best for the coming year and your future goals.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony was well attended and the weather was excellent. Thanks to everyone who participated. It is always a great opportunity to honor those who have served and those who have given their lives for us to enjoy our freedom.

The Grand Marshals for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be our city staff as we honor the City of Edgewood's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July right around the corner, here are the festivities we have lined up; 5K Race at 7:30am, Parade at 9:30am, Derek Alan Band Concert in Freedom Park at 7:30pm and a Fireworks display starting at Dusk.

This year's Annual Mayors Golf outing is scheduled for Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kenton County Golf course. The outing includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, and door prizes. For more information and to sign up, please contact the City Building at (859) 331-5910. It will be a great time; I hope to see you there!

About a year ago we were awarded a grant from the Land & Water conservation fund to improve the walking trail at Freedom Park. All the paperwork has been approved and work should begin late this summer to install a new rubberized surface for ease in walking and running at the park.

Within the next few weeks storm water projects will begin along Dudley Road near St Pius X and Campus Drive with weather permitting. All this work is in preparation for the continued improvements to Dudley Road between the City Building to Turkeyfoot Road. Actual road construction should start up early 2024.

Many thanks to the Edge of the Woods Garden Club for the summer flowers that have been placed in the tri-pods along Dudley. Thanks to all who have been working behind the scenes to make this happen.

I'd like to Welcome all of our new residents and our long-time residents for choosing Edgewood. Thank you for helping make what our city is today. Hope to see you at one or more of these up-and-coming events.

## CITY OF Edgewood KENTUCKY

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## MOMMY & ME PAINTING CLASS

Please join the City of Edgewood & RMD Arts on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun night out with your child! This year's theme is "Leaping with Laughter!" Both paintings come together to create a unified masterpiece. The class will be held at the Jefferson Shelter in Presidents Park. See the enclosed flyer for registration.



## EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT PUTT-PUTT

Edgewood Night at the Erlanger Putt-Putt is Sunday, August 13 from 4:00 – 6:00p.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.



## 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.

## MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING



Get your foursome together and come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Mayor Link at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual

Mayor's Golf Outing. The outing is Friday, August 4, shotgun start at 9am at The Golf Courses of Kenton County. The scramble format is \$80 per golfer and includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, a grill out lunch, drink tickets, door prizes and contests. You will not 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](mailto:mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov) to register or for further information.

## 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 11 – The Closers  
July 18 – Velvet Soul  
July 25 – What About Jane  
August 1 – Elvis (Edgewood Senior Center)  
August 8 – The Menus  
August 15 – 3 Day Rule  
August 22 – Vinyl Countdown Band.



**A special thank you to this year's sponsor: Hummel - Hatfield Insurance.** The remaining Food Trucks are as follows:

July 11 - Cups N Cone  
July 18 – Cups N Cone  
July 25 – Kona Ice  
August 8 – WildSide  
August 15 – Cheese N Chong  
August 22 – Cups N Cone.



## FIREMAN MARK SAYS... by Firefighter Mark Messmer

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.

Fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year. These fires caused an average of 3 deaths, 40 civilian injuries, and an average of \$43 million in property damage. In 2015, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,900 people for fireworks related injuries; 51% of those injuries were to the extremities and 41% were to the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 26% of the estimated 2015 injuries. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.

Enjoy outdoor celebrations and cookouts but remember to keep a 3 foot "safe zone" around grills and campfires. 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 unattended.

Knowing a few fire safety tips will help everyone have a safe summer. Stay safe, stay hydrated and have an amazing summer!



## Edge of the Woods Garden Club

Did you ever wonder why plants or grass need iron or, what the tell-tale signs of iron deficiency look like? The role of iron in plants is as basic as this: without iron plants cannot produce chlorophyll, can't get oxygen and won't be green. Maybe you will remember the old Geritol advertisement for "iron poor blood"? Actually, plants aren't so different than humans – both require certain nutrients to function and iron helps to carry important elements through a plant's circulatory system, much like iron in the human bloodstream. So, where do the plants get iron? Iron can be absorbed from soil that contains ferric oxide [Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>] under normal soil conditions, however, deficiencies may cause plant leaves to yellow while the veins of the leaf stay green. The term for this is "chlorosis" and it can lead to death of the plant if not corrected. Iron deficiency impacts the ability of

## Pumping Iron (Fe) in the garden



the plant roots to properly absorb nutrients from the soil and is typically caused by one of four soil conditions shown below along with some suggested solutions:

- 1) High clay content – add compost or organic matter;
- 2) pH is above 7 [too high] - use pH reducing fertilizer;
- 3) Phosphorus content is too high – use a fertilizer with a low middle number;
- 4) Compacted or soggy soil – improve drainage or add a chelated iron supplement.

Plants most affected by iron deficiency are acid-loving plants such as azaleas, hydrangeas, camellias, philodendrons, roses, citrus & fruit trees and, of course, grass. Your local county extension office provides free soil testing to help you identify the 'root cause' of the

problem and is a great source of information on many gardening projects. [kenton.ca.uky.edu](http://kenton.ca.uky.edu)

**Have fun and Happy Gardening!**

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

## Chief's Corner

Edgewood Police Department



## Summer Time is Fun Time!

Summer time is a fun time for everyone, a time to get outside and enjoy what life has to offer. School is out and children are out playing in the streets and on the sidewalks. It is important during this time more than ever to be careful while driving. All too often, children do not double check cross walks before crossing the street, please be aware of the pedestrians when passing through cross walk areas.

Another area of concern is simply driving down streets. Please be mindful of the speed limits. The speed limit on side streets in Edgewood is 25 mph. Children can dash out after a ball or just run between cars and they are in front of a vehicle faster than a driver can stop.

We would like our children to be safe and enjoy their summer and it is just as important for parents and guardians to remind their children about safety when it comes to vehicles. I hope you enjoy the summer as much as we will.

Please don't hesitate to wave and say hi as we pass. We enjoy talking to you and the encouragement that you give us. Thank you for the support you give to your Edgewood Police Department. As always, please do not hesitate to call 911 for any emergency, or the Kenton County Dispatch non-emergency number 859-356-3191.

**Your Edgewood Police Department**

## 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).

### NEW GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEES

In the City of Edgewood our garbage and recycling services are provided by Rumpke. Each residential unit receives two day per week garbage and one day per week recycling pickups. Each residential unit is provided a 95-gallon trash container and a 65-gallon recycling container at no additional cost. The cost for this service over the last five years has been \$258 per year per residential unit. This amount is added to the property tax bill each year.

The City recently bid the service for garbage and recycling collection and the new rate for the next two years will be \$342 per residential unit. We will maintain the exact same services provided and Rumpke will continue to provide those services.

Consider the cost for these services as a per pickup fee. There are 104 trash pickups and 52 recycling pickups per year for a total of 156 times that Rumpke will pick up at each residential unit. The per pickup cost is \$2.19. Over the 7-year period dating 2018-2025 we will have maintained an average yearly cost for garbage and recycling collection services of \$282/residential unit and an average 3.5% yearly increase.