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

Our entire staff was happy to see all the wonderful residents and friends of the community that came to our Touch-A-Truck event at Freedom Park. This was a great way to learn more about what the City of Edgewood's Police, Fire/EMS and General Services Departments do for the residents of our community. Thanks for coming.

Spooky Sunday had well over 300 children and families attend the costume parade, contest, walk through the spooky candy trail, and joined Beetlejuice for his magic show. Costume judging this year was extremely difficult due to the creativity and all the work that went into making the costumes. Please visit our Facebook or Instagram accounts to see pictures from the event.

By now our residents have received their 2023-2024 tax bill and have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of our 2% discount. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to pay in full without any penalty, after that taxes become delinquent on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Dudley Road, between Turkeyfoot and Dixie Highway, will have SD#1 doing storm water catch basin work. This will require the road to be down to one lane in each direction and will take 4-6 weeks for them to replace old pipes with new ones. You may consider taking a different route to avoid sitting in traffic. Our City Street projects will continue until the weather turns against us, then we will start backup in the Spring of 2024 to finish projects.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Awtnot the Elf will help us kick off our annual Tree Lighting at Liberty Hall (formally the Senior Center). Santa will be arriving at 5:45pm on November 26<sup>th</sup> and you will be able to take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Be sure to bring your cameras so you can take pictures to cherish for years to come. Santa will drop off his mail box in the City Building Lobby for you to drop off your letters for him to review and send back. Please enclose your return emails as Santa will be accepting letters from November 17<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup> giving him plenty of time to respond.

The Freedom Park Walking Trail is now finished with the new rubberized surface to help ease your knees and hips as you stroll. The Pickleball courts next to Liberty Hall are scheduled to be finished in the Spring of 2024 for all to enjoy.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, I hope you can get together with family and friends for the Holidays. From all of us at The City of Edgewood, we wish you a Happy Holiday season and a Happy 2024 New Year.

Please check inside this newsletter for further information on the upcoming events for all to enjoy during the Holiday season.





## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Hall (AKA Senior Center) beginning at 5:30pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. **Come to Liberty Hall to enjoy, Awtnot the Elf, and of course Santa and Mrs. Claus! Santa will be available for pictures, please bring your camera.**

## LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The mailbox will be located at the City Building lobby. Drop off your letter by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve. The City of Edgewood will send your letter to the North Pole and then once Santa has read over your letter, he will then send his response back to the City of Edgewood! It is extremely important to include an adults MUCH USED email address on the letter. Once your child's letter is returned from the North Pole, you will receive a confirmation email that your letter is ready for pick up.



## HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be judging the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only exterior decorations will qualify. One neighborhood winner will be selected from each of the following areas: Winding Trails, Prestwicke, Brookwood, Dudley Village, Charter Oak, Whispering Woods, Pius Heights, Meadowlark and Old Edgewood. Based on participation the judges may omit an area and select more than one winner in the same neighborhood if necessary. All judges' decisions are final. If your home is being considered for an award,

you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars to have your **lights on** the entire weekend. Judges will be out each night. This is also a great weekend to take your family out to view the lights and decorations.

## 2023-2024 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax Bills were mailed out the beginning of October. The discount amount is 2% if paid by November 30<sup>th</sup> or the full amount is due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. You can pay your tax bill online with no additional fees at [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov). If you have not received a bill, please call (859) 331-5910.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING CONTEST

Join us on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Liberty Hall for a night of family fun and holiday cheer! Gingerbread House Kits will be provided to each participating family. The cost is \$5 per family, limited to **25 Edgewood families** only. Visit us at the City Building to fill out a registration form or email a completed form to [eskiles@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:eskiles@edgewoodky.gov). Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Deadline to register is Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ALL ABOARD FOR EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents are invited to come and enjoy the holiday toy trains and all the other amenities the museum has to offer during the holiday season at no charge. **THE EVENT IS FREE.** The evening will also include light refreshments and a craft. **This event is for Edgewood residents only.** You must show a valid ID at the door. If you would like more information on the museum, you can visit their website at [www.bcmuseum.org](http://www.bcmuseum.org).



## Edge of the Woods Garden Club



### Ready to Snuggle in for the Winter? You're not the only ones!

Winter is coming, and that means it's time to prepare your garden for the cold season. But don't worry, it doesn't have to be a boring chore. Here are some tips to make it fun and easy.

■ **First**, your garden should be cleared of any dead or dying plants, weeds, and debris in your garden beds. This will prevent pests and diseases from overwintering in your soil. Be sure to give your perennial plants one last good deep-watering before putting away the garden hose for the winter. This will help keep the roots from freezing, believe it or not!

■ **Hint:** In order to prepare your garden for the spring, now is the time to enrich the soil with needed nutrients. The Kenton County Cooperative Extension Office [<https://Kenton.ca.uky.edu>] can provide a Soil Testing brochure and soil collection bags and will do a soil analysis free of charge. This is a great way to learn what is needed to amend the soil before putting your garden to bed for the winter.

■ **Next**, after the first hard frost, your garden will need a good organic mulch of material such as leaves, straw, or compost. This will

help insulate your plants from the frost, retain moisture, and enrich the soil. This is like putting a warm, comfy blanket on your plants before putting them to bed. After all, plants need love too!

■ **Finally**, your plants can be moved indoors or into a greenhouse if you have one. Lots of annual plants can be wintered-over by bringing them into the garage or basement. But don't forget to treat them with a systemic insect treatment to keep the bugs out of your home. In the spring you can "harden them off" slowly by taking them outdoors when daytime temps head to the 50° F mark, but don't forget to bring them in each night.

There you have it. With these simple steps, you can prepare your garden for winter and enjoy a cozy and relaxing season indoors. Or maybe you'd like to get a jump on Spring? More about that next time....

### Happy Gardening!

Darla Kettenacker, President of Edge of the Woods Garden Club

## Chief's Corner

Edgewood Police Department



Recently there has been confusion on the proper way to contact the Edgewood Police Department. Questions have come up like, what number should I call? The City Building, or Kenton County Dispatch? Should I call the Police for this situation? Are the police too busy for my problem?

Let me start with the best way to get to a police officer at the City of Edgewood. We are dispatched through the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center (dispatch). This number for non-emergency numbers is **859-356-3191**, the emergency number is **911**. If you need a police officer, this is the best way to get the information to an officer. We are sent a message on our in-car computers and are called on our radios to let us know there is a message for us. Calling our office number, 859-331-5911, may get you to an officer, but you may have to leave a message for an officer to call you back which will not be a quick response. Many times, we are not available in the office, so please call dispatch for a quicker response to your needs.

When should you call the police? People have said that they did not know if they should have called the police for their situation. We do not mind you calling and asking us if we can do something for you. This is our job and we do enjoy serving the citizens of the City of Edgewood. If it is not a police matter, we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

The Edgewood Police Department is a 24 hour / 7 day a week agency available to provide our police services to the City of Edgewood. We would ask that you call us immediately or as soon as possible when the incident is occurring. This helps us better resolve the issue. We are available in the middle of the night to answer the calls for service.

Please help us, serve you better, know what number to call, the Kenton County Dispatch (859-356-3191) or 911. Feel free to call us and ask your questions. If it is something that we do not handle directly, we will try our best to point you in the right direction. Finally, call us at the time of the incident, do not wait until the morning or the next day or after the weekend, we are here to serve you at the time of your need.

**Thank You! Your Edgewood Police Department**

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



I wanted to thank the citizens of Edgewood for attending our Touch-A-Truck event. It was a beautiful day and we had a great turn out again this year. It was very successful and as always it was great to see all of the kids so that we can continue to educate them on Fire

Safety. Hopefully the parents learned something too! The theme to this year's fire prevention month was, "**Cooking safety starts with YOU.**" Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, be safe in the kitchen, keep a fire extinguisher handy, never leave an oven, grill, stove top or any other appliance unattended while in operation.

One of my favorite times of the year is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays are always special, but with them come the hazards of the season. Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

- ✓ Have a 3 foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- ✓ Never use your oven to heat your home.
- ✓ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- ✓ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ✓ **TEST SMOKE DETECTORS MONTHLY!**

- ✓ Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots or excessive wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- ✓ Do not link more than 3 light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- ✓ And last but not least, never go near a Christmas tree with an open flame – candles, lighters or matches.

**Please practice fire safety so that we can all enjoy the holidays.**

**Edgewood FIRE/EMS wishes each of you a Happy Holiday Season!**