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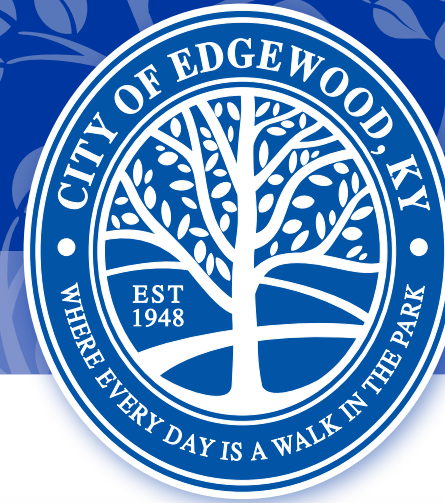
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Mayor's Report

by John D. Link

On Saturday, March 23rd, we will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park for ages 3-8 years old. This event starts promptly at 2pm so if you are a minute late you've missed it. Come early and bring your camera to meet the Easter Bunny for pictures. Areas will be designated for the different age groups so come early to find your areas. Bring along with you a basket or bag to collect the eggs. We will have plenty of eggs, candy, and prizes. If we should have inclement weather the activities will be held in Liberty Hall.

Reach Alert at www.reachalert.com is still active for you to be notified of emergencies, recreation events, crime alerts, potholes, road closures and other city announcements. Visit our website www.edgewoodky.gov for instructions on how to sign up. This service is free! Just try it out.

Within the next few weeks our Public Works Department will be evaluating our streets that need repairs or replacement. We should have a list within the next few months for us to assess. We will continue to patch potholes until we get into some better weather.

Our Tuesday Night Summer Concerts Series in President's Park opens with Doghouse on June 11th! We look forward to the new 2024 lineup and getting outside this summer.

Each year our Fire Department recognizes individuals for their length of service and those that are retiring each year. This year we are recognizing Brian Baumann and Chad Lucas for 5 years of service, Trevor Bidwell and Tony Lauman for 10 years of service, and Dave MacMillan for 25 years of service. On the retirement side we had Mark Artmeier 27 years, Scott Meiners 28 years, and Joe Messmer 58 years. We wish you all congratulations and thank you for your service.

With spring and summer upon us, no city is immune from auto or home burglary/theft. Please keep an eye open with in your neighborhoods and call 911 if you see something out of place. The non-emergency dispatch number for Kenton County is 859-356-3191. The quicker you call, the quicker we can be there.

Please read on in this newsletter for the upcoming events and details.
We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.



Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23rd 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 Liberty Hall. **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. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email Erika at eskiles@edgewoodky.gov, a great opportunity for service hours and volunteer experience!

Murder Mystery Dinner

The annual Mystery Dinner, *"The Gambler's Luck: A Wild West Murder Mystery"*, is FULL and will be held at Liberty Hall on Saturday March 2nd at 6:30pm. The dinner includes the mystery, a catered dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. If you missed it this year, stay tuned for upcoming events!



Health & Wellness Expo

The 2024 Health and Wellness Expo will be held at Liberty Hall on Thursday, April 18th, from 2-4pm. The expo will feature a wide variety of information focusing on wellness for all ages. The expo is free to all. It will include light refreshments/snacks, free giveaways, prizes, and musical entertainment. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Expo, or would like more information, contact Erika Skiles at eskiles@edgewoodky.gov or 859-331-5910.



SPX Community Service Day

On Saturday April 20, volunteers from St Pius X will be offering their help (for free!) with **Spring cleanup for those in need** (shut-ins, sick, elderly, or handicapped). This can include small outdoor/indoor cleanup or maintenance projects such as weeding, trimming, mulching, cleaning lower gutters, minor painting, and repairing. If you are someone in need of help or you know of someone who could use some help, please contact Larry Kremer, 513-218-6078, email ljkremer56@gmail.com.

Save the Dates

The Freedom Park Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 4th 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 annual Shred Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st from 9am-12pm at Freedom Park.



Chair Yoga

This partnership with Kenton County Public Library returns for the spring season! The chair yoga classes are recommended for ages 50 and older. These classes will be from 11am-12pm and held on the following dates in April: 1st, 11th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Classes will be held at Liberty Hall, 550 Freedom Park Drive, and pre-registration is required by filling out a form and waiver at our City Building or emailing Erika Skiles at eskiles@edgewoodky.gov. Spots are limited, sign up today!



TRASH AND 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.

Do you know your Credit Report Status?

Some may be aware of their current credit score, but most only find out when they apply for a loan. Your credit is based on data that is potentially changed on a daily and possibly moment by moment basis. It is important to know not only your credit score, but also what is on your credit report. Fraud can happen to anyone at any moment. One method of protecting yourself is to know what is on your credit report.

There are three credit reporting agencies; TransUnion, Equifax and Experian. Each of these companies are required to provide you with a free credit report each year, this totals to three reports a year, one from each. The Edgewood Police Department encourages each person to request their credit report three times a year, one from each reporting agency. Spread this out to every four months to increase your ability to catch something.

The following are the links to the websites for each reporting agency:

- Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241, 888-766-0008 <https://my.equifax.com>
- Experian, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013, 888-397-3742 <https://usa.experian.com>
- TransUnion, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA, 92834, 800-680-7289 <https://www.transunion.com/get-credit-report>

Never provide your personal information with anyone over the phone who has called you. If you trust who you have called, then you can make that choice. Always feel free to ask questions.

Sgt. Mike Winkler

FIREMAN MARK SAYS...

by Firefighter Mark Messmer

Let me start by reminding you that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th at 2 a.m. While you are changing your clocks one hour ahead, be sure to change the battery in your smoke detectors too! Also check the date on the smoke detector to see if it has expired. Most smoke detectors and CO detectors are good for 10 years.

As part of spring cleaning make sure to take a few minutes to clean up and brush off your safety plans as well:

- Make sure you have smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. If you have natural gas in your home, be sure to have working CO detectors as well.
- Clean-up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away and out of any child's reach.
- Check fire protection and safety equipment to include fire extinguishers. Make sure all doors and windows open easily and are accessible for quick escapes.
- Make sure your street numbers are posted properly and are visible, preferably on your mailbox. If you were to call 911, you want us to respond as quickly as possible. If we can't see your address numbers on the mailbox or house, it could cause a delay.
- Practice your escape plan. Even the best plan is no good if it's not practiced.

Don't forget to stop by the Edgewood Liberty Hall Center for the Health & Wellness Expo on Thursday, April 18th from 2-4 P.M. We have lots of helpful hints to keep you safe, so stop in and say hello. For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mark at MMessmer@edgewoodky.gov.



Edge of the Woods Garden Club News

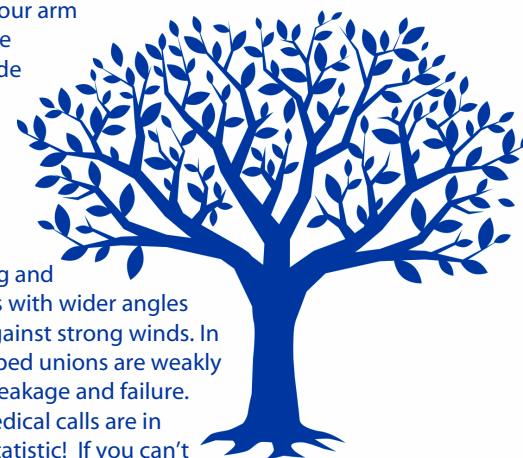
While the leaves are off the trees, it is easy to view the interior of the tree canopy and its branching structure, to allow you to see where to prune and how much to prune your tree. Tools needed for maintaining the health and overall structure of your trees include a pruner, a lopper, and a curved tree saw. Start by looking for dead, dying, or broken branches, as well as rubbing or crossing branches. It is a good idea to remove one of the two crossed branches to avoid damage to the bark where pests or disease can enter the tree.

Importantly, before removing a tree limb, locate the tree "collar" - this is where the branch(es) meets the trunk or larger branch. This "Y" structure will look much like the wrinkles of your arm when you bend your elbow. The proper place to cut is just outside the tree collar ("wrinkles") and parallel with the larger branch. This is where the tree has natural healing properties and it forms a sort natural scab and protects the tree from potential diseases. Look at branch spacing and branch unions as branch unions with wider angles are stronger and more stable against strong winds. In contrast, tighter angled "V" shaped unions are weakly attached, and more prone to breakage and failure.

Nearly 22% of emergency medical calls are in response to falls so don't be a statistic! If you can't reach a branch you wish to trim from the ground, you should call a professional arborist. If you plan to prune your trees yourself, be sure to read up on how and where to make good pruning cuts. Some species of trees have specific requirements, so do a little research on how to trim your specific trees. Some trees, like birch, beech, and elm, may "bleed" when pruned in the winter, but this is only flowing sap and it does not harm the tree. If you don't feel confident in your own evaluation, it is a good idea to contact someone who is knowledgeable, like an ISA Certified Arborist, who will not damage your tree. Trees are an investment in your property and it can take years to replace a mature tree if not cared for properly. Protect your investment AND your health!

Happy Gardening!

Darla Kettenacker, President Edge of the Woods Garden Club



Councilman Barlage's Edgewood History Notes:

On March 21st 1870 the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky passed the following legislation: "That it be unlawful for any person or persons, traveling over or along the Bank Lick and Lexington Junction Turnpike (Dudley Road), with wagons or other vehicles, to rough-lock any wheel or wheels of such vehicle, except at times when such locking may be rendered necessary to the safety of travel by reason of the existence of ice or snow on said road. And any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than two dollars and fifty cents, nor more than ten dollars for each offense, and shall also be liable to said company for such damages as may have been sustained by it." Apparently the recently macadamized road was experiencing significant damages by such actions. I wonder how this new regulation would have been enforced? Local farmers George A. Scott, J.W. Coleman, T.B. Rust, R.C. Florer, Linus Hand, George Philips and Loundz Feby were all part of the Junction Turnpike Company and would have surely maintained a keen eye on the road surface after it was first paved in the summer of 1867. I am always looking for more stories like this to investigate, so if you have a suggestion, please reach out. Thanks!
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