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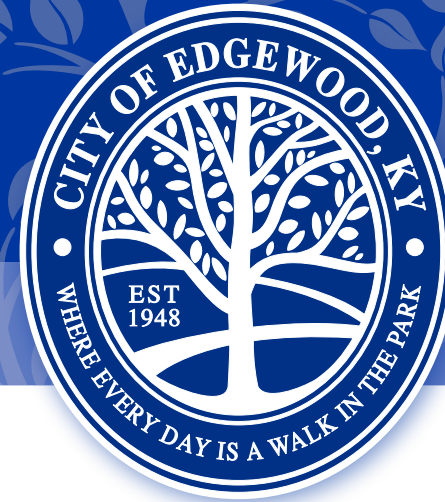
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Thanks to all who made the Easter Egg Hunt a great success. The weather was good, and the 6000 plus eggs were gathered up in just minutes. Thanks to everyone for their help.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 for your accomplishments, we all wish you the best in the coming years! You made it!!

July 4th is just around the corner. This year's theme is Freedom in Full Bloom. Our Grand Marshal is the family-owned Central Coast Dive Center, which has been at 913 Dudley Road since early 1998. The 5K race will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the parade starting at 9:30 from the Turkeyfoot school parking lot. The Derek Alan Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Park, and fireworks will be at dusk in Freedom Park.

Our concerts in President Park will be every Tuesday evening this summer, starting June 10th at 7:00 pm. Kicking off the series is Doghouse. Thanks to Hummel Hatfield Insurance for their sponsorship again this year.

As we noted in our last newsletter, the realigning of Dudley Road, Charter Oak, and Tupman Lane will start on the first of June and to be completed this fall. I cannot emphasize that once the

Mayor's Report

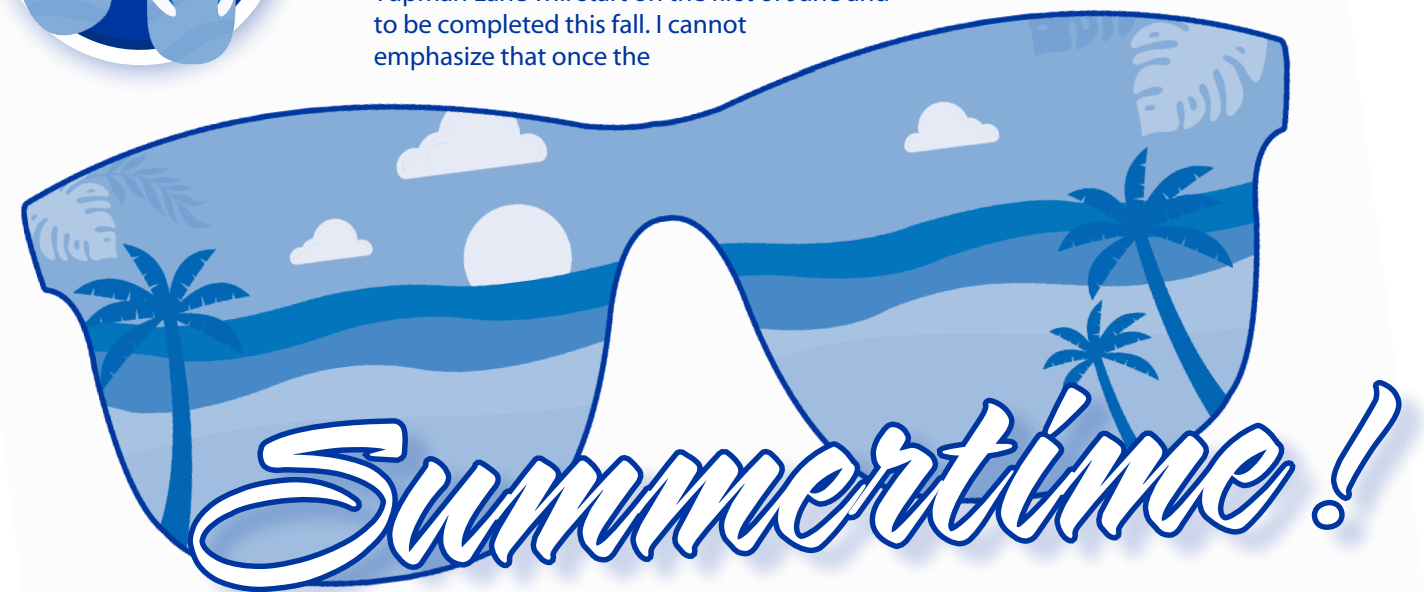
by Mayor John D. Link

construction begins, we will have delays during the daylight hours, so please plan ahead and stay away from the construction area, it will be down to only one lane during the day.

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

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!

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



Recreation
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LUCAS ELAM
Program Coordinator

Free Shred Event

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 7th from 9 am – 12 pm. 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.



Sun and Moon Night With CAS

Join the City of Edgewood and the Cincinnati Astronomical Society (CAS) on June 28th, starting at 7 pm, for our 3rd Astronomy Night! This theme is Sun and Moon Night. Explore the stunning views of the early evening sky through both regular and solar telescopes provided by CAS volunteers. For more information, please visit www.edgewoodky.gov.

Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series



The Annual Summer Concert Series is back! The 2025 season begins with ‘Doghouse’ on Tuesday, June 10th. Join us on Tuesday nights through August 19th for local live bands. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Every week will feature a local Food Truck vendor that will be available for purchase. Please follow us on our social media (Facebook, X, & Instagram) for updates. **A Special thanks to our sponsor Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency.**

Rock Painting Class With RMD Arts

Join the City of Edgewood and RMD Arts for a day of Rock Painting at Adams Shelter in Presidents Park on June 28th from Noon – 2 pm. The sign-up cost is only \$10 and includes all materials needed for the class. For more information, please visit www.edgewoodky.gov.



Edgewood Night at Erlanger Putt-Putt

Edgewood Night at the Erlanger Putt-Putt is Sunday, July 20th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Residents can enjoy two games of putt-putt free of charge. No pre-registration required, but you must show proof of residency with a valid Edgewood ID. 3143 Dixie Hwy, Erlanger, KY. See you there!

Save The Date: Mayor’s Golf Outing

The 22nd Annual Mayor’s Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 1st, shotgun start at 9 am at The Golf Courses of Kenton County. Spots are limited! The scramble format is \$80 per golfer and includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, a grill-out lunch, drink tickets, door prizes, and contests. Thank you to Hummel – Hatfield Insurance for sponsoring our Hole in One Prize! Sponsorships and donations are still open. Please contact Michelle Frisch at mfrisch@edgewoodky.gov for further information on sponsorships or to join the waitlist.



ANNUAL
4TH OF JULY
ACTIVITIES

5K Race

The 47th Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. 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. July 3rd. 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 race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Lucas Elam at 859-331-5910 or email at lelam@edgewoodky.gov if you can volunteer.

Parade

The city is celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of the parade. This year’s parade theme is “Freedom in Full Bloom”. The parade will begin at the Caywood Elementary and Turkeyfoot Middle School campus at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. Please visit our website at www.edgewoodky.gov for the parade route. 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 Friday, July 4th 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 Friday, July 4th. Bring a blanket and come early! In case of inclement weather, the fireworks will be re-scheduled for Sunday, July 6th!

FIREMAN MARK SAYS... by Firefighter Mark Messmer

Hopefully, everyone remembered to change the batteries or replace your old smoke detectors back in March when moving the clocks forward. If not, it isn’t too late, so do it now!

I’d like to touch base on “Planning an Escape” from your home in case of a fire:

- **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map showing the doors/windows and discuss with family members.
- **KNOW** at least 2 ways out of every room, if possible. Practice using different ways out.
- **HAVE** an outside meeting place (tree, light pole, mailbox, neighbor’s house), a safe distance from the home, and preferably in the front yard.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day at least twice a year
- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave. This is very important to slow down fire spread.



IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people, pets, or anything. Only firefighters go into a house with smoke/fire.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW** and **GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- **CALL 911** (Fire Department) from outside your home.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Fireman Mark at mmessmer@edgewoodky.gov or call 341-2628.



Edge of the Woods Garden Club News



Ah, springtime—the season when visions of vibrant blooms dance in every gardener’s head! But before you grab your trowel and rush into the garden, let’s talk about a common gardening blunder: planting annuals in **wet soil** or when the **soil temperature** is below 55°F.

Imagine you’re a plant—your roots are your lifeline, you rely on soil to deliver the essentials: nutrients, water, and most importantly, oxygen. Yes, oxygen! The stoma (like lungs on the underside of leaves) are responsible for the exchange of gases for respiration and photosynthesis. Contrary to popular belief, plants don’t just breathe through their leaves; their roots need a steady supply of oxygen too. So, overly wet soil can cause something like suffocating! When soil is saturated, air pockets disappear, turning your flower bed into an anaerobic (lack of free oxygen) swamp.

Why Wet or Cold Soil is a Plant’s Nightmare

Therefore, roots can’t absorb oxygen properly = Sad plant.
Now let’s talk temperature. **Soil below 55°F is no friend to annual flowers.** Think of it like trying to nap on a cold marble floor; it’s very uncomfortable and non-productive. Cold soil slows down biological processes, making it hard for roots to absorb water and nutrients efficiently.

The Science of Roots and Soil Synergy
Roots need two things to thrive: soil that drains well and ample space for air exchange (plenty of organic matter). In technical terms, plants rely on soil’s porosity—the ability to hold both water and oxygen without drowning their

delicate root systems. Soggy soil and cold temperatures create an environment ripe for root rot and **fungal infections** which leave your flowers gasping for air and nutrients.

In summary, give your plants the oxygen-rich, well-drained, and warm soil they need, and they’ll thank you with blooms that make your garden the envy of the neighborhood. Ahhhh....now for that dose of patience!

NOTE: A huge Thank You to our new Edgewood resident, Michelle Myfelt, who graciously donated 150 new Daffodil bulbs to the garden club last autumn. The bulbs were planted throughout the city by garden club members and were appreciated by all this Spring!

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



One of the most effective ways to prevent theft is by locking your home and car! It sounds simple, but the vast majority of thefts occur due to unlocked doors and windows. It doesn’t take much time for someone to take valuables or cause damage within a vehicle or home. Read below for other small actions you can take that add up to a safer, more secure neighborhood for everyone.

For vehicles, always lock doors, close windows, and avoid leaving valuables in plain view. Park in well-lit areas, never leave your car running unattended, be sure to bring your keys or key fob inside with you, and use anti-theft devices when possible. For the home, be sure to lock doors and windows, and consider installing deadbolts, using motion-activated lights, trimming overgrown shrubs near entryways, and setting light timers when away. Avoid hiding spare keys outside and think about installing a security system or video doorbell. And, always secure firearms in a locked safe or cabinet!

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