

EDGEWOOD



“All the Charm of Yesterday With a Vision For Tomorrow”

Think TWICE Before TOPPING Your Trees!

Message From Tree Board President, *Scott Gerard*

Edgewood is a beautiful Town and if you weren't aware, is a Tree City USA. As we continue to hold this title your Tree Board thinks it's important to help educate residents on proper tree care and provide you with resources that will help us remain one of the nicest places to live in Indiana.

This quarter we want to discuss why topping hurts trees. Topping is perhaps the most harmful tree pruning practice known. Yet, despite more than 25 years of literature and seminars explaining its harmful effects, topping remains a common practice.

What is Topping? Topping is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. The most common reason given for topping is to reduce the size of a tree. Some home owners think that their trees have become too large for their property or may pose a hazard. Topping, however, is not a viable method of height reduction and actually does not reduce the hazard. In fact, topping will make a tree more hazardous in the long term.

Topping Stresses Trees and a stressed tree is more vulnerable to insect and disease infestations. Large, open pruning wounds expose the sapwood and heartwood to attacks. The tree may lack sufficient energy to chemically defend the wounds against invasion, and some insects are actually attracted to the chemical signals trees release.

Topping also causes decay, can lead to sunburn, creates hazards and is expensive as the cost of topping a tree is not limited to what the Tree Service is initially paid. If the tree survives, it will require pruning again within a few years. It will either need to be reduced again or storm damage will have to be cleaned up. If the tree dies, it will have to be removed.

Please think twice before topping your trees. Think about removing the tree and planting a new one in its place. Some Tree Services will plant a new tree at no cost if removing one. If you would like more information about this topic or other tree related issues feel free to contact me at jsgerard@comcast.net. Your Tree Board would also like to recommend four Local Licensed Tree Services to



contact if your tree needs help. Davis Tree Service, Dependable Tree Service, Tuttle's Tree Service and Landscaping and Morgan's Tree & Landscaping. Depending on your need these services are reliable and have done good work for the Town of Edgewood

Davis Tree Service
6440 Main Street
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 606-7460

Dependable Tree Service
10705 S 300 E
Markleville, IN 46056
(765) 649-7007

Morgan's Tree and Landscaping
2136 Lafayette Street
Anderson, IN 46012
(765) 208-1451

Tuttle's Tree, Turf & Landscaping
5415 S 100 W
Anderson, IN 46013
(317) 773-9788

Message From Town Council President *Patty Farran*

EDGEWOOD SEWER UPDATE

Here is the latest update on our Edgewood sewer system: Council members, Town attorney, and Utility superintendent are meeting monthly with a Core team from the City of Anderson. The intent of this process is to keep communications open and hopefully, this will lead to an agreement that will benefit both communities. Until this is resolved, we know there will be an increase from \$6.00 per 1000 gallons to \$6.84 per 1,000 gallons starting 1/1/11.

The one issue that Edgewood does have that is continuing to cause our sewage bills to escalate is the infiltration from ground water. This leaks into the laterals that come from our homes to the main lines in the streets. This "extra" water going to the sewer plant for treatment is what costs us a lot of extra \$!

Please read the Clerk-Treasurer's article to learn how the Town Council plans to help our residents start turning around this infiltration problem.

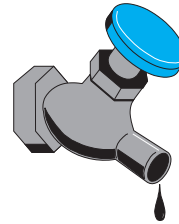
Prepare for Fire Hydrant Flushing - Fall Hydrant Flushing 2010

Each year, the Edgewood Water Department opens fire hydrants throughout the Town and allows water to run through the pipes. The hydrant-flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the Town's water system.

It serves the following purposes:

1. Flushes sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality)
2. Verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves
3. Checks for closed valves and weak flows in the water mains
4. Verifies ample flow for fire fighting

This fall, flushing will begin October 25th and continue for one week.



Hints During Hydrant Flushing

1. There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time.
2. Water may be rusty or cloudy. Discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours.
3. Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking or cooking.
4. Flush your hot water tanks after the cold water clears.
5. Do not wash laundry during this period (Wait until cold and hot water clears up before laundering clothes.)



Callie's Corner

Well, here am again. And I think I'll just share some of my thoughts with all of you wonderful town residents.

- 1.) I have to start off by thanking everyone who came in to meet me. Several of you brought toys, snacks, etc. I was overwhelmed by all of your kindness. I'm a lucky cat to get to live in Edgewood. You people are great!
- 2.) I've just ordered the new dog tags for 2011 and they are too cute! Be sure to get one for your dog after January 1st.
- 3.) With winter coming, don't forget to make sure all of your outside animals have plenty of food, water and a comfy place to sleep.

Here is a poem I thought was appropriate:

*Love, Friendship and Success
People say bring happiness.
But care for every living thing
Far more contentment will it bring.*

Till next time...Callie 

Please Help Fill The
TOYS FOR TOTS
BOX

The Town of Edgewood is a designated drop off site for the Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. Please help us fill our box this year by bringing new, unwrapped toys to Town Hall on or around November 9th through December 20th. Your generosity will bring joy to less fortunate children.

**NEW TOWN HALL
HOURS**

Beginning in January 2011, the office of the Clerk-Treasurer and the Water-Sewer Department will be open Mon. – Thurs. and closed on Friday. If you need to conduct business after 4:00 p.m. please contact 765.649.5534 for an appointment.

In Memorium

The residents of the Town of Edgewood extend sincere sympathy to the families and friends who have lost the following loved ones in previous months:

Carolyn Beehler – 7/5/10

Keith Thompson – 9/6/10

Myron Greenwood – 9/24/10

Tammy Denson – 8/22/10

Kathleen Weaver – 9/5/10

Dorothy Davisson – 9/26/10

Marilyn Clendenen – 9/3/10

Please accept our apologies if we have omitted the name of any other resident we have lost, and please call Town Hall so we can include your loved one in our next newsletter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Police Department would like to welcome Officer Kelly Naselroad back after recently completing 15 weeks of training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Naselroad's session began June 21 and he returned on October 1.

Congratulations to Officer Naselroad on his successful completion of the academy.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is just around the corner, and we again remind you of the local ordinances and some guidelines to keep our children safe.



- "Trick or Treating" shall be permitted only on the evening of October 31 between the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Only children under the age of 12 are permitted to trick or treat, and all trick or treaters must be accompanied by at least one adult over 18 years of age.
- Trick or treaters should walk, not run, and should never cut across lawns or driveways, always being aware of traffic.
- Stick reflective tape on dark costumes—it will help drivers see you.
- Screen candy before your children eat it. Toss out anything with opened or damaged wrappers and homemade treats, unless you know the giver personally.

Have fun and be safe!

OPEN BURNING

The guidelines for open burning are as follows:

- Only leaves and wood products should be burned.
- Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
- All burning should occur between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, with all fires being consumed by 5:00 pm.



NOTE: As you know, we had an extremely dry summer and a temporary burning ban was enacted by the Madison County Commissioners. Make sure this ban is not currently in effect before you burn anything.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa will arrive here in Edgewood **November 27th**. Bring the children and grandchildren to Edgewood's Holiday Festival to meet Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman and get pictures with Santa at Winding Way Park and State Road 32. 12:00 pm to 2 pm. Santa arrives at 12:15 pm. Fun for the entire family! We're also looking for talent and volunteers. Please contact Festival Chairman Scott Gerard if you would like to help. jsgerard@comcast.net or 765-643-1563.

Message From Clerk-Treasurer *Katherine Tanner*

Infiltration - Pronunciation: (in"fil-tra'shun)

Infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewers: If there are breaks or cracks in the underground sanitary sewer pipes, when it rains, any water that absorbs into the ground can end up seeping into the sanitary system through those breaks or cracks.

Storm water can also get into the sanitary system through "inflow". Inflow happens when a downspout, sump pump or storm sewer inlet is connected to the sanitary sewer instead of the storm sewer system. Any groundwater or storm water source should be directed to the storm system and not the sanitary system. Sanitary sewer pipes are typically smaller than storm sewer pipes. They are not designed to handle storm water flows. On average, the Town of Edgewood sends twice as much sewage to the City of Anderson as water pumped.

Possible Solution:

An application for food and beverage tax revenues was submitted on behalf of the Town of Edgewood to help fund the reduction of infiltration. The goal of the project is to reduce the amount of infiltration flowing into the Town of Edgewood's sewer system. The Town will complete smoke testing to determine which service lines and main trunks are in need of repair or replacement. Lines will be repaired and/or new service lines will be installed. Main trunks will be repaired if leaks are detected. Material for the repair and/or new installations will be purchased using the requested funds. Homeowners will be required to use one of three licensed, approved local contractors for the repair or installation of the lines. Homeowners will be responsible for paying the contractor for labor. This project will reduce the amount of sewage flowing through the Edgewood Lift Station and reduce the amount of sewage the City of Anderson processes through their Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will reduce the sewer rate for all Town of Edgewood Sewer customers.

The approximate cost of labor would be \$10 per foot for installation. Please note that this is step one of a preliminary plan. We have not received grant money and the council has not approved any spending for the above project.

Edgewood Calendar

OCTOBER

- 11 Columbus Day Town Hall Closed
- 25 Town Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall

NOVEMBER

- 2 Election Day Town Hall Closed
- 11 Veteran's Day Town Hall Closed
- 16 Town Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday Town Hall Closed

DECEMBER

- 15 Town Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall
- 24-27 Christmas Break Town Hall Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve Town Hall Closed

JANUARY

- 1-3 New Year's Day Break Town Hall Closed
- 17 Martin Luther King Day Town Hall Closed
- 18 Town Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall

••• Town of Edgewood Council Members •••

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