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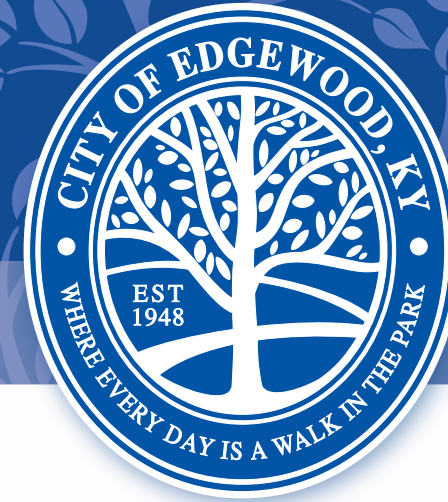
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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2024



Mayor's Report

by John D. Link

By the skin of our teeth, we got the 4th of July parade finished before the rain, plus we were able to get in the evening fireworks display for everyone's enjoyment. We had 913 runners and walkers in the 5k race. Thanks to all the participants and the crowds along the parade route.

Thanks to Hummel Hatfield Insurance Company who helped sponsor our summer Tuesday night concerts in the park. We had some good attendances in spite of the warm evenings, thanks to everyone for coming, we hope you enjoyed this year's lineup.

September 27th at 9:00pm in Freedom Park's Noll Shelter we are planning an Astronomy Night for all those that are interested in viewing the celestial night sky. Backup date in case of bad weather will be October 11th at 8:30pm. Within this newsletter we have a flyer detailing this new event. Please register and join us for a fun evening under the stars.

Saturday, October 5th, we will be hosting our annual Touch-A-Truck event at Freedom Park from 12-2pm. This is a good time to meet employees from each of the departments, view our equipment and see the services we offer. Come shake hands.

Sunday, October 20th is our annual Spooky Sunday event at Presidents Park for children ages 12 and under starting at 4pm. Beetle Juice will be there as well as the costume parade from St. Pius parking lot to the park starting at 4pm. We will have a costume contest, treat bags, the spooky trail, and the magic show will follow on the basketball court as you come off the trail.

Our tax bills will be going out after October 1st and the bill will reflect the 2% discount if paid by November 29th. No discount will be offered after that date and your full payment will be due by December 31st. Our tax rate this year is \$0.186 vs. last year's \$0.226 per \$100.

As we enter into the fall season, we still have a lot of activities on schedule for all ages to enjoy, so pack up the family and come enjoy the events we have to offer. Hope to see you then.

CITY OF Edgewood KENTUCKY

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AWESOME ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Tuesday, September 10th at Liberty Hall, 6pm-7pm Explore animal habitats and adaptations. Meet and touch live animals that may include a bat, snake, box turtle, salamander, frog, and/or hissing cockroaches. Learn about and handle unique items from our collections such as baleen, caribou fur, and armadillo armor. Recommended for grades 1st-8th. Limited to the first 30 children registered. Secure your spot today by emailing eskiles@edgewoodky.gov or calling 859-331-5910.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT @ DAVE & BUSTER'S

Friday, September 20th 6-7pm Join us for an awesome night of arcade fun! Must be an Edgewood resident. Pre-Registration is required! Free \$20 power cards to the first 75 residents to register. Pick up your cards on event night 6-7pm at Dave & Buster's (781 Heights Blvd Florence, KY) Be sure bring a valid ID and check in at the door. Return the enclosed form to our City Building to secure your spot! Email eskiles@edgewoodky.gov for further information.



ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH CAS

Friday, September 27th at 9:00 in Noll Shelter at Freedom Park. Join us for a stargazing event with the Cincinnati Astronomical Society! Volunteers from CAS will join us in Freedom

Park to help us view the night sky through their telescopes! You will learn how to find your way around the night sky, star charts, and more. Complete the enclosed registration form and return to the City Building to claim your spot. Backup date in case of inclement weather will be on October 11th at 8:30pm. Contact eskiles@edgewoodky.gov with any questions.

TOUCH A TRUCK

Saturday, October 5th Noon – 2pm The City of Edgewood is excited to announce our annual FREE Touch a Truck event. Come out to Freedom Park and see Firetrucks, Dump Trucks, Police Cars, and demonstrations along with a petting zoo, Kona Ice, Wild Side food truck, and balloon animals! Bring the family and enjoy a Saturday afternoon with the City of Edgewood.

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays at Liberty Hall, 11-12pm – If you are 50 and over, please join us for Chair Yoga, Wednesdays October 9th – 30th from 11:am – Noon at Liberty Hall (AKA Edgewood Senior Center). Pre-registration is required, return the form to the City Building to claim your spot. Contact eskiles@edgewoodky.gov with any questions.

"SPOOKY SUNDAY"

Our Annual "Spooky Sunday" celebration will be Sunday, October 20th at Presidents Park! The event is for children 12 and under and kicks off with a costume parade from St. Pius to Presidents Park



meet at St. Pius at 3:45pm. After the parade, we will have a magic show, costume contest, and plenty of treats for everyone. Many volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer or have a child who needs community service hours (High Schoolers, this is you!) this would be a fun event to get in those hours. Please contact eskiles@edgewoodky.gov to volunteer (859) 331-5910.



SNOWMEN WORKSHOP

This year the Garden Club members will be hosting a workshop to make wooden Snowmen on Sunday, October 27th from 1:00pm-4:00pm in Adam's Shelter at Presidents Park. All materials will be provided by the garden club members. Families are encouraged to sign up together – one snowman per family. There are 15 spots for this workshop, register today by contacting the city 859-331-5910 or emailing eskiles@edgewoodky.gov.

EDGEWOOD HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Watch out for all the ghosts and goblins roaming the streets on Thursday, October 31st from 6pm – 8pm for our Halloween trick or treating hours. Please leave your porch light on if you wish to participate. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!



The recent re-branding of the "Edgewood Senior Center" to "Liberty Hall" had me thinking about gathering spaces and city civic events of days gone by. Where did they occur? Edgewood was

mainly a farming community at the turn of the last century, but by mid-century there were homes being built in all quadrants of the current city. My search for knowledge on this topic did not take long. Specifically, an article from the Kentucky Post dated July 19th, 1954. In this article entitled "New Civic Home" the citizens of Edgewood are excited to have a community center of their own. How did they accomplish this? City, County, State or Federal taxes? Nope. Good old-fashioned initiative on the part of residents. An Edgewood Civic Club was established, and resident volunteers (20+ in number) worked on Wednesday evenings and

Saturdays donating both labor and materials to renovate and add onto an existing structure at the foot of the Kenton County water tower. Where was this located you may ask? Across the street from 109 Dudley Road, an empty field now. Upon completion the new civic center to be used by the Civic Association, Town Trustees, Edgewood Homemakers and others. The article goes on to mention a few of the volunteers such as: Charles Hesselman, George Brady, Howard Wilson, William Jeffery, John Sowle, Herbert Williams, J.G. Wilde, Ralph Thornton, Russell Bezold, Ed Schrand, Harold Borne, Max Lenhard, Everett Freeman, William Whitson, Thomas Ertel, Bob Thornton, Len and Rupert Adick, Ed Reynolds, Herman Brown, Carl Foltz and A.P. Capdau. If you have memories to share regarding these fine volunteers, those who supported them, or the civic center feel free to e-mail me at: benbarlage@aol.com

Thanks!
Councilman Ben Barlage

Fall in Love With a Fall Garden!

Although summer is waning and vegetable gardens may be looking drab, take heart! If you haven't done so already, fall in Love with Fall gardening. Leafy vegetables such as spinach, kale, lettuces, arugula and Swiss Chard are excellent cool weather crops and come in lots of varieties. Collard greens, mustard greens, and Bok choy, are also great to grow in the fall. These and a variety of root vegetables, such as beets, turnips, carrots are excellent for making those hearty soups and stews that are welcome with the cooler autumn temperature. Growing leafy greens and root vegetables require only around six hours of sun per day and should be planted in well-drained loamy soil for the best results. Another fall favorite is sugar snap peas. These vining plants are easy to grow and very rewarding! All of the plants below can be started by seed in your outdoor garden. Leafy greens should be harvested starting from the outside leaves and leaving the center to continue to grow. If you don't fall in love with these Fall plants, at least they will warm your belly on those cooler autumn or winter nights.

VEGETABLE	PLANTING	NOTES	TEMPERATURES
Lettuces	Harvest 40-60 days	Garden cloth cover @ night	Cool tolerant; optimal 60-70F
Kale	Harvest 60-70 days	Great for smoothies!	Frost tolerant; down to 20F
Arugula	Harvest 20-40 days	Fast growing; young leaves are sweeter	Cool weather 45-65F
Spinach	Harvest 45-60 days	6-hour sun required; salads, omelets	Cold tolerant 35-75F
Swiss Chard	Harvest 50-60 days	Salads, soups	Light frost tolerant
Mustard Greens	Harvest 30-45 days	Sweeter young leaves	Thrive in 50°-75F
Collard Greens	Harvest 30-45 days	Salads, soups, stews, w/ ham	Sweeter after exposed to cooler temps
Bok Choy	Harvest 30-60 days	Stir-frys, salads, soups	Thrives 55-70F
Beets	Harvest 55-70 days	Eat roots and greens; great to pickle	Sweeter after exposed to frost
Turnips	Harvest 55-60 days	Soups, roasts, stew	Smaller roots are sweeter
Carrots	Harvest 60-80 days	Add sand* to soil for straighter roots	Sweeter after light frost
Sugar Peas	Harvest 60-80 days	Plant early fall; harvest late fall	Thrive 55-70F; tolerate light frost

Happy Gardening! As always, have fun, experiment and enjoy the fruits (or vegetables) of your labor.

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

Fireman Mark Says... by Firefighter Mark Messmer

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Fall weather is just around the corner. And of course, fall means October which is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

Did you know?

- Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

What can you do?

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

During the month of October, the Edgewood Fire Department will be doing programs to enhance these prevention efforts. One of the events will be our Annual 'Touch-A-Truck' in conjunction with our city's Police Department and General Services Departments, this will be October 5th, 12pm-2pm. Please save the date and join in on the fun activities planned. Also, during the month of October we will have Fire Station Tours, School Visits to the classrooms, and visits to Day Cares.

Lastly, fall is the season when the fire department responds to 911 calls regarding camp fires. As a reminder, open burning is prohibited within the city limits of Edgewood. Permissible fires are those fires that include candles, torches, grills, and ceremonial fires that are burned in an area no greater than three (3) square feet. These fires must also be in an enclosed metal container or surrounded by noncombustible materials, such as stone. No fire should not be left unattended and is recommended that a hose connected to a water source or other appropriately sized extinguisher be present. During extreme weather conditions, this regulation may be superseded by a higher governmental authority.

I HAVE AN ELECTRIC MOTOR SCOOTER. WHERE CAN I RIDE IT?



The City of Edgewood is a great place to live and enjoy. It is important that some rules are made to help ensure that all have the same opportunity to enjoy all aspects of our city. When it comes to a motorized vehicle like a scooter, there is an inherent caution that must be observed. How do I know the rules? First of all, we will look at the Commonwealths rules, called Kentucky Revised Statutes (K.R.S.) and then we will narrow that down to how it applies to Edgewood through our own local Ordinances.

When it comes to Powered Electric Motor Scooters (Electric Scooters), K.R.S. 189.289 is the specific law for the Commonwealth. It states the following, in short:

- 1) You must be 16 years old or older to operate an electric scooter on a roadway or bike lane.
- 2) You must follow all traffic laws, i.e. stop signs, (found in K.R.S. 189.520).
- 3) You must have a headlamp in front and a red tail light in back, which must be used ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise as well as anytime it is hard to see or rainy.
- 4) It can be parked on the sidewalk as long as it is out of the way of pedestrians. K.R.S. does not limit the Electric Scooter to the roadway, it can be ridden on the sidewalk. See the next paragraph for the Edgewood City Ordinance for sidewalk rules.

The City of Edgewood local Ordinance 73.02 specifically governs the use of Electric Scooters and allows them to be driven on the street and on the sidewalks as long as they meet the qualifications outlined in K.R.S. 189.289 above and include the following:

- 1) You must have at least 1 hand on the handlebar.
- 2) You must yield right of way to all pedestrians and are extra careful.
- 3) Use the scooter in the manner in which it was intended for safe use.
- 4) The rider must verbally or otherwise warn a pedestrian before passing.
- 5) You must pass on the left side of the pedestrian in the same direction.
- 6) When crossing a street, you must: step off the scooter and cross straight across as to not remain on the street (preferably at a cross walk and looking both directions for any vehicle). Remember that the pedestrians have the right of way on the sidewalks.

In reference to small motorcycles and mopeds, they may not be ridden on the sidewalks and must adhere to the laws governing traffic codes. Any travel on the roadways would be governed by K.R.S. 189.520 and the operator must have a valid operator license. Please see Edgewood Ordinance 73.02 (C).

Your Edgewood Police