

EDGEWOOD

FEBRUARY 2007

Limpert Award Highlight of Annual Town Meeting

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on February 15 for the annual Town Meeting sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation and held at the Edgewood Club. This is a great opportunity to hear what has been referred to as State of the Borough addresses by our mayor, borough council president and other community leaders.

New Format

This year there will be a more informal approach to the meeting. It will start with a welcome by the Edgewood Foundation and follow with introductions of our community leaders and organizations. There will be table space for pamphlets and brochures and ample time to have informal discussions about these organizations. There will not be individual speeches by organizations, but instead, there will be introductions for each organization and then break off into small groups for discussions.

Limpert Award

The finale of the evening will be the presentation of the William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award. This prestigious award is made annually, and many Edgewood volunteers have been honored.

Bill Limpert was the founding president of the Edgewood Foundation and set a high standard for community service in the borough. He served as a council member, school board member, and several community boards, including the Recreation Board, the Library Board, and the Woodland Hills Advisory Board. The William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award was created in his honor, and the first award was given to him posthumously.

Award History

The 1992 awardee was John B. Major, who served as council member, mayor, vestryman at his church, and on the library board. Following closely the example set for us all, Major said

“William Limpert gave a new meaning to ‘community volunteer’: he was always there and made it fun to work with him.”

Angelina Sammarone was the third recipient. She worked extensively for the Civic Association, where she was instrumental in producing the Edgewood Directory; Meals on Wheels; Girl Scouts; and Crime Watch, where she helped organize the calling tree and served as police contact for the distribution of messages.

Robert Fuchs received the award in 1994. He coached Little League, baseball, basketball and softball; served on the board of the Edgewood Club; served on the committee for the Edgewood Centennial, which grew into Community Day. He served on the committee for the first senior dinner, and acted as Santa for the Foundation.

Robert P. Gibson was the 1995 awardee, receiving the honor posthumously. He was a charter member of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, served two terms on Borough Council, where he worked to persuade 1,128 residents to plant new trees in their front yards.

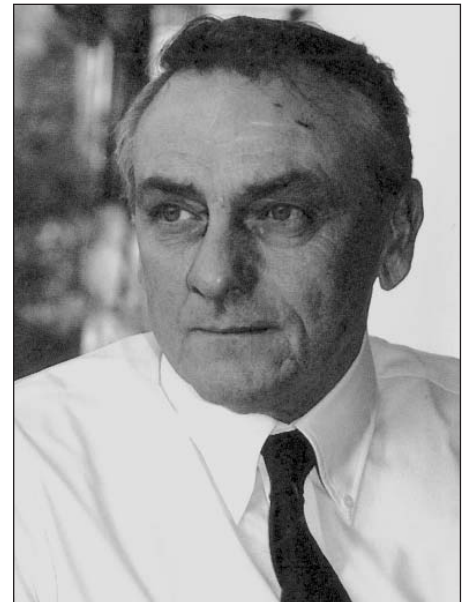
Nevin Rodes was honored in 1996 for his involvement with the boards of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, Edgewood Historic Society, Edgewood Civic Association and Regent Square Civic Association.

Susan Bailey followed, with strong associations with the Civic Association and the Crime Watch.

Doris Jones, president of the Edgewood Garden Club and the Historical Society, received the award in 1998.

Brian Nogrady, champion of the effort to bring light rail transit to the Eastern suburbs, and a Main Line Park project along the Martin Luther King, Jr. Busway, was the 1999 recipient.

Long-time Edgewoodian Jay Bush received the Limpert award in 2000. He has served on the boards of the Edgewood Club, the library, and the



“ONE PERSON CAN MOTIVATE A LOT OF PEOPLE”: Bill Limpert set high standards for community service in the Borough of Edgewood.

Edgewood Foundation. He was the chairman of the Centennial Celebration in 1988, and spent 12 years on Borough Council. He mentioned previous recipients John B. Major and Bill Limpert as major influences on his life in Edgewood.

Founding director of the Edgewood 5K Dick Monheim won the race for the award in 2001. Monheim also served as a baseball and basketball coach, but the race was his biggest claim to fame. Of Bill Limpert, Monheim said, “There was never anyone in the borough, or never will be anyone, who gave more.” Monheim also commented on the fact that the race brought people into Edgewood who saw its beauty (and its hills) for the first time.

The family name came up again in 2002, when Mary Limpert won the award founded in honor of her husband.

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Library

Shadow a Librarian

In the spirit of Ground Hog's Day, the library is offering adults a chance to shadow a librarian for a few hours; this is your opportunity for a behind the desk look at what happens in the library. You can work with the children's library staff as they prepare and present programs, help staff as they sort through the daily delivery of books from other libraries, process new books for the shelves, assist in the adult department with the daily routine, or work with the staff at the Forest Hills Branch.

The days available for shadowing are Thursday, February 22 and Saturday, February 24 and the shifts will be for two hours. The selection for "Shadowing" will be done by drawing. Entry forms are available at all circulation desks, and the winners will be drawn on Saturday, February 17.

Computer Classes

The following computer classes for adults are scheduled:

- E-mail; Tuesday, February 6; 11 a.m.
- Basic Internet Searching; Tuesday, February 13; 11 a.m.
- Basic Microsoft Word; Tuesday, February 27; 6 p.m.

These one-time, one-hour sessions are free. To register call the library at (412) 731-0909.

Gifts

The library has received the following gifts:

- Memorial books will be added to the collection for Leslie Funkhauser, Dorothy Weaver Winslow, Jacob Lydon, and Larry T. Johnson, Sr.
- Honor books will be added for Dr. Eugene Delserone, Mary Beth Rucki, Chris Riga, Dr. Jen Santoriello, Betsy McClure Wirant, and Barbara and Dick Hays.

Book Clubs

Join the Drop Dead Book Club on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. to discuss Tony Hillerman's *A Thief of Time*. Copies of the book are available for checkout in the children's room.

The PALS Book Club for Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library. The group will discuss *Runaway Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Copies of the book are available at both the libraries in Edgewood and Forest Hills.

Income Taxes

VITA volunteers Marian Hershman and Hugh Terry will be back again this year to prepare income taxes for both federal and state tax returns for senior citizens and individuals with simple tax returns. This program is free but appointments are necessary and are limited. To make an appointment call the library at (412) 731-0909.

Book Sale

Mark your calendars for this year's book sale. The event will kick off with the Preview Party for Edgewood residents on Friday, March 23. The sale itself is expanded with the regular sale on Saturday, March 24 and bag sales on March 25, 26, and 27. The library is collecting books for the sale, but more importantly volunteers are needed to run the sale. Please call the library if you have time to give. More information on the sale will be in the March newsletter.

Pajama Time

Wear your jammies to evening story time on Wednesday, February 7 and Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Heart-y Crafts

Valentine's Day crafts will be the order of business for children six and up on Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m. Please register by Thursday, February 8.

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Blankey Time

My Blanket is the Toddler Time theme on Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is for children two years and up with a caregiver. Register by Thursday, February 15.

Chess Tournament

The 34th annual Public Library Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m. Edgewood chess players in Kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate. You can only participate in one library tournament, so choose ours. The junior division is children in Kindergarten through fourth grade. The senior division is children in fifth through eighth grades. The winner from each division will represent the library at the Finals tournament in March at the Carnegie Library of Homestead. You have all month to register for the tournament; however, no registrations will be taken the day of the tournament.

Shamrock Search

This March let the luck of the Irish be with you all month long. Find a specially marked shamrock in a book and redeem it at the children's desk for a prize. The contest runs March 1 through March 31.

Read Across America

Continue celebrating Read Across America Day on Saturday, March 3 at 11 a.m. March 2 is the actual celebration by the National Education Association, but at the library we think reading should be an everyday occurrence for children and adults alike.

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Come celebrate "the places readers go" by participating in our Seussical event. Children four and up are invited to participate. Register by Thursday, March 1.

Parent/Child Book Club

Children ages four through seven and a parent are invited to participate on Saturday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is *Lost*, a story in string by Paul Fleischman. Copies to borrow are available in the children's room.

All events are free and open to the public. Please adhere to registration requirements.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians

Garden Club

Tidings of Great Joy

The Edgewood Garden Club's Annual Greens and Christmas Things Sale, which was held on Wednesday, December 6 at the Edgewood Club, was a resounding success. Patrons of the event were not only able to "deck their halls" with a variety of fresh

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wreaths and seasonal greens but had the added pleasure of shopping for cards, jewelry, candies, and a variety of gifts. Thank you to everyone who generously supported this annual holiday event.

Coming Soon to a Garden Near You

It may be February, but Garden Club members are already hard at work laying plans so that we can offer the Edgewood Community a spring and summer of interesting and inspiring programs and events. We are looking for a variety of gardens and their gardeners to participate in our annual Garden Walk which is to be held on Sunday, July 15. If you or someone you know in the greater Edgewood or Regent Square area would enjoy sharing the natural beauty which you or they have so lovingly created, please call Suzan Lami at (412) 371-3602. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet fellow garden enthusiasts in your own backyard.

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Progressive Dinner

The annual Progressive Dinner is just around the corner and if you are reading this and just remembered that you haven't signed up yet you'll be glad to hear that you may be able to get in just under the wire by calling Amy Andrews at (412) 371-6145, and begging her to let you in. The dinner is Saturday, February 10 so you only have a few days to make arrangements. You can also go to the Foundation web site at edgewood-foundation.org and print out a form to take to Amy. Either way it's time to get moving. If all goes well we will have copies of the new Edgewood Directory for sale at the dinner. It's only \$10 and we'll take cash or a check. Sorry, no IOU's

Foundation Vacancy

It's a new year for the Foundation and we hope to start off on the right foot by picking a new candidate for the Foundation Board. Due to the recent resignation of board member Donna Lewis, we are seeking candidates for her replacement. We have

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talked with a few candidates and want to make sure that everyone has a chance to apply, so if you are interested in the position, please contact us at (412) 242-5345 or info@edgewood-foundation.org.

Edgewood Directory

The Foundation is putting the finishing touches on the Edgewood Directory and if all goes well they'll be for sale at not only the Progressive Dinner but also at the Koenig Fieldhouse on Thursday, February 22 and Thursday, March 1 from 5-8 p.m. The price is \$10 and we will accept cash or check.

Senior Brunch

Every year the Foundation sponsors a tribute to our graduating seniors and this year we would like to ask for your

help in identifying all those who are graduating. The date is set for May 20 at the Edgewood Club. The time will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

Also, if you would like to volunteer for this wonderful event please give us a call or send an e-mail our way.

Appeals

This year we are happy to report that the annual appeal letter has met with a great response and that we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you haven't responded yet please do so at your earliest convenience. Remember that along with your monetary contribution we are always happy to have you join our volunteer staff. For more information about volunteerism, please contact Niki Augustine at nikim715@hotmail.com.



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All you have to do is tell them about EVFD and the service we provide to the community. As an added bonus, the ten winning writers get a home "tech-over". This would be a home theater, wireless internet and gaming. Please go to www.firedog.com/acrossamerica/ for rules and make your entry on line, deadline for entries is March 31.

To sweeten the pot, should a winner come from Edgewood I'll throw in a ride on a fire truck, a fire department tee shirt and a chicken or rib dinner.

New Member

We have a new member in the department. Nick Sherer, the son of Bill Sherer who also is on the department, recently joined us. There is still room for more stop by on Thursday nights if you're interested in becoming a member.

Also, congratulations Doug Greer who was recently promoted to the position of Lieutenant.

Good News from GoodSearch

The fire department just got approval on goodsearch.com. Everyone who uses this search engine and types in Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department will earn money for the fire department.

GoodSearch is a Yahoo-powered search engine which gives half of its advertising revenue to the nonprofits and schools. Put GoodSearch in your bookmarks now to help the fire department.

CPR and First Aid Classes

Groups, business or individuals interested in CPR or First Aid classes may contact Steven Halle at (412) 731-1723. Classes range from two to four hours, and certifications are good for two years.

Fire Academy

With spring soon approaching, many of the members will be attending classes at the Allegheny County Fire Academy so that they may serve you better. I may have had writer's cramp signing the applications but it is well worth it.

Thanks to the Department

I would like to take this time to publicly thank all the members of the department for the tireless hours put into getting the new rescue in service, and then turning around a few days later to work on getting the engines' compartments reorganized. Also to our family members who tolerated the time we spent away from them.

By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief

Advertising Position in Transition

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Borough Manager

New Year; No New Tax

Happy New Year. Borough Council passed the 2007 budget without a tax increase and with several very important items for staff to pursue. We continue to focus on providing high quality services and focusing on the needs of the borough in a very planned fashion.

Paving will be done early in the year and will include the Oakview Avenue and Ivy Street parking lots as well as completing paving on Locust and Washington and beginning phased paving on Hawthorne and Edgewood Avenue.

Koenig Field Improvements

The borough has recently finished the installation of new fencing and backstops at Koenig Field and has also completed renovations to the Fieldhouse. The borough will be purchasing a new electronic scoreboard in the spring. The backstops and scoreboard will total over \$27,000 and have been paid for by grants that the borough has received over the past year.

We will continue to provide our recreation programs including our movie nights during the summer, which have been very successful

Tough Times for Local Governments

If you read the papers you know that local governments are facing very difficult times. The cost of many needed services seems to doubling every three to five years. This includes the price for garbage pickup, street paving, and other contracted services. Health insurance costs have risen another 20% in 2007.

I will continue to manage your tax dollars strictly. It is often the tendency with both business and government to expand. Well-intentioned employees are always looking to improve services, update equipment, and essentially spend money. We always will address those tendencies by asking at what cost and with what goal in mind? Saying no is often a very unpopular, but a very necessary thing to do.

We look forward to serving you in 2007.

*By Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager*

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Town Meeting

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We would like to extend thanks to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for allowing us to use their facilities and for providing delectable cookies and beverages to the attendees.

Changes in Alarm Fees

In 2007 false alarm fees will change slightly. Residents will still get one free false alarm per year. There will be a \$30 fee for the second false alarm, and for false alarms three through seven, there will be a \$50 fee for each occurrence. These rates have stayed the same as 2006. However, if a residence or business has eight or more false alarms per year, a \$100 fee per occurrence will be assessed. If prompt payment is not made, a 10% late fee will be added, or your information may be turned over to the magistrate for prosecution. Starting with January 1 each year, residents will continue to start at zero false alarms.



Police Tip of the Month

Never leave your car unattended while warming it up on those cold winter mornings. Car thieves can be out at any time of the day, and a car with an engine running may be just what they are looking for. Although getting into a warm car is nice, having a car to get into is even better.

Click It or Ticket Program

During the week of Thanksgiving, the Edgewood Police Department participated in Buckle Up Pennsylvania's Click It or Ticket Program for nighttime seat belt usage. Officers were out on patrol between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. to enforce the seatbelt law to motorists. During this enforcement time, officers conducted 43 traffic stops and issued 37 traffic citations. Citations issued were: ten seatbelt, two child safety, five suspended drivers, 17 moving violations, and two for other violations. There was also one warrant arrest made.

As a direct result of law enforcement's commitment, Pennsylvania's seat belt usage rate has reached an unprecedented high of 83.3 percent. That translates into dozens of lives saved and thousands of injuries prevented. Police are making a difference by enforcing our seatbelt laws. For more information, visit www.buckleuppa.org.

Resignation

Officer Jamie Dinkfelt resigned from our department in January. She worked as a part-time officer for

approximately a year and a half. She left our department to pursue a full-time position in a different field. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the department through her employment. We wish her luck in her new career.

Activity Report December 2006

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,340 calls for service in December 2006. There were 446 incidents reported, 268 complaints received and 13 accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and 12 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 31 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, 21 were shoplifting, one was aggravated assault and nine were other crimes. There were no robberies, burglaries or motor vehicle thefts.

There were eight adult and three juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 82 traffic citations, 105 parking citations and made two arrests for driving under the influence. There were six vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and no narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 25 false alarm calls, took 261 reports, responded to 26 public nuisance complaints, wrote two non-traffic citations and responded to 13 calls for medical assistance.


*By Paul C. Wood
Chief of Police*

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Tax Time

Borough Taxes

The 2006 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Taxes have been turned over to the delinquent tax collector. If you had an additional assessment bill which is still due at face, please get these to me by the due date to avoid additional penalties. Also, remember that the school tax and borough tax cannot be combined in one check. You must send two separate checks. The 2007 tax bills will be out the first of April.

School Tax Installments

If you are making installments for your Woodland Hills School taxes, your third installment is due by February 28. If you forgot to pay your second installment, you must add 10% to the total amount still due. If you have changed mortgage companies or

are now paying your own taxes, please call the Allegheny County Treasurer's office and my office so we have the proper mailing address. My phone number is (412) 731-0200, and my office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. until March 31, when I will return to my regular hours.

*By Maureen Smith
Tax Collector*



Recreation

Basketball

Basketball is slowly coming to an end. I would like to make a special thanks to Louis Boccio for volunteering his time to continue this treasured sport. I would also like to thank

Morgan Boccio, John Traggard, Cody Gill, JJ Bush, Dan Horner, Tyler McGugian, Brian McGugian and the other volunteers. Without you we could not run these programs. We have had a great season and look forward to next year.

Baseball

Spring is closing in and with that comes the beloved pastime of baseball. I am looking forward to a fun season filled with new friends and memories. Currently I am searching for volunteers who would like to coach or assistant coach. If you are interested please call or e-mail me. Registration forms can be located in the Edgewood Borough Building or the C.C. Mellor Library.

*By Amber Barranté
Recreation Director*

Limpert Awardees Show True Spirit of Edgewood

(Continued from page 1)

In what was probably the biggest conspiracy in the Foundation's history, the Limpert family – children and grandchildren – were smuggled into the back of the Edgewood Club while Mary cheerfully and obliviously greeted residents coming into the meeting. Although many of us believed no one would ever match Bill Limpert's record of service, Mary has matched and surpassed it.

Following that tough act was Louis Boccio, a perennial coach in soccer, basketball (see above), and baseball. Then recreation director James Morris said, "The volunteer efforts Louis has provided to the Edgewood recreation programs are unparalleled."

2004 saw "Druggie" owner Dick Lithgow honored. In her nomination, his daughter Susan wrote, "Perhaps

one of the most valuable things Dick has given to Edgewood has been the role of unofficial 'counselor' to Edgewood youth while he owned the Edgewood Pharmacy."

Tireless library board president Tom Herwerd received the award in 2005. Herwerd steered the board through the planning and completion of the library expansion and renovation.

Last but not least, Edgewood Club board member Laura Horner was last year's recipient. She also served on the board of the Edgewood Foundation and the Recreation Board.

To see who will join this august and inspirational group this year, please join your friends and neighbors at the town meeting on February 15.

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To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or marjostewart@comcast.net.
 FOOTNOTES:AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETG-Edgewood Toune Centre
 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KI-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJH-West Jr High School

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DID THE LIBRARIAN SEE HER SHADOW?

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