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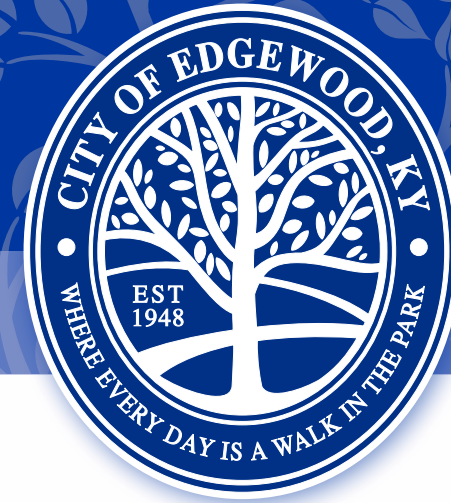
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### Mayor's Report

by John D. Link

The Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. The weather was on our side and the 6,000+ eggs were gathered up in just minutes. Thanks to all for bringing the children to enjoy the hunt.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Park beginning at 10am. The Boy Scouts again will perform their burning of the 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Rain or shine we will have the ceremony. If we should have inclement weather we will move inside to Liberty Hall.

No city is immune from persons who are willing to break into autos or homes for a quick item that can be taken and sold for quick cash. So please keep an eye within the neighborhood and call 911 if you see something or something seems out of place, it will help us all.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner and the theme is Explore America in 2024. Our Grand Marshall this year is Lonneman Plumbing and Specialized Plumbing Part Supply. Lonneman Plumbing is celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> year serving the Northern Kentucky residents. Both operations are owned by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generations family-owned business. The 5k race will begin at 7:30am with the fireworks at dusk in Freedom Park.

The tip of hat goes to the Golden Age Social Club for celebrating their 46<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the entire organization.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> Kroger officially broke ground for their new store in the old K-Mart plaza which we all know has been vacant for a number of years. Completion for the new Kroger is set for 2025.

I hope many of your families can get together for these up-and-coming events that can be enjoyed by all ages. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.



## Freedom Park Yard Sale



The city is sponsoring the annual Freedom Park Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4<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.

## Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series



The 2024 concert series begins on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> with 'Doghouse' and runs through August 20<sup>th</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 for purchase. Please follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram) for updates and spotlights. Sign up for Reach Alerts for event information. Special thanks to our sponsor Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency.

## Memorial Day Ceremony



The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 27<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. All are welcome! If you have any questions about the ceremony please email or call Erika Skiles at [eskiles@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:eskiles@edgewoodky.gov) or 859-331-5910

## Edge of the Woods *Garden Club News*

### Start Your Own Vegetable Garden – Even for First Timers!

Growing your own vegetables doesn't have to be difficult, just begin with a few veggies you enjoy. If space is limited, container gardening is an option; you can also share seeds with a friend if you have too many. This is a wonderful project to share with your children or grandchildren and can become a life skill.

First, choose a location for your garden based upon what you want to grow and group together those with similar soil, moisture and sunlight requirements. The seed packets often provide this information or it can be obtained easily with a web search.

#### Here are some veggies that are easy to grow from seed:

Cool-weather crops can be planted as soon as the soil is workable in the early spring, Lettuce, Kale, Swiss Chard and Spinach can be planted directly into the soil and covered

with a plant cover to protect the plants from freezing. The plant covers come in different weights and can be removed during warm hours of the day and put back on at night until after the last frost of the season. Another great early crop is Sugar Snap Peas. While these require some type of trellis (or garden stakes with string), it is one of my personal favorites and they can produce into early summer. All of these cool-weather veggies can be planted again at the end of the summer after the days cool down.

Next, try Carrots and Radishes (these can be harvested in as early as 24 days!) which are 'Companion plants' and are best planted together. Note - carrots require more sandy soil so don't hesitate to work in some sand before planting the seeds - this will help keep your carrots straight and less deformed looking (a common first-time gardening mistake).

Green beans require warmer, moist soil but are fun to grow because they germinate so

## Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 12pm. Residents are allowed to bring up to five (5) brown paper bags of documents to shred. For more information, please go to [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov).

## Kenton County Comprehensive Plan Meetings

As Kenton County PDS moves forward with the second phase of the required comprehensive plan update, they are excited to announce three upcoming public open house meetings. These meetings will provide valuable opportunities for community members to review and offer feedback on the proposed recommendations and updates to the Kenton County Comprehensive Plan. All meetings are 4-7:pm - May 7<sup>th</sup>: Kenton County Government Center, May 8<sup>th</sup>: Erlanger City Building Council Chambers, May 9<sup>th</sup>: Independence Senior and Community Center. If you cannot attend but would like to provide feedback, please visit our social media pages and scan the QR code.

## Goat Yoga



Yogoat of Cincinnati will be coming to President's Park on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am -11:00 am. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 50 registered. Cost is \$10 for Edgewood residents and \$15 for non-residents. Ages 10+, all skill levels welcome. You won't want to miss this morning of fun, laughs, and exercise with the goats! Register today at the City Building 385 Dudley Rd.

quickly and you see the fruits (or veggies) of your labor quite quickly! There are a variety of beans (pole, bush, snap, etc.) from which to choose and the space you have may dictate which you can grow.

Cucumbers and Summer Squash (i.e., hook neck, zucchini) require quite a bit more room but just a couple of plants can supply you with veggies nearly all summer. Cucumber requires high Nitrogen so select your fertilizer accordingly (first letter on the fertilizer, NPK = nitrogen phosphorus, potassium). Green beans "fix" Nitrogen so they get theirs from the atmosphere. Whatever you choose to grow from seed, enjoy the experience and have fun experimenting ...It just might remind you of your days as a kid, going out to play in the dirt. :)

#### Happy Gardening!

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

*\*Container Gardening and Pumping Iron (Garden Chemistry) can be found in previous Garden Club News*

## Councilman Barlage's Edgewood History Notes:

On December 8<sup>th</sup> 1896 Ms. Emma L. Scott wrote a 6-column story for the Kentucky Post about the families living "Out along the Independence Pike" (Modern 3L Highway) and the Bank Lick Creek. Her narrative is a captivating report of the time period spanning from 1800 to 1896. In the article I spotted a curious description of the A.C. Ellis property on Dudley Road directly across from the present-day Ashely Greene Subdivision: "A.C. Ellis, the Covington attorney, considerable interest centered some four years ago, it being whispered about that the place was haunted. The cottage is situated on the summit of Dudley Hill, 250 feet above the turnpike, and to it the lawyer and his family yearly migrate in the summer. A few rods to the rear of the house the hill descends abruptly and far below is the path of an old country road. Winding its serpentine way among the hills. The sound of a vehicle passing on this road is heard and lost and heard again and lost. Owing to this fact and others of similar nature it was said that strange sounds were heard at night – that carriages were driven close to the house and suddenly disappeared; footsteps were heard on the threshold, which left no impress there; a child seemed to fall from some height, screaming as it fell. In time, however, these supernatural things proved themselves natural happenings, and the weird rumors ceased, much to the satisfaction of the family. Miss Eudora Sanford, the artist stepdaughter of Mr. Ellis spends much of her time there. To the left of the grounds a curious Indian mound is capped by a little summer house, overrun in summer with vines and creepers, which forms a retreat for the fair artist." I find myself wondering, was there really an Indian mound on this Edgewood Property? 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)**



## 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

### 5K RACE

The 46<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 Thursday, 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Erika Skiles at 859-331-5910 or email at [eskiles@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:eskiles@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 Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The city is also celebrating the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the parade. Please visit our website at [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov) for the parade route. This year's theme is "**Explore America in 2024**". **No walkers are permitted in the parade route, all participants must be mobile.** Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade must register online at: <http://edgewoodky.gov/4th-of-july-parade-form/> to reserve a spot. 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 Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the fireworks begin at dusk. Vendors will be available for purchase of food and beverages.

### VITOS 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 Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring a blanket and come early!



## Summer's Around the Corner

May flowers are in bloom and the sunny month of June is right around the corner. Here are some issues that will be affecting all of us this time of year.

First is the fact that school is almost out for the year. This will mean more children out and playing in yards and riding bicycles in the streets. It is even more imperative that traffic laws, such as speed and stop signs are strictly followed. Always be on the lookout for those small children who may dash out into the street after a toy, or crossing a crosswalk. We all must do our best to protect our children.

Second, it is very comforting to live in a city where the crime rate puts us on the map for being so low, but we must all do our best to maintain this status. When you come home after a long day of work, please remember to lock your vehicles and take any valuables

inside with you. If you can see it, so can a burglar. One of the best investments that a homeowner can make is to install a doorbell camera that can be viewed remotely and provide notifications of activity that you either would like or would like to avoid.

As always, please say something if you see anything that doesn't seem right. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call anytime, day or night. Our numbers are as follows: for any emergency, dial 911, for any non-emergency issue, please call 859-356-3191. If you would like to try our office during business hours, M-F 8am-6pm, it is 859-331-5911, but we are most likely out on patrol and may not get to your call in a timely manner. Thank you for your continuing support and appreciation.

**Your Edgewood Police Department**