

Library All-Day Arts and Crafts Event Provides Easy Holiday Shopping

A new holiday tradition provides Edgewoodians and their friends an opportunity to buy handcrafted items for holiday gift giving and benefit the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library at the same time.

The Edgewood Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in the ballroom and living room of the Edgewood Club on Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This is the second year for this fair that is slated to become an annual event. Organizers promise a bigger and better sale this year. As the newsletter goes to press, local artists



LOOK MA, NO FINGERS: Fleece Xittens by Amber Coppings will be among the gift items available at the library arts and crafts fair.

have signed up to sell their pottery, photographs, small paintings, jewelry, mosaics, stationery and other affordable, one-of-a-kind items.

The sale offers the opportunity to support local artists and our own C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, all while avoiding the holiday hysteria at the mall. Add free refreshments, including hot beverages and cookies from Sweetie Sweetie Bakery in Regent Square, and you have a relaxed and enjoyable holiday shopping experience.

In addition to the items for sale, there will be several items raffled off. These pieces, donated by the craftspersons participating in the sale, will be on display in the library December 2-9. The raffle benefits the library as well.

According to Librarian Sally Bogie, the library will become increasingly dependent upon fund raising efforts in the community such as this. The budget for next year is going to be even tighter than usual because of the increase in the minimum wage and the anticipated increase in energy costs. Your support of library events makes it possible for the library to continue their programming for children, teens, and adults.



LOUIS COMFORT THOMAS?: Arts and Crafts Fair organizer Elizabeth Thomas made this stained glass lamp for sale at the library fundraiser. She will also sell handmade jewelry.

For more information on the Edgewood Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, contact organizer Elizabeth Thomas at (412) 243-4760, or call the library at (412) 731-0909.



OUR BABY: The new fire truck is being assembled, as our fire company cleans house to make room for it. This is the completed cab ready to be painted. For more fire news, see page 7.

Free Computer Recycling Offered

ComPreCycle is offering a free computer recycling event this month. You can drop off your old computers, monitors, printers and peripherals, plus register to win a refurbished laptop.

Discarded electronics that end up in landfills can release dangerous toxins over time that contaminate the environment. This is a great opportunity to do some "fall cleaning" and find a safe way to dispose of outdated computer equipment.

The recycling events will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the north Park swimming pool parking lot, and Sunday, November 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the South Park skating rink parking lot.

If those times or locations are inconvenient, you can also make an appointment at ComPreCycle's Point Breeze warehouse. This offer is good for the month of November only. For more information, call ComPreCycle at (412) 225-5509 or (412) 403-8280.



Library

Post Card Program

Nancy Cheskey from the U.S. Postal Service will be at the library on Tuesday, November at 11 a.m. to present a program on Premium Post Cards, which is a new service of the post office. Individuals can create their own personalized post cards on the computer and then mail them. There will be hands-on time in the class to design the cards. All materials will be provided and there is no charge. Learn this new skill just in time for the holidays. Register for the class by calling the library at (412) 731-0909.

Holiday Hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 22 and be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Regular hours resume on Friday.



Parent/Child Workshop

Family Place Parent/Child workshop returns for parents and children up to three years of age. Mondays, at 10:30 a.m.-12 noon is the place to be. The five-week workshop begins Monday, November 6 and runs through December 4. You can register today.

Children's Book Week

Get a jumpstart on National Children's Book Week by playing book bingo on Saturday, November 11 at 1 p.m. Come win some great books by knowing some great books. Children's Book Week is November 13-19. Register by November 10.

Internet Safety

A workshop for parents and children will be offered on Saturday, November 18 at 1:30 p.m. Officer Quinn of the Edgewood Police Department will pre-



sent this program for parents who want to learn more about My Space and other online chat rooms. This workshop will benefit children seven years old and up with a parent.

Toddler Time

On Saturday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time returns with the theme, "Meet my family." As your relatives gather around for Thanksgiving, won't you gather your toddler for a wonderful time at the library. Toddler time is for children ages two through five with a parent. Toddlers will hear stories, sing songs, do rhymes and a small art project. Reserve your spot before Wednesday, November 22.

Tree Trimming Time

Come to the library on Tuesday, November 28 from 6-7 p.m. for light-up night crafts. Come make decorations for the Edgewood Borough's Holiday Tree.

Summer Reading Club Update

Meredith Klabnik and Andrew Klabnik were among the Edgewood children who completed the Summer Reading Club program. Their names were inadvertently omitted from last month's newsletter. Congratulations and apologies to Meredith and Andrew.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill Librarians



(412) 371-6145



Commitment to Community

WPSD

As part of the school's ongoing strategic plan, WPSD convened the initial meeting of the Commitment to Community Committee on October 12. The purpose of the meeting was to begin a dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing our neighborhood. Wilkinsburg Mayor John Thompson and Edgewood Mayor Jean Davin were among the 15 participants who began to discuss community revitalization efforts that affect WPSD and the two communities. Superintendent Don Rhoten characterized these efforts as a win-win situation for all parties. Also attending the meeting were representatives from the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living, Jane Holmes Residence, Senator Jay Costa's office, and WPSD board members. The group will meet again in November.

Children's Center Grand Opening

The sun was shining on September 29 for the grand opening of the new Children's Center. More than 100 people were in attendance, including parents, donors, vendors, alumni and friends.

The new Center can accommodate up to 35 children from three to six years of age. Each of the four classrooms is divided into learning centers and gives the teacher the flexibility to rearrange the space in order to meet the learning needs of each age group. Computers, SMARTBoards, Internet access and wireless technology are available in

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each classroom and teacher work area.

The 4,500 square foot playroom children's computer lab, staff workroom and conference areas are located one level down from the classrooms. Outside of the playroom is the Quiet Garden where teachers and children can explore and learn about the outdoor world. The Hearst Foundations Playground contains interactive learning/play areas, soft surface base and walks. Two-thirds of the playground is accessible by wheelchair. This Children's Center is everything teachers and children could want in our new preschool.

If you'd like a tour of the new children's Center or would like to visit any of the other programs offered by WPSD, please call Vicki Cherney at (412) 244-4207.



Seeking Input

This autumn has been an eventful one for the members of Edgewood Environment. Recently, we have heard from speakers who have shared information with us about Edgewood's recycling and trash management policies as well as what other area communities are doing to encourage environmental awareness. As our agenda for the year begins to take shape, we would like to encourage any interested Edgewood residents to sign up and be a part of our efforts. We would love to hear your ideas.

Edgewood Environment is a group of Edgewood residents who are work-



ing on environmental issues. If you would like to be involved, please feel free to attend our next meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 28 at 415 Locust Street.

You can also sign up at http://groups. google.com/groups/Edgewoodenviron ment, or send an e-mail to Edgewood environment@googlegroups.com and connect with us as we strive to raise environmental awareness in Edgewood.



Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

The Boy Scout Troop 23 Annual Christmas Tree Sale will start Sunday, November 26 and run through Thursday, December 21 at Koenig Field in Edgewood.

This is the troop's biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. All proceeds help to support a variety of youth leadership and development programs sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 23. Choose from a selection of great Christmas trees including White Pine, Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Frazier Fir, Blue Spruce, and more. Supplies are limited so be sure to shop early.

- Sale times are:
- Thursdays 5-9 p.m.
- Fridays 5-9 p.m.
- Saturdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sundays 1-9 p.m.



Edgewood Foundation

Light Up Night

Don't forget that we are just around the corner from that exciting time of year when Santa joins us in Edgewood to kick off the celebration of Christmas. Join the Edgewood Foundation and all of the other local groups when we meet Santa as he arrives on Friday, December 1 via Fire truck at Memorial Park to light the tree and then ride on to the Edgewood Club for that ever exciting meeting with Santa himself. It's always a treat to watch the kids sit on Santa's lap and tell him exactly want they want for Christmas. Don't miss out on this opportunity. To help or volunteer contact us at info@edgewood foundation.org or call Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345.

Progressive Dinner

Milestones

Child Care Center

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ages 2 yrs to 5 yrs

yet joined in this annual event and who are asking themselves, just what is a progressive dinner?, the Edgewood Foundation has done your research. According to www.progressivedinners. com, "A Progressive Dinner is where the individual courses of a dinner party are held at different locations and hosted by different people with different guests. Everyone then meets for coffee and a drinks party at a final location."

The Foundation is doing the planning, too, but beware: the process starts early for this midwinter tradition, so mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11, 2007 and get those RSVP forms (on this page) in early.

All proceeds benefit the Edgewood Foundation, which provides funds for many community programs, including beautification of Edgewood, the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, and the annual town meeting.

Advance planning is the key to this event, so the earlier you return your RSVP, the more likely you are to get your first choice of activity - either

hosting a course or providing food or beverage.

Once again, there will be a recipe contest for both chicken and vegetarian entrees. The recipe must be an elegant one-dish, easily reheatable entrée. Please include your recipe with your RSVP. Winners receive dinner for two at this year's event.

The evening promises good food, good fun, and good people coming together for a great fundraiser.

Newcomers' Reception

Thanks to everyone who joined the Edgewood Foundation for the annual "welcome to the community" event for new Edgewoodians. This year's reception was held at the home of Nikki and Chad Augustine, and the Foundation thanks them for their hospitality as well.

Elected officials and leaders of community organizations introduced our new neighbors to the groups and events that make Edgewood a special place to live.



Edgewood Progressive Dinner-Saturday, February 10, 2007 \$25 per person

Address:

Guest Names:	
Phone:	

Laura Minnock

E-mail:

Amount Enclosed?

[] Salad and bread for 12.

[] Make a dessert for 25-50. [] Make an appetizer for 30.

Entrée Choice: Chicken Vegetarian (Circle one choice per couple.)

Please number the order of your preferences for the evening. Each couple is assigned only one job. Every effort is made to give you your first choice, however, the closer it is to the month of the dinner the harder that becomes. RSVP early. Recipes are given to entrée makers for the dinner. Appetizers, salad and dessert recipes are your choice.

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[] Host a dinner for 10-12 and 2 bottles of wine.

[] Make an entrée for 12.

(Availability of vegetarian entrée will depend upon number of responses.)

Return this form with checks payable to the Edgewood Foundation, c/o Amy Hooks, 327 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, before January 20, 2007.



Garden Club

Annual Greens Sale

If you need a little Christmas, right this very minute, you'll find it at the Annual Edgewood Garden Club Greens Sale, but not until Wednesday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. This is one of the Garden Club's major fundraising events, the proceeds of which support such programs as the restoration of the slate plaza at Edgewood Memorial Park or the beautification projects at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and the Edgewood Club.

Various sizes of evergreen wreaths, pine roping, swags, or mixed greens are available for pre-order (see enclosed order form) or for purchase the day of the event, for all of your holiday decorating needs. Likewise, cymbidium orchids and red or white poinsettias will also be for sale to enhance your foyer, mantelpiece, or holiday table.

In addition, this year's fundraiser will feature a wonderful variety of vendors whose products will fulfill all of your "wish list" needs as well: everything from holiday cards, candles, jewelry, and antiques to fine clothing and accessories. Beverages and goodies will also be available to eat in or to take home. So, make those lists and check them

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twice for all of your Greens and Things needs. Pre-orders for greens must be placed by Saturday, November 18 for the best selection. For more information consult the pre-order form enclosed or contact Chairperson Suzan Lami at (412) 371-3602.



Postcard Display

There will be a new exhibit in the C. C. Mellor-Edgewood Historical Society memorabilia cases on the second floor. The exhibit will consist of vintage post cards of Westinghouse Electric Company in East Pittsburgh. This company employed many people in Edgewood. Until the commuter lines were disbanded many traveled by train to downtown Pittsburgh or the Westinghouse Valley. Part of the exhibit will include advertising. You will be amazed at the consumer products that made Westinghouse famous (You can be sure...) In more recent times Westinghouse has been associated with nuclear power.

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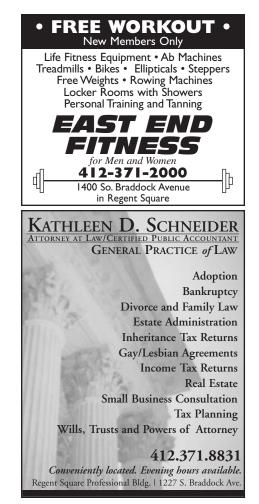
There are tentative plans for late November or early December to have a speaker present a program on Braddock Road. When this is in place flyers be posted on the library bulletin board.



Instruments Wanted

The Woodland Hills School District music department, along with the Band Parents Organization, is in need of gently used band instruments, including flutes, clarinets, trombones, saxophones and stringed instruments. These donated instruments are used as starter instruments for elementary students from families in financial need. These students will be encouraged to play an instrument without incurring the cost of renting one.

For more information or to arrange a drop-off time, call (412) 244-1100, ext. 5154.



Borough Directory

Borough Office Information

Borough Manager

Kurt Ferguson(412) 242-4824 E-mail: <u>manager@edgewoodboro.com</u>

Code Enforcement

Tax Office

Wage Taxes

Recreation Office

Amber Barrante	(412) 243-9790
E-mail: recreation	n@edgewoodboro.com

Police and Fire

Police Chief

Paul Wood(412) 242-4824, ext. 612 Crime Watch(412) 242-4824, ext. 700 E-mail: <u>policechief@edgewoodboro.com</u>

Fire Chief

Overnight Vehicle Call-ins

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. (412) 242-4824 Monday–Friday after 5 p.m. and weekends (412) 242-9994

Garbage Collection

Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.(800) 458-4090

Recycling Collection

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Public Safety Town Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at our annual town meeting on Friday, November 17 at The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Auditorium. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. with a discussion of the police department's accomplishments this past year, and leads into what we would like to accomplish in the future. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the meeting. Refreshments will also be provided. We hope that you can attend.

Non-emergency Phone Number

Our emergency services personnel that answer the phones at our station have still been receiving quite a few calls for police assistance on our nonemergency number of (412) 242-9994. The borough offices have also been receiving these calls on (412) 242-4824. The calls they have received have not been serious in nature, such as parking complaints, suspicious activity, or minor thefts.

However, if you require police assistance, even for things that are not serious in nature, vou must dial 911. If you call the non-emergency number, the personnel that answer the phone will typically instruct you to dial 911, anyway, since they do not dispatch the police. Our non-emergency line is reserved for things like parking call ins, questions about parking tickets, any type of follow up with an officer about a report that has already been taken, questions about obtaining a police report, and things of this nature. We just wanted to take a few minutes to clear up any confusion there may still be since our switch to County 911.

Resignation

We sadly announce the resignation of Officer Randall Olsen from the Edgewood Police Department. Officer Olsen has been employed with our bor-



Police Tip of the Month

Always make sure that your house numbers are displayed so that they can be easily read from the street. Make sure they are clear of debris like leaves or snow. In the event of an emergency at your home, an easily visible address can save first responders valuable time.

ough for about a year, and is currently a full-time officer. He resigned in October to pursue another full-time job in a related field. We would like to thank Officer Olsen for his dedication throughout his employment. Best of luck to him in all his future endeavors.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,519 calls for service in September 2006. There were 482 incidents reported, 236 complaints received and eight accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and seven of which resulted in property damage.

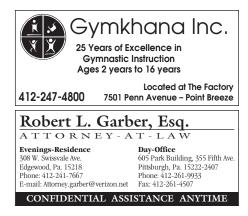
Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 32 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there was one robbery, one motor vehicle theft, one burglary, 16 shoplifting incidents and 11 other crimes.

There were 15 adult and no juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 64 traffic citations, 252 parking citations and made one arrest for driving under the influence was made. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and two narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 15 false alarm calls, took 181 reports, responded to 18 public nuisance complaints, wrote one non-traffic citation and responded to 16 calls for medical assistance.

> *By Paul Wood Chief of Police*





Light-up Night

Do you believe only one more month left in this year - where does the time go? For the EVFD it is time to prepare for the arrival of Santa to light the on light-up night, Friday, tree December 1. We are still in negotiations with Santa to get him to return for his annual ride around town and stop at the station on December 9. The deal is just about sewed up. We did promise him some delicious cookies from Sweetie Sweetie Bakery. Stay tuned to for further updates.

Luminaria

We will also be selling luminary this year, I know it's November but we like to plan ahead. Watch the December newsletter for block captains and sale dates.

High Expectations

Just as any parents do, we are



ON SOUTH BRADDOCK AVENUE IN REGENT SQUARE

preparing the new baby's room - well, something like that. With the due date of December 14 for Rescue 137, we are cleaning and rearranging to make a nice home. Although it doesn't look much like a truck from our early pictures of the cab and body, we know it soon will. We're proud to have it featured on page one of this newsletter.

Safety Tip

Now that we are all huddling in the house now is a good time to invest in a carbon monoxide detector, if you don't already have one. They should be placed outside all sleeping areas.

In Edgewood we have had many kamikaze squirrels that slide into a hot water heater vent pipe. The carbon monoxide kills the squirrel, leaving a blocked flue. The end result is that you have carbon monoxide coming into your house and the odor of something burning. Place guards on your flue pipes and invest in the CO detectors.

> By Dave Andrews Fire Chief



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Tax Time

Borough Taxes

Edgewood Borough real estate taxes are now due at penalty. I will be sending out reminders to residents who have not paid their bills yet. Please remember, you are responsible for paying your bill on time whether you got it, didn't get it, or misplaced it. These taxes are always sent out the first week of April.

Woodland Hills

The Woodland Hills school tax is now due at penalty also, unless you are paying in installments. The second installment is due by November 30. My office hours will be changing from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning the first of December until the last week of March. By Maureen Smith

Tax Collector





Youth Basketball

Registration forms are now available for Edgewood's Youth Basketball Program. These forms can be found at the Edgewood Borough Building, CC Mellor Memorial Library, and on the Edgewood website.

The age groups range from 7-15 years of age with the following divisions: 7-8 year olds, 9-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds and 13-15 year olds. The Edgewood Basketball Program has been, and will continue to be, a co-ed league. Each team will practice once a week and games for the entire league are held on Saturdays. This program is run entirely by the program director of Edgewood Borough, the Recreation Board of Edgewood Borough, staff of the Department of Recreation and volunteers. As always, we are looking for coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and bookkeepers for all programs. Parents and families can help in other ways as well. Anyone interested in donating time or sponsoring the program please call Amber Barrante, Program Director, at (412) 243-9790 or recreation@edgewoodboro.com.

Adult Basketball

Men's basketball meets Thursday nights during the Edgewood basketball season. For more information please contact Amber Barrante at (412) 243-9790. Registration forms can be found in the Edgewood Borough Building and the Edgewood website.

Edgewood Ice Skate

Join Edgewood Recreation as we break the ice with our fourth "Edgewood Recreation on Ice." On Monday, December 11, Edgewood Recreation will rent the Schenley Park ice rink for the evening. We are looking for people of all ages to attend this event. The night is designed for everyone, even if vou don't Ice skate. From 7-9 p.m., the rink will be available for Edgewood Recreation participants, friends and family. Come and make new acquaintances or rekindle old ones, strap on those old dusty skates or simply come down to enjoy the food.

Registration forms can be found at the Edgewood Borough Building, CC Mellor Library, and the Edgewood Website. Edgewood residents pay \$2 for early sign up, or \$3 at the door (plus skate rental). Non-Edgewood residents pay \$3 for early or \$4 at the door (plus skate rental).

It would be appreciated if everyone would bring a snack or drink (optional). Come and enjoy the fun.

Soccer

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents that volunteered their time this year during the Edgewood Soccer Program. would not have been able to accomplish so much without the solid support of our volunteer network. Also a special thanks to each of our soccer participants for making this a memorable year. See you next year on the field!

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By Amber Barrante Recreation Director

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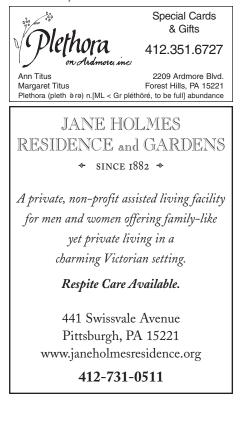
Edgewood Citizen Honored

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, honored Doris D. Jones by presenting her with the first certificate of "Friend of the Society" at a reception held in their national headquarters in North Caroline this spring.

Doris started her chemistry career as a spectroscopic at Weirton Steel. After her marriage, she moved to the University of California at Berkeley, where she worked in the chemical department and was finally accepted on the Manhattan Project and in the radiation lab. She served as the first female in the Heal Physics Department.

The Joneses returned to West Virginia, where Doris worked at the coal research lab at WVU and continued her studies. When they moved to Pittsburgh, Doris worked in the Carnegie Tech chemistry department. She also set up a grant-funded isotope lab at West Penn Hospital and worked for Pittsburgh Coke and Chemical.

Doris is well known in the Edgewood community, where she has served as president of the Garden Club and the Historical Society. She is a Master Flower Show and Landscape Design Judge. She has been active in efforts to restore the Doughboy statue and Memorial Park, and is a recipient of the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service.



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