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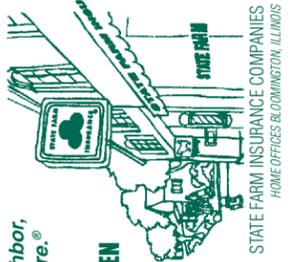



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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

I hope everyone had a great holiday and that you were able to get together with family and friends. It's always refreshing to hear from those you have not seen or heard from in a long time and get caught up on news.

Speaking of family, our City Clerk Lynne Moore, who has been with the city for the last nine years, retired in December. Our Senior Deputy Clerk, Jeanette Kemper will assume Lynne's duties. Jeanette has been with us for the last twelve years. Lynne was very involved in most of our events and was instrumental in getting them started. We all wish Lynne the best in her retirement and if you should see her, please wish her well. Currently our administrative staff consists of Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk, Kim Wolking, Recreation Director, Mary Jane Lucas, Deputy City Clerk and Roger Rolfe our C.A.O. Please give them a call if you need assistance.

Many of you have asked where we stand on the building plans and do we have a timetable? We are currently drawing up plans and specifications for the Edgewood Senior and Community Center at Freedom Park. Those plans should be out for bid sometime in late January or the first of February. Once those bids are received and in line with our budget we will proceed in awarding the contract. The senior and community building should be completed by August or September, depending on the weather. We will then move our offices to this new location for 12-14 months while the old buildings on Dudley Rd are torn down to make room for the new building. Once the new administration/fire/police building is up and running our senior and community building will then be able to be used for our fish fry's, dances and community meetings, as well as, any other community needs. At our November council meeting we had a full house of senior citizens showing their support for the senior and community building and how much it is needed for the entire community.

We sure could have used the senior and community building during the tree lighting events, due to the cold and windy weather. Even though we had to use the garage for Santa and the shelter house for the chili and hot drinks it all worked out very well. We had a good crowd in spite of the weather. Thanks everyone!

Again this year, the home decorating contest divided the city into different sections with nine winners in all. I'd like to thank each of the winners for their time and the effort put forth and to those who received ribbons this year, you could be winners next year. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done and for showing your community spirit.

Street repairs will resume when the weather allows. We will be determining which additional streets need to be replaced or repaired for the 2003-2004 fiscal year once old man winter is gone.

The Freedom Park skating rink is up and waiting for cold weather. I hope we can get in a few enjoyable days of skating. This year we were able to let rain fill up the rink; we should have plenty of skating surface.

I know I mentioned this before, but if anyone should misplace or lose something at one of our city events, give us a call to see if someone has turned it in to the lost and found department.

Thanks to all new residents for making Edgewood your home. I hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events.



RECREATION RAP

by Kim Wolking, Recreation Director



2003 UPCOMING EVENTS

The Recreation Committee has set dates for most of the 2003 events and programs. Please save the enclosed flyer for easy reference through June. Another flyer will go out for July through December. Other activities, programs, etc., may be added at a later date and some dates may be changed during the year. Detailed information about all activities and programs will be in future newsletters, on the city sign and in most newspapers. Information pertaining to children's activities will be sent to the local schools.

If you have any suggestions, an interest in a specific program or can give of your time or expertise, your input is needed and welcomed. Anyone interested can call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

AEROBICS

Aerobic classes will be offered on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. The classes will begin on January 6 and run through March 27. All classes will be held at the Fire Department. You should bring an exercise mat or towel. There is a \$1 fee per class.

YOUTH SOCIAL

There will be two youth socials for 5th and 6th graders, one on Sunday, January 19 and one on Sunday, February 16. Both socials will be at the firehouse from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 per person. There will be a D.J., games and door prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT WITH THE MIGHTY DUCKS

Edgewood Night with the Mighty Ducks is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at 7:35 p.m. at the Cincinnati Gardens. The Ducks are playing Rochester. The first 2,500 kids ages 12 and under will receive a free t-shirt. Please see registration form.

ICE SKATING

An ice skating party will be held at Freedom Park on Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. If the skating rink is not frozen, the party will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 2. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own skates! Please see the enclosed flyer

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Activities for children ages 4-7 will be offered on Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 8. Each date will have a different theme and will include a snack, a craft and an activity. Both programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be held at the firehouse. A parent must accompany each child. The cost is \$3.00 per date. Space is limited so please sign-up early. All children must be pre-registered. See the enclosed registration form.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT WITH THE KENTUCKY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The KSO unveils its "City Nights" competition as 6 Northern Kentucky cities vie for the chance to bring the Symphony to their town for a free concert. Conceived as a way to increase awareness and ownership in the KSO, "City Nights" pairs a city and its residents with a particular concert within the KSO's 2002-03 Subscription Series. The city that brings the most people to their city's night at the KSO will win a free performance for their community.

Edgewood's "City Night" is Saturday, May 10, 8:00 p.m., at Greaves Concert Hall and features Noted Neuroses. Please watch future newsletters for more information. Tickets will go on sale 3 weeks prior to the concert date.

BALL FIELD RESERVATIONS

Anyone interested in reserving a ball field for the spring of 2003 should submit a written request to Kim Wolking at 385 Dudley Road, by February 14. The request should include the coach's complete address, including work and home phone numbers, day of week needed, time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, complete rosters, size of field needed, if you will be playing games or practices and any other information that may be helpful. All city softball leagues and special events will have field priority.

TREE LIGHTING

Congratulations to this year's chili cook-off winners, Shelly Mabjish—1st place, Deb Tarka—2nd place and Mike Palmer—3rd place. Thanks to everyone who entered the contest.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off in the first parking lots in both Presidents Park and Freedom Park up to Monday, January 27. All trees dropped off will be recycled and used as mulch. The access road into Presidents Park is open during the daylight hours only; the access road into Freedom Park is always open.

TURKEY BOWL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Co-ed Connection and Team Hosea on their Thanksgiving Day victories.



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SNOW EMERGENCIES

by Chief Tony Kramer

In the last edition of the city newsletter, General Services Director Stan Goetz wrote an article explaining parking regulations that take effect when a snow emergency is declared. In accordance with Section 72.36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Edgewood, "no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be located upon the pavement or right-of-way of any portion of any street within the city at any time when a snow emergency has been declared." Police officers have the authority to cite vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance. Additionally, Section 72.39 gives police officers the authority to remove any vehicles in violation of the ordinance **at the owner's expense.**

Since the publication of that newsletter, we had our first appreciable snowfall and accumulation on Thursday, December 5. A snow emergency was declared, but numerous vehicles were left parked on streets throughout the city, compounding the already difficult task of snow removal.

Having the streets free of vehicles is beneficial not only to the Public Works and Police Departments, but to you as well. It allows for the unrestricted movement of snowplows and salt trucks, helps prevent potential damage to your vehicle(s) and others, and prevents your car(s) from possibly being cited or towed.

We ask for your cooperation in this matter for upcoming snowfalls. Snow emergencies can be declared in the middle of the night or during the middle of the workday. Either way, you are still responsible for moving your vehicles. Seldom do we have snowstorms that arrive totally unpredicted. If heavy snow is anticipated or is falling, please remove your vehicles from the roadway just to be safe. This is especially vital if you will be away for a period of time, such as when you are leaving for work.

The police department is usually very busy on snowy days, and we would prefer not to spend valuable time citing and/or towing vehicles. No doubt you would rather not receive a parking citation or pay a tow bill. By working cooperatively, we can prevent either of these from happening while ensuring the Public Works Department can do its job.



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by Public Education Officer
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CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY

Chimney fires (sometimes called flue fires) can be your worst enemy. As the popularity of heating with wood continues to grow, so does the rate of house fires caused by wood stoves. In fact, wood stoves and fireplace inserts are now the leading cause of house fires nationwide. These fires fall into two categories—those resulting from improper installation and those resulting from chimney abuse.

Proper Installation Important

The fires resulting from improper installation could be avoided if homeowners would just get the required building permit and have the installation inspected. Remember, every solid fuel appliance installation requires a permit, whether inside the city limits or outside. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure there is a permit issued. If the installer fails to obtain one, the homeowner should see to it. After the appliance is correctly installed and properly inspected, chimney abuse becomes the danger. Chimney abuse is strictly a user problem. Even the safest installation will cause a fire if the chimney is not properly maintained.

Types of Chimneys

Chimneys fall into two categories: site-based (masonry) and factory-built (metal). Properly made, installed, and maintained, either type will provide many years of safe service. If not carefully maintained, either kind becomes a time bomb, ticking away, waiting for the moment when it will create a disaster.

Chimney Maintenance Vital

Proper maintenance of a chimney reduces the buildup of *creosote*, a black tarry substance that can block passageways or ignite. Begin with carefully selecting the kind of wood you will burn. The harder the wood,

the smaller the creosote release into the chimney. Then curing that wood becomes important. Wood that is allowed to cure for three to six months after cutting and splitting will yield more heat and less creosote.

Maintaining proper flue temperatures is also a part of good chimney maintenance. Creosote condenses onto cold chimneys while properly heated chimneys will trap much less. So burn an open fire until good flue temperatures are achieved, then make sure the fire burns hot enough to maintain those temperatures.

Clean Chimney at Least Once a Year

Any chimney should be thoroughly cleaned at least once a year. Chimneys that get a lot of use will require more frequent cleaning. Remember, soot and creosote buildup in the chimney is what flue fires are made of. Keep it clean, and you have protected yourself from this danger.

Carefully Inspect the Flue

As part of this chimney-cleaning process and following any chimney fire, the flue should be carefully inspected inside and out. Specialized equipment is no available which permits detailed internal inspection of the entire flue. The yellow pages list a number of companies (under "Chimney Cleaning") that are equipped to provide this inspection.

Never use a damaged flue—your safety is at risk. Have the problem corrected before using the wood stove again! Remember, your life may depend on it!

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