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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

This year's Tree Lighting was a real delight, since the weather was very seasonal and we had a good crowd on hand. The smiles and the wish lists were long, but everyone had a good time lighting the tree and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with Awtnot the Elf as he performed his magical tricks for us, and Cindy Lou Who came in right from Whoville. What a great way to kick off the holiday season. Thanks, everyone.

The Home Decorating Contest was another big hit this year! We gave out over one hundred red ribbons and had ten finalists who all received a poinsettia as their reward. We had some wonderful displays, thanks to all for participating. The weather got challenging, but you all got it done.

Recycling is still very important in our city, and many residents are finding that once they start recycling, the bin fills up sooner than the garbage bins. So, please keep up the recycling as it does work and helps save our landfills.

Our Edge of the Woods Garden Club has again spruced up each of the planter boxes with the holiday plants. This always adds color to the arrangements to shine during these drab days. It's a great way to get into the 2026 season as our days get longer.

This year's Mystery Dinner will again be held at our Liberty Hall at Freedom Park on Saturday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is The Psychics Guess. Grab a friend and join us for a great evening.

Our Reach Alert notification service is a free service to all our residents that alerts you of any emergencies, recreation events, crime alerts, road and snow conditions, and other announcements. To sign up, please visit our website www.edgewoodky.gov and click the Reach Alert icon. This is just another tool to help, and it works.

The recreation department has a number of upcoming events for us to enjoy in the 2026 season. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events. Come out and enjoy these events with your neighbors, friends, and family members.

HAPPY 2026

New Year!
TO YOU ALL!

Recreation
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WITH
LUCAS ELAM
Program Coordinator

2026 Recreation Calendar



The recreation department has issued its 2026 calendar. Please save the enclosed flyer for easy reference through June. Another flyer will go out for July through December. New programs may be added at a later date, and some current dates may change during the year. Information about all activities will be in future newsletters, on our city sign, our website at www.edgewoodky.gov, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofEdgewoodKy, or on our X account @EdgewoodKY.

NKY Senior Winter Games – Jan 6th-29th



The Northern Kentucky Senior Games is an event for Northern Kentuckians ages 50 and over to engage in spirited competition and exercise through many different games and events. January 6th – 29th, 2026, games include shuffleboard, bowling, pickleball, Euchre, and more!

Entrants age 50 or over receive a Shirt, Goody Bag, Games, Lunch, & Awards. For more info, please call the NKADD (859) 283-1885 or City of Covington Parks (859)292-2151. Must register by January 6th. Late entries are not guaranteed a shirt.

Qi Gong Class with Master Greg – Feb 5th

Join us for a new program hosted by Master Greg, owner of Northern Kentucky Shaolin-Do, on Thursdays in February from 1:00–1:45 PM at Liberty Hall. Qi Gong, a 5,000-year-old Chinese practice, promotes health, energy, and well-being by boosting mood, stamina, balance, and flexibility. It strengthens the whole body, improves bodily systems, and may even slow the aging process. Don't miss this chance to revitalize your mind and body! Register today by emailing lelam@edgewoodky.gov, find the registration form on our Facebook page, www.edgewoodky.gov, or visit us at the City Building.

Edgewood Family Night at
NKY Ice Center – Mar 1st

Come enjoy a fun day of free ice skating at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center, located at 2638 Crescent Springs Pike, in Crescent Springs, on Sunday, March 1st, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission is limited to the first 150 Edgewood residents and includes skate rental. You must show proof of residency at the door, and a waiver will need to be signed.



Mystery Theater Dinner – Mar 14th

The annual Mystery Theater Dinner, “**The Psychics Guess**”, will be held at Liberty Hall, 550 Freedom Park Drive, on Saturday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an

evening of fun, adventure, and mystery. “*One year after Houdini’s death, a group of psychics gather to try and contact him in the great beyond. The problem is they are all rivals, so getting together should be an evening to die for!*” Play a part in the mystery or just play a part in solving the crime. Contact us now and reserve your spot for the show, and let us know if you’d like to be cast; parts and spots will go fast! The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes the mystery, a catered dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. Spaces are limited.



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. Please include the coach’s complete address, including work, home and cell phone numbers and email, day of week needed (list 1st and 2nd and 3rd choice), time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, the field name you are requesting and submit with a **complete roster with addresses and phone numbers**. Incomplete field request forms or forms submitted without complete rosters will **NOT** be accepted. Permits will be issued in early February. Procedures for field usage and the issuing of permits may change at any time. All city leagues and special events will have field priority. You can email your field request form with complete rosters to lelam@edgewoodky.gov, or mail to City of Edgewood, 385 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.

Band Applications for Summer 2026

Calling all bands! We are searching for the best bands from all over to add to our summer concert series lineup. Concerts are on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in President’s Park. If you would like to be a part of our concert series, please reach out to Lucas Elam at lelam@edgewoodky.gov.



FIREMAN MARK SAYS...
by Firefighter Mark Messmer

As we move into the coldest months of the year, our homes fill with space heaters, fireplaces, electric blankets, and candles. While they keep us warm, heating equipment remains the second-leading cause of home fires in the U.S., with January and February seeing the highest number of fire deaths. Let’s make 2026 safer by staying alert.

TOP WINTER FIRE RISKS & PREVENTION

SPACE HEATERS:
Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away. Always turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep, use models with tip-over protection, and plug them directly into wall outlets—never extension cords or power strips.



FIREPLACES & WOOD STOVES:
Have chimneys inspected and cleaned annually, use a sturdy screen, and let ashes cool for at least 72 hours before placing them in a metal container stored outside, away from the home.



CANDLES:
January is the peak month for candle fires. Never leave them unattended, and consider flameless battery-operated candles for a safer option.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY:
Replace damaged cords, avoid overloading outlets, and call an electrician if breakers frequently trip. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions when charging lithium-ion batteries from new devices.



COOKING:
Cooking remains the leading cause of home fires year-round. Never leave the kitchen while cooking.

QUICK SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- ✓ Clear dryer lint after every load
- ✓ Review your home escape plan
- ✓ Keep sidewalks and driveways clear for responders

GENERATOR SAFETY REMINDER:

During outages, operate generators outdoors only—at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents. Carbon monoxide is deadly.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Three out of five home-fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Ten minutes of prevention can save lives.

STAY WARM — AND STAY FIRE SAFE THIS WINTER.



Edge of the Woods *Garden Club* News



The *Christmas Cactus* is a cheerful houseplant that bursts into bloom around the holidays, making it perfect for everyone, regardless of gardening experience. Unlike desert cacti, it prefers bright, indirect light—place it near a north- or east-facing window. Use a light, well-draining potting mix with sand or perlite, and keep the soil slightly moist but never soggy. During spring through early fall, feed monthly with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer, then stop in late fall to encourage buds.

GROWING AND CARING FOR
CHRISTMAS CACTUS INDOORS



After flowering, pinch off spent blooms and let the plant rest for 6–8 weeks with reduced watering. Once new growth appears, resume regular care and monthly feeding. Late spring is ideal for repotting or propagating cuttings if your cactus has outgrown its pot. With this simple cycle of light, soil, feeding, and rest, your Christmas cactus will reward you with festive blooms year after year. Its unique segmented stems and vibrant flowers add a splash of color and life to any indoor space, brightening up rooms during the darker winter months.

If you are interested in joining the Edge of the Woods Garden Club, please reach out to the City Building at (859)331-5910!

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