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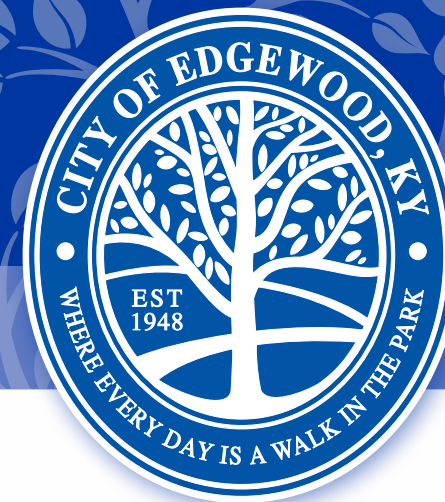
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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

On April 12th we again will be hosting our annual Easter Egg hunt at Freedom Park, for ages 3 – 8-year-olds. The event starts promptly at 2 PM, if you are a minute late you will miss all the fun. Come early to meet the Easter Bunny and take pictures, bring your camera so you can remember this long-lasting event. Areas will be designated for the different age groups. Please bring 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.

June 10th is the start of the Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series in Presidents Park with the Doghouse Band opening the season.

The realigning construction for Dudley Road, Charter Oak Road and Tupman Lane, to Hinsdale Elementary is scheduled to begin once school is out for the summer, and should be completed by this fall 2025. Included in the construction, the road will be widened, additional lanes will be added, and signalization will be installed so the different lanes of traffic will flow with ease. Please note, during the daylight hours the area will be down to one lane at times, and if you need to be some place at a specific time it's best to find an alternate route.

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

In the last few weeks our General Services Department personnel have been evaluating our streets that need to be repaired or replaced when necessary. We should have a list within the next few weeks for us to assess. We will continue to patch potholes until we get some better weather.

Lucas Elam is our new Program Coordinator for the city and we welcome him aboard, he will be in charge of our programs and events throughout the seasons, and will assist anyone as needed. Say hello to him when you see him.

Each year our Fire Dept. recognizes our members and their years of service to the city, the following members were recognized: FF Greg Burk – 35 years, FF/Medic Corey Deye – 30 years, Recruitment Officer Todd Wyatt – 30 years, FF/Medic Jason Bowling – 25 years, FF/EMT Sean Fortney – 15 years, FF/Medic Chris Whittenberger – 15 years, FF/EMT Brandon Vahlsing – 10 years. Thank you all for your years of service to our community.

At a recent council meeting a group of men from F3NKY approached us stating they have been outdoor exercising in Presidents Park, and would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join them. You can learn more about this group at www.F3NKY.com.

As you can see within this newsletter, we have a lot of events scheduled for all ages in the coming months. Come and enjoy the 2025 season with us. I hope to see you at one or more, of these events!

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Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12th 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 Lucas at lelam@edgewoodky.gov.



Recreation NOOK

with LUCAS ELAM

Freedom Park Yard Sale



The city is sponsoring the annual Freedom Park Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3rd 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. Residents are responsible for their own setup, pricing and petty cash. See enclosed flyer for details.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park, on Monday, May 26th. 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 Lucas Elam at lelam@edgewoodky.gov or call 859-331-5910.



Save the Date: Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 7th from 9am – 12pm. Residents are allowed to bring up to five (5) brown paper bags size of documents to shred. For more information, please call 859-331-5910.



Turning 65 this year?

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 for additional information or call (859) 392-1750.



Happy birthday from the Kenton County PVA Office, Darlene M. Plummer, PVA.



Edge of the Woods Garden Club News



Starting flower seeds indoors can be a rewarding and fruitful endeavor, especially for gardeners in USDA Hardiness Zone 6. This zone encompasses regions such as ours where winters can be quite cold, but the growing season is long and conducive to a variety of flowers. By starting seeds indoors, you can get a jumpstart on the growing season and ensure your garden is bursting with vibrant blooms when the warm weather arrives. Here is a guide to help you navigate the process, including timing,

lighting, moisture requirements, and even a few herb suggestions to complement your floral display.

Timing: When to Start Seeds Indoors

In Zone 6, the last frost date typically falls between mid-April and late May. To ensure your flowers are ready for transplanting after the frost has passed, start seeds 6-8 weeks before the last expected frost date. This means you should begin the indoor seed-starting process in early to mid-

March. Here is a list of popular flowers: Annuals like marigolds, zinnias, and cosmos, Perennials such as echinacea, delphiniums, and Shasta daisies, Biennials like foxgloves and hollyhocks.

Please go to the city Facebook page for more information and guidance on the entire process: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofEdgewoodKY/>

Happy gardening!
Darla B. Kettenacker, President
Edge of the Woods Garden Club

Health & Wellness Expo



The 2025 Health and Wellness Expo will be held at Liberty Hall on Thursday, April 17th, from 2-4pm. The expo will feature a wide variety of information focusing on wellness for all ages. The expo is free to all ages. 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 Lucas Elam at lelam@edgewoodky.gov or 859-331-5910 for more information.

SPX Community Service Day

On Saturday April 26, 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, call/text 513-218-6078, email lkremer56@gmail.com OR Ken Oleynik, call/text 513-460-8733, email oleynkn@gmail.com.



RUMPKE 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.

FIREMAN MARK SAYS...

As we welcome the warmer weather, I hope you and your family have inspected your smoke AND Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors to ensure they are in proper working order, and not expired-most smoke detectors and CO detectors are good for 10 years. As we enjoy this warmer weather, be sure to remember to monitor the possibility for severe weather. As we have seen last year severe weather can strike any time of year and anywhere in our region. Here are some tips to keep you safe in the event of severe weather:

- Have a weather radio or a weather alert app on your smart phone (make sure it is charged!)
- Have a tornado emergency plan including a 'safe shelter,' your safe shelter should be the in the basement or an inside room without windows on the lowest floor (bathroom, closet, center hallway). Do not stay in a mobile home.
- Have an emergency kit, with a supply of water, and non-perishable food located in your safe shelter area
- Know the difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch:
 - o Tornado Warning: means a tornado has been sighted and may be approaching. Seek shelter immediately!

by Firefighter Mark Messmer

o Tornado Watch: means there is a possibility of one or more tornadoes in your area. Continue normal activity but monitor weather conditions closely.

- Listen for the storm sirens, the storm sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month at noon.
- Kenton County's Storm Warning Sirens are activated when:
 - o A Tornado Warning is issued for Kenton County by the National Weather Service (siren will be activated again if a credible report of a funnel cloud is witnessed)
 - o A credible report of a funnel cloud or tornado
 - o The sirens may be activated for other emergencies, such as a hazardous materials leak
 - o Please be sure to have multiple ways to receive warnings and not solely rely on the sirens
 - o In the event of hearing the storm siren tune in to local media for further information
- Sign up to receive CodeRED Weather Warning alerts, please see Kenton County Emergency Communications Website for details (<https://www.kentoncounty.org/180/CodeRED>)



Councilman Barlage's Edgewood History Notes

Awaiting the green light at Kenton Lands Road and Dixie Highway, I see the façade of the new Kroger approaching completion. The parcel of property now 16 acres was once a sprawling 28 acres back when Barney Kroger first started his company in 1883. At that time, the Lexington Turnpike (Dixie Highway) was rural. In the 1880s George & Helena Lubbers lived in a frame house on this property with their 2 daughters Mary and Margaret. George was from Evenkamp, Germany and farmed this 28-acre parcel (Future Kroger). His next-door neighbors Ann Straub 71 and her sister Frances Butler 80 were of Irish descent and ran a 22-acre farm with Ann's 3 children (Think Bargain Hunt). George Lubbers passed away in 1889 and his wife 7 years later. In October of 1896 the Lubbers' "elegant country residence" on the Lexington Pike was sold via auction to John W. Pratt for the grand sum of \$5,000!

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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