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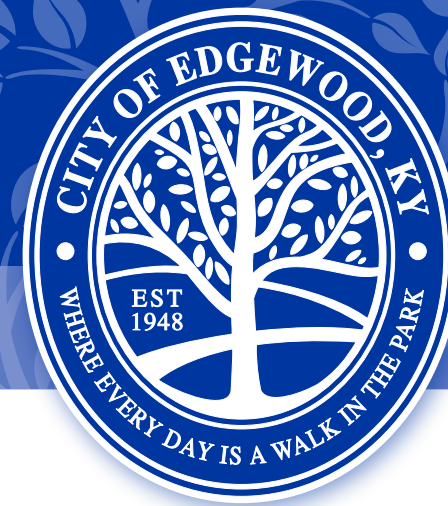
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**WOW!** Our City Clerk, Belinda Nitschke, was chosen by her peers in the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association on April 16<sup>th</sup> as the 2026 Municipal Clerk of the Year for Kentucky. Congratulations, Belinda, well deserved.

The weather was on our side for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the 6000 eggs were picked up by the children in record time. A big thank you to all who brought the children to enjoy the hunt.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Park beginning at 10 am. Troop 779 Boy Scouts will again perform their burning event of the worn or tattered flags so they can be properly retired. If you have any worn or tattered flags, you can bring them to the event on the day of, or drop them off at the City Building prior to May 25<sup>th</sup>. In the event of rain, we will have the ceremony inside Liberty Hall.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July just around the corner, our theme this year is "Fireworks, Freedom & 250 Years." This year's Grand Marshall is Commissioner Jon Draud, who has served 38 years as an Educator, 10 years as a state legislator, 1 year as Education Commissioner, and 16 years as our Kenton County

## Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Commissioner and Edgewood resident. The 5K race will begin at 7:30 am, with the parade starting at 9:30 am from the Turkeyfoot Middle School parking lot. Put on your creative thinking caps if you would like to join us in the parade celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> and, of course, 250<sup>th</sup>. Not Johnny will perform a concert at 7:30 pm in Freedom Park and the Fireworks will conclude the evening, beginning at dusk at Freedom Park.

Mark your calendars for June 9<sup>th</sup> – Doghouse will kick off our Tuesday Summer Concert series starting at 7:00 pm at Presidents Park. It's a great time to get out and enjoy the evening under the stars with music, family and friends.

No city is immune to people who are willing to break into cars, homes, and open garage doors for a chance to take a quick item and sell it for quick cash. Please keep an open eye within the neighborhood and call 911 if you see something out of place.

Spring is here, and summer is just around the corner. We have many events in the city for families and friends to enjoy together. We hope you can make it to one or more of the activities and enjoy all the City of Edgewood has to offer.



**Memorial Day Ceremony at Freedom Park**  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Noon

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Freedom Park on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:lelam@edgewoodky.gov) or call (859) 331-5910.



**Shred Event at Freedom Park**  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – Noon

The City of Edgewood will be offering a free shred event at Freedom Park on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – Noon.



**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](mailto:mmessmer@edgewoodky.gov) or call (859) 341-2628.

Residents are allowed to bring up to five (5) brown paper bags of documents to shred. For more information, please call (859) 331-5910.

**Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series at Presidents Park**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

The Annual Summer Concert Series is back! The 2026 season begins with our annual opener, 'Doghouse' on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Join us on Tuesday nights through August 18<sup>th</sup> for local live bands. All concerts begin at 7:00 PM 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. **Special thanks to our sponsor, Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency.**

**Edgewood Day at Brookwood Swim Club**  
I Fair Oaks Lane – June 20<sup>th</sup>

Edgewood residents can enjoy a free day of swimming at Brookwood Swim Club on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>! **PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED UPON ARRIVAL!**

exactly what they are counting on.

**Warning signs to keep in mind:** Requests for payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency are almost always scams. Messages that pressure you to act immediately or ask for personal information like passwords or bank details should raise concern. Even if something looks legitimate, it is always worth verifying by contacting the person or organization directly using a trusted number or website.

One growing trend involves impersonating someone you know. A simple message like "Are you available?" can quickly turn into a request for money or gift cards. Taking a moment to pause and verify can prevent a costly mistake.

**If you are contacted by a scammer, do not respond.** Block the number or email and report it. You can file a report with the Federal Trade Commission. Locally, residents are encouraged to contact the Edgewood Police Department if they have concerns or believe they have been targeted.

Scammers continue to adapt, but the best defense is simple. **Slow down, verify, and trust your instincts.** If something feels off, it probably is.

**ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ACTIVITIES**

**5K Race**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Edgewood/Tri-State Running Independence Day 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at **7:30 am on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Pre-registration is required (pre-registration will end at 5 pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup>). 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 him at [lelam@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:lelam@edgewoodky.gov) if you would like to volunteer.**

**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 at dusk on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring a blanket and come early! In case of inclement weather, the fireworks will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Parade**

The city is celebrating the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parade, and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This year's parade theme is **"Fireworks, Freedom & 250 Years"**. The parade will begin at the Caywood Elementary and Turkeyfoot Middle School campus at 9:30 am. on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website at <https://edgewoodky.gov/parksrecreation/4th-of-july-events-2/> 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 at Freedom Park**

Come early for the fireworks and enjoy the amazing vocals of 'Not Johnny'. The concert begins at 7:30 pm on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and will continue until the fireworks begin at dusk. **Vendors will be available for purchase of food and beverages.**



**Edge of the Woods Garden Club News**



**SUCCESSFUL RE-POTTING OF NEW PLANTS**

**Re-potting a newly purchased plant is an important step to ensure healthy growth and adaptation. This guide details the process so your plant transitions smoothly to its new environment. Note: Plants started indoors may need to be "hardened off" before being placed outside.**

**Step 1: Prepare Materials**

Select a container 1–2 inches larger than the original nursery pot. Clay pots are porous and help avoid over-watering—be sure to use a saucer indoors. Use a high-quality potting mix suited to the plant (petunia, cactus, carrots, etc.). Some plants like Azalea, Rhododendron, and Blueberries require low pH soil; the Kenton County Extension Office offers free soil testing. Gather a hand shovel, watering can, and a way to contain soil spillage.

*Note: Soil contains natural bacteria and fungi that can support immune health when handled.*

**Step 2: Prepare the New Pot & Remove from Nursery Pot**

Clean the new pot or sanitize old ones using a 10:1 water-to-bleach solution, then rinse thoroughly. Ensure proper drainage holes. Add several centimeters of potting mix to the bottom; coffee filters can help prevent soil loss.

Gently loosen the plant by rolling the nursery pot and tipping it out while holding the root ball. Avoid pulling on stems or leaves. Check for circling roots and gently loosen them. Trim any dead or damaged roots with sterile clippers. **Note: Root-bound plants may struggle—don't forget to "tickle**

*the toes!" For tomatoes, pinch lower stems and plant deeply—those white "hairs" are roots.*

**Step 3: Position, Fill & Water**

Place the plant centered and upright. Fill around the root ball with fresh mix, lightly tamping to remove air pockets and leaving about one inch below the rim.

Water thoroughly until it drains from the bottom. Place the plant in the proper light environment and monitor moisture during acclimation, watering a few times per week to support root establishment.

**Happy gardening!**

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



**Don't Take the Bait: How Scammers Are Reaching You (and How to Stay Safe)**

Scams used to be easier to spot. Now they are much more convincing and are reaching people

through phone calls, text messages, and emails that look legitimate. In many cases, scammers can "spoof" phone numbers and email addresses so messages appear to come from a local number, a trusted company, or even a government agency.

**Common tactic: creating urgency.** Someone might receive a call claiming to be from the IRS or Social Security, insisting that payment is needed right away to avoid penalties. Others may get texts about unpaid tolls or missed package deliveries with links that look real. Email scams have also become more polished, sometimes appearing to come from an employer or colleague asking for quick help purchasing gift cards or sending money.

These scams work because they catch people off guard. The message feels urgent, personal, or even alarming. In some cases, scammers impersonate family members or friends and claim they need immediate help. It can feel real in the moment, which is