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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

By the time this newsletter reaches your kitchen countertop, the intersection at Dudley, Charter Oak and Tupman Lane into Hinsdale Elementary will have all the pavement directional arrows and lane markings completed. The traffic signals cannot be installed until February or March 2026 because the metal poles that have been ordered have a year's lead time. Once received, the new lights will be installed, and additional traffic movement will be improved. Thanks to everyone for your patience during this construction period.

Our Touch A Truck event at Freedom Park was very successful, everyone got to meet our city personnel and see our equipment. Our balloon artist had long lines for his creative creatures, as well as the fire hose presentation on the basketball court. Many enjoyed the free t-shirts and the other gifts that were passed out to celebrate October fire prevention month.

I cannot remember a time in which we had to cancel Spooky Sunday, but this year was not ideal with the rain and the wind. With all the work that goes on behind the scenes to fill the 300-plus candy bags, and all the volunteers who were asked to work, we were very disappointed, but the bags were given to our Police and Fire Departments to pass out on Halloween night. Thanks to everyone.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will help us kick off the annual Tree Lighting at Liberty Hall on Sunday, November 30th, starting at 5:30 PM. Please dress accordingly for the weather, since we are lighting the Tree outside with the children throwing the magic dust to light the Tree. If you wish to take pictures, bring your camera for the keepsake memories. Santa will place his North Pole mailbox in our City lobby starting November 17th until December 5th, please enclose your email address so Santa can reply.

Our Edgewood tax bills have been sent out, and if you have not received a bill, please contact the City Building. If your bill is paid before November 26th, you will receive a 2% discount. If paid after January 1st, it is subject to penalties and interest.

With the time change, we ask walkers and runners to wear reflective clothing or have a light visible, especially at the intersections. Safety First.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching upon us. I hope you all are able to get together with family and friends for the Holidays. From all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026.

Please look inside the newsletter for further information on up-and-coming events for all to enjoy during the holiday season.

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Winter Ornament Painting



Join us on Sunday, November 23rd, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at Liberty Hall for a fun and creative day of painting led by Randi from RMD Arts. Whether you’re a seasoned artist or a beginner, Randi will guide you step-by-step in creating your own unique winter ornament. All skill levels are welcome, and all materials will be provided. **The cost is \$15 for Edgewood residents**

and \$35 for non-residents. Please note that the class is limited to 50 participants, so make sure to register early! Registration is open now through November 14th. Visit us at the City Building to complete your registration form and secure your spot.

2025 –2026 Real Estate Property Tax Bills

Tax Bills were mailed out the second week of October. The discount amount is 2% if paid by November 26th, or the full amount is due by December 31st. You can pay your tax bill online with no additional fees at www.edgewoodky.gov. If you have not received a bill, please call (859) 331-5910.

Letters to Santa

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday, November 17th. The mailbox will be located at the City Building lobby. Drop off your letter by Friday, December 5th, and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve. The City of Edgewood will send your letter to the North Pole, and then once Santa has read over your letter, he will send his response back to the City of Edgewood! It is extremely important to include an adult’s MUCH-USED email address on the letter. Once your child’s letter is returned from the North Pole, you will receive a confirmation that your letter is ready for pick up.



Annual Tree Lighting

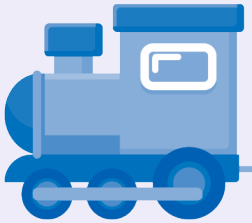


Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday, November 30th, at Liberty Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:45 pm in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. Come to Liberty Hall to enjoy Awtnot the Elf, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus! Santa will be available for pictures. Please bring your camera.

All Aboard for Edgewood Night at Behringer–Crawford

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 5th, from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents

are invited to come and enjoy the holiday toy trains and all the other amenities the museum has to offer during the holiday



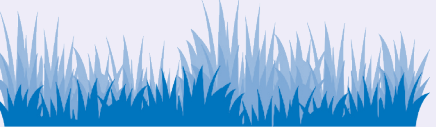
season at no charge. **THE EVENT IS FREE. Please bring a canned good donation.** The evening will also include light refreshments and a craft. **This event is for Edgewood residents only.** You must show a valid ID at the door. If you would like more information on the museum, you can visit their website at www.bcmuseum.org.

Home Decorating Contest

The Recreation Committee will be judging the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 5th– 7th. Only exterior decorations will qualify. One neighborhood winner will be selected from each of the following areas: Winding Trails, Prestwicke, Brookwood, Dudley Village, Charter Oak, Whispering Woods, Pius Heights, Meadowlark and Old Edgewood. Based on participation, the judges may omit an area and select more than one winner in the same neighborhood, if necessary. All judges’ decisions are final.



If your home is being considered for an award, you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 12th. Please mark your calendars to have your lights on the entire weekend. Judges will be out each night. This is also a great weekend to take your family out to view the lights and decorations.



Spring Field Reservations

Anyone interested in reserving a field for the spring of 2026 should submit a field request form to Lucas Elam by January 6th, 2026. The field request form can be downloaded from www.edgewoodky.gov under the Parks /Recreation tab. Incomplete field request forms or forms submitted without complete rosters will **NOT** be accepted. Permits will be issued mid-February. You can email your field request form with complete rosters to lelam@edgewoodky.gov, drop off request forms at the city building, or mail to City of Edgewood, 385 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.



Edge of the Woods Garden Club News



PLANTING FALL BULBS
for
BEAUTIFUL SPRING BLOOMS

Start Now for a Spectacular Spring

There is no better time than now to order your bulbs and get them in the ground. With a bit of patience and care, you’ll enjoy a gorgeous Spring display. It’s usually in the Spring when we think of planting bulbs as we admire the stunning displays of Allium, Crocus, Daffodils, and Hyacinths in neighbors’ yards. But these vibrant flowers, known as Spring bloomers, owe their beauty to bulbs planted the previous Fall. In our climate zone, “Fall bulbs” are best planted in late October through early November, or at any time before a hard freeze. A hard freeze occurs when temperatures drop to 28° F or lower for at least an hour.

Planting Instructions and Tips

If you plan to enhance your outdoor space this year, now is the time to purchase your bulbs. Each bulb typically comes with straightforward planting

instructions, including recommended depth and soil preparation. When planting, always position the bulb with the pointy end facing upward. If the point is not obvious, place the bulb on its side—nature will ensure it grows correctly. Fill in loose soil around each bulb and consider using a bit of peat moss in the hole along with an organic bulb fertilizer. This helps each stem push through to reach the surface in Spring and gives the bulbs the nutrition needed for healthy growth. For the best impact, plant bulbs in clusters or groupings of several bulbs of the same or mixed varieties in a larger hole. Experiment with this – YOU are the artist here!

Protecting Bulbs from Wildlife and Care of Bulbs

Bulbs such as Allium, Crocus, Daffodils, and Hyacinth are usually not attractive to deer, as these flowers have strong floral scents which tend to repel deer. Tulips on the other hand, are likely to be a tempting treat for antlered predators. Once your Spring flowers have bloomed, trim off the dead flower heads, but leave the greenery in place until it turns brown or tie them back close to the ground to allow nutrients to return to the bulb, supporting next year’s growth.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact the City Building at (859) 331-5910

Happy gardening!

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



Scams are getting trickier these days, and it’s easy to get caught off guard. You might get a text or email that looks like it’s from your bank, the post office, or even the IRS asking you to click a link, confirm your account, or make a payment. Some scammers even ask for payment through Bitcoin, gift cards, or wire transfers. If you ever see a request like that, it’s a sure sign something isn’t right. Real businesses and government offices will never ask you to pay that way.

Another scam to watch for is called phishing. That’s when someone sends a message trying to trick you into giving away personal information such as passwords, account numbers, or your Social Security number. Always take a moment before clicking on a link or sharing information. If something feels suspicious, call the company directly using a phone number you know is real.

If you get a message that seems off, trust your gut and don’t respond. You can report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov. And be sure to share this reminder with friends and family so everyone in the community can stay safe and scam-free.

STAY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

Fire Safety Tips from Edgewood Fire /EMS

The holiday season brings joy, celebration, and time with loved ones—but it’s also a period when fire risks rise due to cooking, decorating, and heating. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fires involving Christmas trees, candles, and cooking peak during the winter months. To keep your holidays merry and safe, follow these simple precautions:

Christmas Tree Safety: Choose a fresh, green tree and water it daily to prevent drying. Keep it at least three feet away from fireplaces, heaters, and radiators, and ensure it doesn’t block exits. Use only indoor-rated lights and check for frayed wires or loose bulbs. Turn lights off when you leave home or go to bed. After the holidays, promptly dispose of live trees through a local recycling program. Artificial trees should be labeled fire-resistant.

Candle Caution: Candles add warmth and charm but are a leading cause of holiday fires. Place them on stable, non-flammable surfaces away from decorations, and never leave them unattended. Extinguish candles before leaving a room or consider flameless LED alternatives. Keep them out of reach of children and pets.

Safe Holiday

Cooking:

Cooking is the top cause of home fires. Always stay in the kitchen when frying or baking, and keep flammable items like towels and packaging away from the stove. If a grease fire occurs, cover the pan with a lid and turn off the heat—never use water. Maintain a three-foot “kid-free zone” around cooking areas.

Heating and Electrical Safety: Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn and plug them directly into a wall outlet. Have chimneys cleaned annually and use a sturdy screen with fireplaces. Check smoke alarms monthly, replace batteries as needed, and install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas.

By taking these simple precautions, you can enjoy a season full of warmth, light, and happy memories—without unnecessary risks. For more tips, visit the NFPA website and follow Edgewood Fire/EMS for updates.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!



FIREMAN MARK SAYS...
by Firefighter Mark Messmer