

EDGEWOOD

MARCH 2007

Foundation Town Meeting Faces Frigid February to Honor Kevin Laird

Perhaps we got a little carried away with the alliteration, but the night of the annual Town Meeting, sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation, was one of the coldest of the winter. In spite of the temperature, however, citizens turned out to hear from leaders in borough government and local organizations, as well as to enjoy visiting with neighbors and to honor Kevin Laird, this year's winner of the William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award.

Foundation President Vaughn Busch announced a new, simpler format for the evening, which resulted in a relaxed atmosphere, a shorter presentation, and more time to mingle with friends and neighbors.

Formal presentations were made by Mayor Jean Davin, who presented the Edgewood Police Department Annual Report, and Borough Council President Pat Schaefer, who reported on major council projects.

Mayor Davin reported that the police contract has been extended to 2010. Other highlights of the police report include receiving a Western Pennsylvania AAA Traffic Safety Platinum Award for having the best traffic safety programs; holding the third annual Public Safety Open House, and putting a work plan in place to become the best police agency of our size in the state in 2007. Copies of the annual report, which includes crime and accident statistics, are available at the borough building.

Pat Schaefer stressed the increasing atmosphere of cooperation among local communities on the part of council. One indicator of this is the number of inter-municipal grants being sought and received that enable us to share expertise, equipment and staff with our neighbors. "We have a very good working relationship with our sister communities," she said.

After the formal presentations, residents were free to talk with representatives from local organizations, including the Edgewood Club, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, Edgewood Garden Club, First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, and the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.

The highlight of the evening, as it is every year, was the presentation of the William D. Limpert Award. This year's winner was Kevin Laird, assistant fire chief.

*You must give some time to your fellow men.
Even if it's a little thing, do something for
others, something for which you get no pay
but the privilege of doing it.*

—Albert Schweitzer



ANNUAL HONOR: Edgewood Foundation President Vaughn Busch presents Kevin Laird with the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service.

Kevin was nominated for the award because of his leadership within the fire department at fire and accident scenes; at community activities such as the hayrides and the annual holiday children's party; and as treasurer for the department.

Kevin's nomination read "This man demonstrates courage under fire which may involve how best to advance a hose line into a burning structure, or stabilizing a vehicle at an accident, and of course extricating someone who is trapped within. He works full time 12-14 hours a day but still responds to fire and accident calls any given evening or weekend. He is so dedicated to our community he occasionally shows up at fire calls in a suit and tie, coming straight from work.

In his acceptance speech, Kevin reported feeling awe when reading about the former recipients of the award in the newsletter. "I take this award as a motivator," he said. "The examples of all the winners should inspire us all to do more in the community. The houses, streets and trees make Edgewood a beautiful community to look at, but it's the people who make Edgewood function as a beautiful community."

After the award, residents returned to their mingling, enjoying hot beverages and the warmth of each other's company. And, no doubt, trying to postpone the trip home in sub-freezing temperature.

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Library

Book Sale

The Library's Annual Book Sale will be bigger and better than ever. We have more books and audiovisual items for kids, teens and adults and we have longer hours.

The sale kicks off with the preview party for Edgewood residents and their guests on Friday, March 23 from 7-9 p.m. This event offers a chance to stroll leisurely through the aisles of books and make purchases. Something new this year is a chance to bid on mystery boxes of books which have been put together around a theme, such as Academy Awards or March Madness. There are plenty of refreshments and lots of friendly chatter. Make your reservations today. There is a \$15 per person charge.

The main sale runs Saturday, March 24 and Sunday March 25 with added hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Prices for items on these two days will be:

- Hardbacks \$2.00 each or 5 for \$8
- Paperbacks \$1 each or 5 for \$4
- DVDs \$3 each
- VHS tapes \$2
- Audio books \$2

A bag sale will be held on Monday, March 26 from 10-3 p.m. and Tuesday, March 27 from 3-8 p.m. Bags will be \$5 and the library will provide the bags.

There is a wide variety of materials

from children's books to large print books, best sellers to engineering books from the 1920s. Some materials come from the library's collection while others come from the libraries of private individuals.

The library is still looking for volunteers to man the sale and also welcomes items for the sale. The only items we will not take are Reader's Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias, and National Geographic Magazine.

Computer Classes

Computer classes for adults will be offered again in March. A class on Basic Internet searches is offered on Thursday, March 8 at 1 p.m. and repeats on Tuesday, March 13 at 4 p.m. A class on email will be offered on Tuesday, March 13 at 11am. These are beginning classes, which last for an hour and are one session. There is no charge, but registration is required 412-731-0909.

Book Groups

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the library. This month's mystery is *Garnetbill* by Denise Mina.

The Sunday Book Club will meet on March 25 at noon. This group is reading *Emotional Intelligence* by David Goleman.

Copies of the books are available for checkout at the circulation desks. Newcomers are welcome, and there is no advance registration.

Tax Tips

The library has plenty of copies of tax forms as well as instruction booklets for both federal and state forms. If you can't make it in to the library use our website for a short cut to tax forms www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Our VITA tax volunteers are booked up. An alternate site for tax preparation is Monroeville Mall; volunteers complete taxes on a first come first serve basis for senior citizens and individuals with uncomplicated returns. Also, if you have an adjusted gross income of less than \$52,000, you can utilize software on the IRS website to file your taxes. The program is called Free File and is available at www.irs.gov.

Filing of Rent Rebate forms is a service offered by both Representative Paul Costa and Senator Jay Costa's offices. Call their offices for details and hours.

Local income tax is filed at the Pennsylvania Municipal Service. The closest office is in Forest Hills at 128 Yost Boulevard. PAMS does have a website and forms can be obtained there.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Borough of Edgewood does not specifically endorse any community organization, but welcomes and publishes newsletter announcements from all community groups in the borough. The editor reserves the right to edit announcements for length, content, or to meet editorial policies of the borough. For information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

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Memorial Gift

The library has received a Memorial Gift in memory of Kenneth Klaus father of Alan Klaus.

Toddler Time

Let's go fly a kite is the theme for Toddler Time on Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is for children five and under with a caregiver. Reserve your spot by Thursday, March 15.

Baby Lap Sit

Baby Lap Sit starts Monday, March 19 and ends Monday, April 30, 2007. The event runs from 10:30-11 a.m. Babies up to 18 months of age and a caregiver are invited to participate in a very special time of bonding and sharing songs, rhymes and finger plays.

Explorers' Club

Children six and up are invited to participate in the Explorers club, which will meet for the first time on Saturday, March 24 at 12:30 p.m. Each month, a new subject will be the focus through stories, crafts and games. Take a fantastic trip back in time to Ancient Egypt for our first club meeting. Reserve your spot by Thursday, March 22.

Teen Poetry Forum

Youth 12 and up with skills can recite material from your favorite poet

or share your original material on Saturday, March 31 at 1 p.m.

Story Hour's Jammin'

Put your jammies on and come to family story time on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Fair

On Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon, representatives from preschools and daycares in the library's service area will meet at the Edgewood Club Ballroom with parents. Parents can find out information about the schools and daycare providers and the services available. Health care professionals will be on hand to answer questions as well and a fun activity for the children will be provided.

All events are free of charge. Please adhere to registration requirements.

*By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians*

ply a contribution of a culinary delight of your choosing, and a call to Dinner Chairperson Joanne Kennedy at (412) 242-5465 to reserve your place at the table. So, mark your calendars and plan to join us for both a delicious and an informative evening.



Backyard Gardener Outed

As the last newsletter mentioned, the Edgewood Garden Club continues to seek out "closeted" gardeners by providing them with a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet fellow "garden" enthusiasts in their own backyard. Come out to the world, or at least to your Edgewood neighbors, by participating in our annual Garden Walk which is to be held on Sunday, July 15. Free yourself by opening up your garden so that we and others like us may learn to grow from nature as you have. Proceeds from the Garden Walk help to fund Edgewood Garden Club programs throughout the community. Therefore, swing that garden gate wide open, and contact Garden Acquisition Chairperson Suzan Lami at (412) 371-3602. We'll be glad you did!



Garden Club

A Garden of Earthly Delights

The Edgewood Garden Club's Annual Covered-Dish Dinner Meeting will be held on Monday, April 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. The guest speaker for the evening will be Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter and KDKA Radio gardening show host Doug Oster. This yearly event is open to all Edgewood Garden Club members as well as their families and guests. The price of admission is sim-

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ESO

Love and Transformation

Edgewood Symphony Orchestra will present a concert of Love and Transformation on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rodef Shalom Levy Hall in Oakland. Anna Singer is joining the Edgewood Symphony as vocal soloist for Richard Strauss' Four Last Songs. The Edgewood Symphony will be also performing Romeo and Juliet by Sergei Prokofiev, Spring Tango by Astor Piazzolla and the popular Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students with valid ID, \$8 for seniors) and are available at the door. For more information, check out www.edgewoodsymphony.org or call (412) 473-8880.



Progressive Dinner

The Edgewood Foundation would like to thank all of the wonderful appetizer and dinner hosts who helped make this year's Progressive Dinner one of the best attended and also one in which we had a lot of fun. Compliments from attendees floated

through the Edgewood Club where the final dessert portion of the meal was held. "Great party", "Fabulous", "Wonderful" and many similar comments were heard throughout the evening while Edgewood residents dined and enjoyed appetizers and desserts at the party. Thanks go to Amy Andrews for organizing this event along with a host of others who also helped. Thanks also to the Edgewood Club for providing the Club for this dinner.

Directory

The Edgewood Foundation is currently working on getting out the next edition of the Edgewood Directory for sale. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact us at info@edgewoodfoundation.org or call Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345. Watch the April newsletter for information about when and where to purchase your copy. The price of the directory is \$10.

Senior Brunch

The next event sponsored by the Foundation will be the Senior Brunch, to be held May 20 at the Edgewood Club. This event celebrates the graduating seniors from the surrounding high schools. This is our opportunity to show our appreciation to the

younger members of our community in a way that the Foundation has become famous for. We could use your help. If you know of any graduating seniors that are currently residing in our borough, please make sure that we have their names. We are also seeking volunteers to help with the event. Contact the Foundation at info@edgewoodfoundation.org or call Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345.



WPSD

Sign Language Classes

American Sign Language classes for adults begin at the Western Pennsylvania School for the deaf this month. At WPSD, ASL classes go beyond sign language instruction. Class size is limited to ensure individual attention. Class instructors are deaf or hard-of-hearing, promoting not only signing skills but also a better understanding of Deaf Culture.

This eight-week course meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the WPSD campus. Registration opens March 7.

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Recreation

Edgewood Basketball

Edgewood Basketball is coming to end. What a year! I would like to thank each of the volunteer who stepped in to create a program that is geared toward the children; and also to Keystone Basketball Officials for stepping in to aid in officiating with the games. I would especially like to thank Louis Boccio for his dedication to the program. He has been a great asset to the Edgewood Recreation Department. I look forward to seeing what next year will bring.

Edgewood Baseball/Softball

Baseball is coming into sight. Registration forms are out. They can be obtained at the Borough Building and on line. We are currently in search of volunteers to help in this great American pastime. We are looking for this year to be one of the best yet.

Edgewood Easter Egg Hunt

As Easter is around the next turn the hunt is on. On April 7 at approximate-

ly 11 a.m. the eggs will be filled, hidden, and ready for each child to uncover. I am looking for volunteers to help fill and/or place eggs. You can call or e-mail me if this sounds like the job for you.

*By Amber Barrante
Recreation Director*

April 20-21 and April 26-28. Call the Box Office for ticketing information, (412) 244-1100, ext. 5154.

Kindergarten Registration

A special on-site Kindergarten Registration for the District will be held at Edgewood Primary on April 16 and 17. Call the school for times, (412) 731-2238.



School

Spring Musical Season

West Junior High School will be presenting the musical "The Wizard of Oz" on March 30 and 31 in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. There is also a Saturday matinee performance at 1:30 pm. Call the school, (41) 351-0698, for ticket information.

The high school is staging "Les Miserables" with performances on



On The Edge

New Augustine in Town

Jackson Porter Augustine is surely the most distinguished baby name we've reported lately. He was born on February 2 to Chad and Niki Augustine. He joins sister Jolene, 9; and brothers David, 6, and Duay, 2.

Share Your News

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Borough Manager

Recycling

I like to continue to provide details about the borough's recycling programs because I am continually asked about recycling totals. The borough qualifies for a recycling performance grant from the state, and the size of the grant is directly tied to the total tonnage collected in the community.

In April 2005, the borough began collecting recyclable paper, including junk mail, magazines, phone books, and newspapers. You can drop off these items in the roll-off containers located behind the borough building. A fourth roll-off container has recently been added. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf also recently started recycling their paper (they have their own recycling roll-off container) and Edgewood gets to count their collection in this annual performance grant. We also get to factor in commercial recycling and we receive those totals from the haulers who collect on behalf of businesses.

Our curbside collection is picked up every other Thursday with garbage pick-up. Our Public Works Department collects those recyclables, which include #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum, glass, and steel cans. There is a listing of each scheduled recycling day on our web site. Please refer to News and Events to find the listings.

We are estimating that our 2007 performance grant (based on 2005 collection totals) will be \$7,200. We are estimating that our 2008 performance grant (based on 2006 collection totals) will come at \$15,400. That grant will be enough to cover the cost of our 3?-ton dump truck. Our hope is that we can continue to expand upon our collections and increase the amount we receive from the state.

Our total collection (including commercial) in 2005 was 625 tons. Our total collection in 2006 was 881 tons. Thank you to everyone who has participated and we hope to have even more resident involvement in 2007.

*By Kurt Ferguson
 Borough Manager*

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Although it is only March it is time to think about Community Day 2007, August 18 will be here before you know it. I am now preparing for the annual parade and would like nothing more than to have a float from every organization in the borough. In September I attend the Harmony Grange Fair in Clearfield County. This is a small rural country fair but the parade is awesome. You have your normal school band, fire trucks, and politicians, but what makes the parade are the floats put together by the clubs in the community. Granted they have access to more wagons than we do in the city, but I think with a little ingenuity each club can deliver. So you have five months to get busy and come up with an idea.

Good Grant News

We have received word that we have been accepted to receive a Department of Community Economic Development Grant. The grant will be used to purchase two new Hurst Jaws of life tools, a 40-inch spreader and a Mach II cutter along with rope equipment required for the rescue truck. Thank you to Senator Jay Costa for his support in this project. Representative Paul Costa assisted in a prior grant that provided us the radios for the rescue.

Rapid Intervention

We have recently met with Pitcairn VFD to discuss the forming of a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). This is a team

of firefighters who are on scene assist trapped or lost firefighters at an emergency. We will be training with Pitcairn as well as Homestead VFD who have established RIT teams. This will be another service that we can provide to not only to surrounding communities but it will also provide training to our personnel on how to remove themselves from dangerous situations.

Web Update

If you want to keep up to date with the EVFD log on to www.station137.com. Lt. Doug Greer has been diligently working on keeping the web site up to date. You can now go on and see a list of calls we have been on

and the added bonus scan over the list some have photos from the scene. A list of equipment carried on all vehicles is available as well as news of the department. Information on how to become a member is also available.

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Anyone interested in becoming involved with the FD but just can't see yourself fighting fire contact Annette Boccio at home phone (412) 242-3881 or e-mail annette1159@comcast.net to join Auxiliary 137. This is the support group of the department that assists with fund raising, Community Day and the kids Christmas party.



GET THE LATEST ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON LINE: Visit www.station137.com for information on fire calls, equipment, and department members. The site has great pictures of the fire company in action, including this from a recent structure fire.

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Police Report

New Officer

We would like to welcome Jason Hall to the Edgewood Police Department as our newest part time officer. Officer Hall was sworn in at the end of January. He is an experienced officer, and has worked for the Wilkinsburg and Swissvale Police Departments. Officer Hall should be an asset to our department with his experience and knowledge of the area.

Annual Report

We are pleased to announce that the Edgewood Police Department's Annual Report for 2006 has been completed. The annual report contains photos of events held throughout the year, a tally of service calls throughout this and past years, and the department's accomplishments in 2006, along with other interesting information. The year has passed and, as always, many changes have occurred within the Edgewood Police Department. Nevertheless, we have accomplished most of our goals and made significant progress on others.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council, Borough Manager Kurt

Ferguson and other borough departments, as well as the citizens of Edgewood for their continued support.

Members of the Edgewood Police Department can be proud of their accomplishments in 2006, and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities for 2007.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Annual Report, they are available at the Borough Building, or on the borough's website at www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,539 calls for service in January 2007. There were 438 incidents reported, 209 complaints received and 10 accidents investigated, two of which resulted in personal injury, and eight 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 30 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, one was robbery, two were burglary, 19 were shoplifting, 2 were aggravated assault and five were other crimes. There were no motor vehicle thefts.

Police Tip of the Month

Remember to lock your vehicle doors whenever or wherever you park your car. There have been several incidents recently in which thieves entered several unlocked vehicles and removed items. Only unlocked cars were entered. Please be diligent in locking your vehicle doors to avoid this happening to you.

There were 15 adult and five juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 71 traffic citations and 351 parking citations, and made three arrests for driving under the influence. There were five vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to 19 false alarm calls, took 250 reports, responded to 17 public nuisance complaints, wrote two non-traffic citations and responded to 11 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
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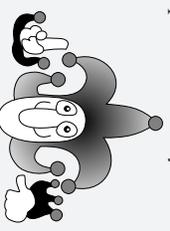
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| 4 MARCH | 5 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE | 6 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 11 E-Mail Class, CCML 4 Basic Internet Class, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML | 7 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Drop Dead Bookclub, CCML | 8 10:30 Story Hour, CCML NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Refuse Pickup | 9 | 10 10:30 Toddler Time, CCML 7:30 ESO, Rodef Shalom |
| 11 | 12 10:30 Baby Lap Sit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB | 13 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML | 14 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML | 15 10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse & Recycling Pickup | 16 | 17 12:30 Explorers Club, CCML |
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 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJH-West Jr High School

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