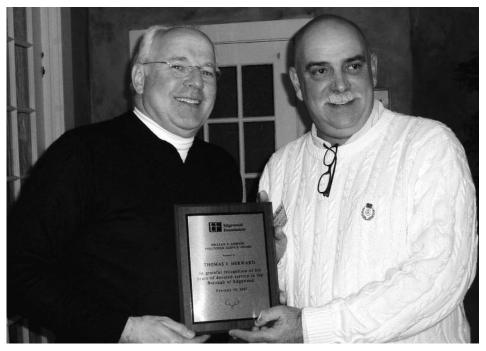
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PRESIDENT'S DAY: C.C. Mellor Library Board President Tom Herwerd receives the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service from Edgewood Foundation President Vaughn Busch at the annual town meeting.

Caregiver Support Seminar Offered at FPCE

Beginning April 10, the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood will offer a six-week Support Seminar for Caregivers. This faith-based seminar is open to anyone who provides or will be providing care to love ones and those you care about. The seminars will be held Sundays, April 10 through May 15, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the church lounge, and offer support, exchange of information, and discussion of a variety of topics relevant to caregivers.

Leslie Lehman, a therapist from the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute who has been in the helping profession for more than 25 years, will lead the seminar. Dr. Lehman has a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in counseling psychology.

Some of the possible topics to be discussed include:

• The Caregiver - taking care of your-

self, how to ask for help

- Feelings anger, depression, guilt, sadness, and feeling overwhelmed
- Preparing for change
- How to talk to the doctors; preparing you questions
- Coordination of resources
- Practical issues safety, meds, meals, etc.
- Spiritual resources for the caregiver Each session will include a closure using one of more of these techniques - prayer, mediation, relaxation, massage, music, laying on of hands, anointing, all techniques to quiet the soul. The cost is a suggested donation of \$5-10 per session. Financial assistance is available; so don't let the cost keep you from participating. For more information, contact the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood at (412) 241-4613, Doris Hamilton at (412) 371-0165, by March 31.

Tom Herwerd Receives 2005 Limpert Award

The Edgewood Foundation presented C.C. Mellor Board President Thomas Herwerd with its annual William D. Limpert Award for Community Service at the town meeting in February.

Mary Limpert, 2003 recipient of the award, introduced Tom, saying, "There are many factors that contribute to making Edgewood a desirable place to live and to raise our families. One of these factors that is considered invaluable to both new and long-time residents alike is our own C.C. Mellor Library. The recent renovations and redesign of space have raised the library to a new level of quality – one that each of us is proud of; one that has benefited all of us.

"The raising of funds necessary, the understanding of federal, state and local standards and codes, the overseeing of the renovation process are all part of a long, time consuming task that this man has willingly taken on. The many decisions, one in particular of eliminating the bowling alley to convert it into the new children's library, could not have come easily or without objections from some.

"A project as large as this can only succeed through the dedication of many individuals, yet typically there is one individual who has the vision and determination to carry the project to its completion. This man, this year, is Thomas Herwerd."

The Foundation also recognized outgoing president Lois Winslow and outgoing treasurer and board member Wolf Goerthert for their contributions to the community.

Mayor Jean Davin and Borough Council President Mitchell Brourman gave their traditional "State of the Borough" addresses. There was also open discussion on beautification of the borough that included a presentation by Marijke Hecht of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. For reports on these presentations, see pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

Library

Book Sale

The library book sale will be kicked off with a preview party for Edgewood residents and their guests on Friday, March 11 from 7 - 9p.m. in the Edgewood Club Ballroom. The cost is \$15 per person. Participants will have a chance to purchase books. Light refreshments will be served. Call the library at (412) 731-0909 for reservations.

The main sale date is Saturday March 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The sale features many items for adults and children; over 6,000 books or audiovisual items are for sale. There are hardbacks and paperbacks as well as magazines and a variety of audiovisual items. Materials from the sale come from donations as well as items withdrawn from the library collection. Hardbacks are sold at \$2 each or five for \$8. Paperbacks are priced at \$1 each or five for \$4. Children's books cost \$.50 each or five for \$2.

On Sunday, March 13 is the event bargain hunters wait for: the bag sale. Fill a bag provided by the library for \$5. The event runs from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to unpack books before the sale, and to work on the days of the sale. If you would like to help, please call Sally Bogie.

The library will also accept donations for the sale up to the day of the sale. The only items we cannot accept are encyclopedias; Reader's Digest condensed books and most magazines. When you bring your donation in, please let us know if you would like a tax letter.

Drop Dead

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the fiction room. This month's book is *The Man who Liked Slow Tomatoes*. Copies of the book are available at the children's circulation desk.

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Deadline for the April issue is March 11. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail marmozette@comcast.net

PALS Book Club

The PALS Book Club will be discussing *Fried Green Tomatoes* at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 11 am. The PALS Book Club is open to senior citizens and is sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

One Book One Community

Fried Green Tomatoes is the One Book One Community book for 2005. The library has many copies of the book (in both regular and large print), the audio book, and the movie. There will be more programs in April revolving around the book.

Genius Loves Company

"Discover your Inner Genius," a new monthly program will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the library boardroom. Theresa Treasure will moderate the program. Discussion for the program will be based on Michael Gelb's Discover Your Genius: How to Think Like History's Ten Most Revolutionary Minds. Each month participants will look at one individual in the book and discuss how that person's thoughts and actions are relevant. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. Register at the library.

We Two Read

This book club for children eight years old and up with an adult will meet on Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m.

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Baby Lapsit

Baby Lapsit with Amy will begin on Monday, March 14 and meet Mondays through March and April from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Listen Up

An audio book club for children 8 – 12 years old will meet on Saturday, March 19 at 12 noon and listen to *Journey* by Patricia MacLachlan. Just like the old radio days, we will let our imaginations soar as we listen.

They've Got Eggs

And they know how to use them. On Saturday, March 26, children four and up are invited to participate in an egg-straordinary event from 12 – 1 p.m. Please register by March 24.

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All programs are free of charge. Call the library at (412) 731-0909 or visit us on the web at www.einetwork.net/ein/ccmellor for more information.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill Librarians

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School

That Musical Season

Woodland Hills High School presents Seussical the Musical this April. Show times are:

• April 22, 23, 29, 30 8 p.m.

• April 23 matinee 2 p.m. The box office, located in the high school lobby, will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., as well as one hour prior to show time.



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March Concert

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Garden Club

Preparing for Spring

Join the Edgewood Garden Club on March 7 at 12 noon. The program will begin at 1 p.m., with Larry Toms, who has 25 years gardening experience at Best Feeds Garden Center.

Larry will discuss the topic of preparing for spring gardening. This discussion will cover starting seedlings, dividing current plants and preparing the garden bed.

Flower Pot Luck

The Edgewood Garden Club will hold a potluck buffet dinner at the Edgewood Club at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 4.

Joan Kimmel, owner of Urban Gardeners will discuss "What's New in Gardening," complete with demonstra-

Green Thumbs Wanted

Would you like to join the Edgewood Garden Club? Contact Pat McKenna at (412) 371-1477. Get involved and get ready for the spring!

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EVFD

A Breath of Fresh Air

The new SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) breathing tanks are now in service. The tanks and masks now bring the department into NFPA compliance making all fire fighters safer. These are items that we buy and hope we never have to use them.

Rapid Intervention Team

I have attended a meeting in regard to EFD becoming part of the Eastern Area Rapid Intervention Team. This is a team of firefighters who rescue other firefighters. This group is in its infant stage and by all indications will grow rapidly. Teams of this nature are in place in the South and North Hills already. Seeing that we are members of the East Boroughs Fire Association, this will be yet another branch of the firefighters helping firefighters in the east. The bottom line is if you're looking for adventure, now is the time to join the department.

We Love a Parade

I know that the snow is still flying but I want to be the first to bring up Community Day. If you remember, last year the Edgewood Club had a float in the parade. Once again, I want to ask clubs and organizations in town to start thinking about the Community Day Parade and enter a float. Let's show Pasadena how to throw a parade.

By Dave Andrews Fire Chief



Police Report

New Vehicle

The police department will have a new Ford Explorer police vehicle on the road by the time this newsletter hits the stands. The vehicle will be outfitted with all new emergency equipment and have 4-wheel drive capability. This will make sure that we can get around the borough in even the worst weather.





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Volunteers are needed for the Crime Watch Program for 2005. The first meeting will be held sometime in early May. For more information, contact Officer Livingston at (412) 242-9990. By volunteering, you help make Edgewood a safer community in which to live.

Child ID Program

On Friday February 4, the Western Pennsylvania Crime Prevention Association along with the Edgewood Crime Prevention Unit hosted the CHIPS Identification Program for kids at the Edgewood Primary. More than 150 children in kindergarten and first grades participated. A special thank you goes out to Deputy Mark Miksic, parent volunteers Lisa Donatelli and Elena Runco, and Edgewood Primary Principal Jean McAteer for all their help and support. We hope to make this an annual event at the school.

Fingerprints Available

The Edgewood Police Department would like to make our residents aware that we are able to do fingerprinting for anyone who needs a security clearance form done. You do not have to call ahead for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome. There will be a nominal cost of \$15 and if the fingerprints are rejected for any reason, a new set will be taken for free.

January Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,633 calls for service in January 2005. There were 491 incidents reported, 168 complaints received and a total of 17 personal injury and property damage accidents investigated, of which four resulted in personal injury.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 24 part I crimes committed in the borough, two were burglary, 12 were shoplifting, and eight were other crimes.

There were 13 adult and five juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 25 traffic citations, six parking citations and 401 parking tags. Five arrests for driving under the influence were

Police Tip of the Month

Never leave your car running to run into your home or a business. That two minutes is all a car thief needs to jump in and drive away with your vehicle. There have been two vehicles stolen in the past month in neighboring communities by people doing just this. Please do not make it easy for a car thief. Always turn off your car and take the keys with you.

made. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to 27 false alarm calls, took 319 reports, responded to 23 public nuisance complaints, wrote six non-traffic citations and responded to 15 calls for medical assistance.

By Paul Wood Chief of Police

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Elected Officials Address Citizens at Annual Town Meeting

At the annual town meeting sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation, Edgewood Mayor Jean Davin presented information from the Edgewood Police Department's 2004 annual report, prepared by Police Chief Paul L. Wood.

Mayor Davin announced that a new full-time officer will be hired by May, bringing the full-time force up to 10.

She said that while the total number of crimes in 2004 was up, the number of Part I crimes, the more serious crimes such as homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft, was down from 338 in 2003 to 328 in 2004.

Mayor Davin also discussed the increase in training for Edgewood police officers. "We get our officers as much training as possible," she said. "Some of the training programs they attend are mandated, but many are not."

She said that Chief Wood will be holding a third annual public safety



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town meeting later this year. A second citizen's police academy is starting early this month, and enrollment is increased over the first academy.

Complete copies of the chief's report are available at the borough building.

Borough Council President Mitchell Brourman also presented a report at the town meeting, reporting on progress the council made in 2004 and plans for 2005.

Brourman said that the council is especially optimistic because key staff positions are filled. Staff turnovers have been a challenge in the past, he said.

He also pointed to the renegotiated police and garbage contracts, improved health care, and the parking ordinance as achievements of the past year. "A lot of what we spoke about at last year's meeting actually got done," he said. "That's reason to be even more optimistic this year."

Plans for 2005 include continuing to pave the borough parking lots, finishing the exterior work on Koenig Field House, and working on sewer and other infrastructure improvements.

In spite of an increase in the cost of refuse collection, borough taxes remain at 6.661 mils.

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Brourman, a 15-year resident of the borough, described his role on council: "I'm just your neighbor," he said. "I'm concerned about all the same things you're concerned about." He encouraged residents to consider running for council, as several seats will be open in 2006.

He also praised those who have worked as volunteers for the good of the community. "This is a special place to live," he said, "largely due to the familiar faces, the people who volunteer for things. We're well served by a stable corps of great volunteers who serve on boards, committees, commissions, and the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department."

Brourman also discussed the success of the borough's recycling program. The borough receives a rebate from the state based on the weight of the recyclables collected. Because of this income, the borough is planning to start a newspaper and telephone book recycling program later this year.

He also said that the council is optimistic about the future of Edgewood Towne Centre. The center is under new ownership, and a Busy Beaver store is expected to open April 1.

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Trees and Trash Talking: Foundation Addresses **Borough Beautification**

When the speeches were over and the cookies reduced to crumbs, the annual Edgewood town meeting was opened to public discussion of a topic on everyone's mind: the beautification of Edgewood.

The Edgewood Foundation has received several donations earmarked specifically for beautification projects in the neighborhood. Currently, the Foundation plans to coordinate with the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, the borough, the Edgewood Garden Club, and volunteers to form a joint task force to evaluate the best use of these funds.

Marijke Hecht of the Nine Mile Run group recommended that the borough form a shade tree committee to take a census of the borough trees and evaluate current and future needs.

The Foundation and Garden Club will once again be teaming up with the borough to participate in the Great Pennsylvania Clean-up on Saturday, April 23. Check the April newsletter for more information on how to help in this

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neighborhood clean-up effort. The statewide effort is in honor of Earth Day.

This year's garden walk will be sponsored bv the Edgewood Foundation. Katherine Luckett and Amy Andrews will chair the event.

Citizens with ideas for the beautification of the borough or who wish to volunteer to help with beautification projects should contact Foundation, either through the website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org, or by calling Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345. The Foundation is actively seeking volunteers for these projects.

Marijke Hecht of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association has volunteered to work with the Foundation to help in beautification efforts. The NMRWA is a







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The group is sponsoring a restoration tour through the nine Mile Run Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Site on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Participants should wear sturdy shoes or boots for the hike, and meet in the association office parking lot at 1400 South Braddock Avenue.

The association is also sponsoring rain barrel workshops on Saturday, March 12; Monday march 14; and Thursday, March 17. For more information, visit the NMRWA website at www.ninemilerun.org, e-mail info@ ninmilerun.org, or call (412) 371-8779.

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Clean out your attics and bring your unwanted treasures in good condition down to the church (School Street door), or call Joy Goethert for pickup. No clothes, tires or large furniture, please.

If anyone in the community would like to help sort or set up the week before the sale, we'd love to have your help. Call Joy at (412) 731-1640, or the church at (412) 241-4613.

Aerobics Class

FPCE offers an aerobics class every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating, just show up to get information, or call the office.

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the main portion of a concert performed by the Westminster College Concert Choir as part of FPCE's community concert series. The group will be featured on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Music Director Shaun Cloonan at the church, (412) 241-4613, ext. 105, or e-mail to music@fpcedgewood.org.

Holy Hunks!

Each month, the women of FPCE gather at a different member's home for food, fellowship, and lively discussion about the holy hunks, those patriarchs with pizzazz. The hunk-of-the month for March is David, and the meeting will take place on March 20 at 3 p.m. Call the church office at (412) 241-4613 for location. Join the ladies to learn about this month's hunk: David.

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Lenten and Holy Week Activities

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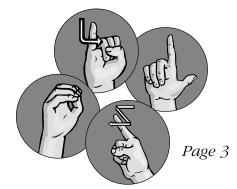
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