

2008 Recycling and Refuse Collection Dates

Here's a handy clip-and-save guide to recycling dates in the borough this year. Curbside recycling pickup includes glass, aluminum and plastics numbered one or two. Paper (no cardboard, please) may be dropped off in the recycling bins behind the borough building.

January 3	July 3
January 17	July 17
January 31	July 31
February 14	August 14
February 28	August 28
March 13	September 25
April 10	October 9
April 24	October 23
May 8	November 6
May 22	November 19*
June 5	December 4
June 19	December 18

*November 19 is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, which is Thursday, November 20; therefore collection will be on Wednesday for that one collection day.

Refuse is collected every Thursday, except when one of the following holidays occurs before or on Thursday of the week of collection, which is then moved to Friday of that week: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Remember to check the borough website and message board for any schedule changes.



Edgewood Borough Council Holds Annual Reorganization Meeting

The first meeting of the Council of the Borough of Edgewood each year is a reorganization meeting at which new members are sworn in and officers are elected.

This year, on January 7, Mayor Jean Davin administered the oath of office to new members Scott Harding, Nancy Pryce and Benjamin Reynolds, as well as to returning council member Pat Schaefer, who is beginning a new term.

Council re-elected Pat Schaefer as council president. Heidi McDonald is vice president and Mal Hellett is president pro tem.

The council also reappoints key staff members at the reorganization, including the borough manager, finance officer, public works director, fire chief, newsletter editor and newsletter advertising manager.

W. Timothy Barry Associates was appointed solicitor; Maher Duessel, independent auditor; Lennon, Smith, Souleret, Inc., borough engineer; Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc., building and code inspection company; and Citizen's Bank, borough depository.

Council officially sets the dates for council meetings. They will be held the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 in the council chambers of the borough building. When a national holiday falls on council meeting day, the meeting will be postponed until the following evening.

Council meetings are open to the public, except for executive sessions involving legal or personnel matters. Citizens are permitted to address council on issues of concern to them for five minutes at the appointed time in the meeting, usually one of the first items on the agenda.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the borough web site at www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us.

Thanks to Outgoing Borough Council Members

As council begins the business of 2008, with the reorganization meeting and swearing in of new members, it seems appropriate to thank those members whose terns have just ended.

Ed Cook mistakenly believed he had retired from council after serving his elected term when he was called back to fill out the unexpired term of another member last March. As boomerang council member, Ed was very active in environmental issues in the borough, including the 2006 tree inventory done in conjunction with the Nine Mile Run Watershed Authority. He had previously served on the Edgewood Foundation board, and the newsletter archives have several pictures of him presenting plaques to the Limpert Award winners. He also was on the library board. Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson credits Lorraine Nogrady with "financial perspective and focus of fiscal restraint and responsibility." During her time on council, Lorraine served on the personnel committee, the public works committee, and the Edgewood Primary School committee. She was also the council representative to the Edgewood Foundation board, and served on the library board.

Mark McNally chaired council's general government committee, served as council vice president, and was on committees overseeing the Port Authority agreement and Parcel D development plans.

Thanks to these three dedicated citizens, and we wish them well in their "retirement."

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Library

Save That Date

The Book Sale is coming in March. It kicks off with a preview party for Edgewood residents on Friday, March 14 from 7-9 p.m. The sale continues March 15 - 18. The library is accepting donations for the sale and also looking for volunteers. More details will be in the March newsletter.

Computer Classes

The following computer classes will be offered Tuesdays in February from 11 a.m.-noon:

- Basic Internet, February 12
- Basic Word, February 19 The one-session classes are free, and registration is required.

VITA Taxes

Once again the library is offering free income tax preparation for senior citizens and individuals who have uncomplicated tax returns. Appointments are required and are available both in the daytime and evenings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

CPR Class

In conjunction with the American Heart Association's National Heart month and of course Valentine's Day, the library is again making Heart Saver

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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Advertising will be accepted for the March issue. Please call **Niki Augustine** (412-371-1711) or e-mail <u>niki.augustine@gmail.com</u> to obtain rates and reserve ad space.

Deadline for the March issue is Friday, February 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail <u>edgewoodnewsletter</u> <u>@yahoo.com</u>.

CPR with AED classes available. The classes are offered in conjunction with Pre-Hospital the Eastern Area Ambulance Service. Participants will learn how to administer CPR to adults and children and will receive training Automated External on the Defibrillator (AED). The cost is \$15. Participants may borrow the textbook in advance from the library. Call the library at (412) 731-0909 to register.

Book Clubs

The following groups will meet in February:

- Drop Dead Book Club, Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m. in the Board Room. *Open Season* by C. J. Box.
- Genius Book Group, Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. *High Energy Living* by Robert Cooper.
- PALS Book Club, Tuesday, February 26, 1 p.m. at the Forest Hills Library. *The Lost Painting* by Jonathan Harr.

No registration is needed for book discussion groups. Copies of the books to be discussed are available at the circulation desks.

Reader's Advisor

The library has a number of tools available to help you find books for your own use or for a book club. These include the bimonthly magazine *Bookmarks* and a variety of books that suggest titles, have reviews, and even one suggest food to serve with the book being discussed.

In addition patrons can subscribe to DearReader.com. To use this service you select genres of interest. Every day you will be emailed a "five minute read" of a book in the subject of your interest; by the end of the week you'll have read several chapters. If the book has appeal, it can then be requested and sent to the library for pick-up. Give DearReader.com a try; it's a free service from the library.

Honor Books

The library has received two books in honor of Ella Lesko's third birthday. The books will be added to the children's section. There was also a book donated in honor of Ruth Pickering.

DVDs

The library has increased the number of DVDs that it will loan to three for a week.

Red Construction Paper and Doilies

These may be the key ingredients on Saturday, February 9, when the library offers Valentine's Day crafts for children six and up. Glue mania starts at 11 a.m. Please register by Thursday, February 7.

Little Scientists

Young biologists will study "From Tadpole to Frog" on Monday, February 11; "What's It Like to be a Fish" on February 18; "What Color is Camouflage?" on February 25; and "Chirping Crickets" on March 3. All programs start at 1 p.m.

From the Video Game Archives

Show your stuff at the Pac-Man Showdowns on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February 12 and 13; 19 and 20; and 26 and 27 at 4 p.m.

35th Annual Chess Tournament

This much-anticipated event will take place on Saturday, February 16 at 9 a.m. Edgewood chess players in Kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate. Players can only participate in one library tournament, so choose ours. The junior division is for children in Kindergarten-fourth grade. The senior division is for children in the fifth through eighth grades. The winner from each division will represent the library at the finals tournament in March. You can begin to



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register for the tournament February 1; however, no registrations will be taken the day of the tournament.

We Two Read

This parent and child book club for children four to seven years old with a parent will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23. Ashley Bryan's book *Beautiful Blackbird* is available for you to read and review with your child before the discussion.

Is There a Pot of Gold?

Maybe not, but there's definitely a prize for those with the luck of the



Great Expectations

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 pm for "A Night of Expectations" with Great the Edgewood Symphony. Come to the JCC Katz Auditorium in Squirrel Hill to see the ESO's music director Walter Morales conduct as well as perform Gershwin's popular Rhapsody in Blue on the piano. In addition, the ESO will be playing the powerful Symphony No. 1 by Brahms and Walton's Crown Imperial March. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door. For directions information, and more visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org or call (412) 473-8880.

Spring Concert

Be sure to save the date for the ESO's final Magical Night of the season. "A Night at the Theater" will take place on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 at



Irish. Find a specially marked shamrock in a picture book and redeem it in the children's room. You must check the book out in order to qualify for the prize. Your luck runs out March 31.

Toddler Time

Children two years and up and their caregivers are invited to join our baby animal fair on Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. Register by Thursday, February 28.

Storybook Art

Storybook artists three years old and up will draw inspirations for their own

the East Allegheny High School in North Versailles. This is a side-by-side concert with the East Allegheny High School Symphony Orchestra, and the ESO will be playing selections from some of your favorite movies and Broadway shows.



Backwards Run Street Names

Many newcomers to the borough wonder why Swissvale Avenue goes toward Wilkinsburg and Edgewood Avenue goes toward Swissvale. Before incorporation in 1888 Swissvale Avenue crossed the railroad tracks onto what is present day West Swissvale. In 1934, O.B. Craig reminisced in a talk entitled "Edgewood's Safe Railroad Crossings and How They Were Obtained:" "From the time Edgewood first became a place of res-



creations by looking at art techniques in picture books on Saturday, March 1 at 1 p.m. Register by Thursday, February 28.

Family Jammie Story Time

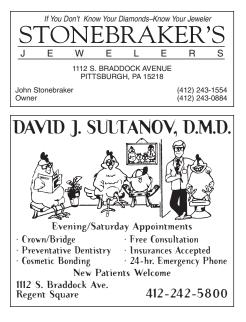
Wear your jammies and bring the whole family to the library for this cozy event on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill Librarians

idence until 1896 or 1897, the only means of crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks was at the railroad grade on Swissvale Avenue, an open roadway across the tracks. Foot walks across the tracks were provided at the ends of the railroad platform."

When the tracks were increased from two to four this became a very dangerous intersection to the increasing population. Several were killed, others injured and vehicles ground to kindling. To partially eliminate the menace the Pennsylvania Rail Road erected an overhead footbridge which had been part of an exhibit from the 1893 Chicago Words Fair. (See the next issue of the Edgewood newsletter regarding the fate of this bridge and more on the crossings and subways.)

By David Grubbs President





Lizzie De Vita



On The Edge

Local Artist Honored

Elizabeth De Vita, daughter of Dr. Michael De Vita and Dr. Sharon Kiely of Dewey Street, was selected for the 97th Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Annual Exhibit, held at the Carnegie Museum of Art. By earning this honor, she joins the ranks of well-known artists including John Kane, Andy Warhol, Jonathan Borofsky, Marie Kelly and many other Pittsburgh-based artists who gained visibility early in their art careers when their work was selected for inclusion in AAP Annual exhibitions.

Lizzie's piece is a print called Quilt (2007), which consists of a three-part Xerox transfer of a 60-plate etching onto gampi tissue.



No More Nibbles

Nancy Anderson, former editor of this newsletter, has recently retired from *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, where she wrote the weekly food column "Nibbles." We miss her column, and wish her a long, healthy and active retirement.

Lewis in the Top 100

Edgewoodian John Lewis has been selected as one of Worth Magazine's Top 100 Attorneys For 2007. He is a member of Metz Lewis LLC, a corporate law firm, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of business transactions, corporate law and business and succession planning.



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Edgewood Foundation Anniversary Preparations

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The town meeting has been postponed and rescheduled for 2009 for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Edgewood Foundation. The Limpert Award recipient will be announced this year at the Community Day festivities. Limpert Award nominations have been extended to March 15, 2008.

New Members; New Officers

The Edgewood Foundation would like to welcome our two newest board members Tiffany King and Winnie Schano.

We would also like to take this time to thank Lois Winslow for stepping into the president's role from the office vice president so seamlessly during our time of need. During our retreat we elected new officers and they are Amy Andrews, president; Angel Lehrian, vice president; Gary Mullholland and

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Kathy Clevenger, co-treasurers; and Niki Augustine, secretary.

The Return of Wine and Chocolate

The Edgewood Foundation Wine and Chocolate Gala is being held on Oct. 11 at the Edgewood Club. We are looking for artists and volunteers for the event. Please contact Angel Lehrian (412)915-1120 at or angel@ lehrian.com.

Call for Volunteers

The Edgewood Foundation has just held its planning session and board members are all excited about what 2008 has in store for us. There is a lot of work ahead.

One crucial job is updating the databases. If you haven't gotten a call to help, now may be the time. The Foundation would like to extend an invitation to all who would like to help with that most precious commodity, time. If you are interested in volunteering with the Edgewood Foundation at

one of our many events or as a member of a standing committee, please let us know. Contact Niki Augustine at (412) 371-1711 or niki.augustine@ gmail.com.



Speech Contest Scheduled

The Edgewood Toastmasters Club is having a speech contest on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the C.C. Mellor Library. There will also be an open house, and guests are welcome. The Edgewood Toastmasters Club is known for being the starting point for many higher-level contest winners. This contest is the beginning of a series that will produce one international winner. Come and find out the fun it can be to learn to speak in public and enjoy it and to hear a potential international speech contest winner.





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Fire Chief

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Recycling Collection

Edgewood Borough Public Works(412) 242-2410

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Edgewood Avenue

As 2008 starts out, the borough is extremely pleased with projects that are beginning to come to fruition. The borough has hired and will begin preliminary planning on the development of Edgewood Avenue. This process will include public meetings with the formulation of the plan estimated to take about one year. After the plan is completed the consultant will assist the borough in accessing the necessary resources to improve the physical condition and aesthetics of the Edgewood Avenue corridor.

Paving

In early April, South Braddock Avenue from Allenby Avenue all the way past the Regent Square Theatre and to the Swissvale line will be paved. Both boroughs have been in discussion with PennDOT for almost a year about improving this road. South Braddock is locally owned. The problem has been coordinating paving between so many different communities, especially considering the financial state of many of the others. This paving requires an approximate \$25,000 contribution from both Edgewood and Swissvale. I am happy to announce that those communities also worked together to secure a grant to cover that portion of the project. In the end the direct cost to Edgewood residents will be \$0.

We will be moving forward on our 2008 paving very soon. I will be outlining where the borough's efforts will be focused in next month's newsletter.

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Borough Taxes

The Edgewood Borough Council will be voting on its millage rate for 2008 by the middle of February. There will again be no increase in taxes.

> By Kurt Ferguson Borough Manager



2007 Edgewood Taxes

Happy 2008! For those who don't know, the 2007 Edgewood Real Estate Taxes have been turned over to PAMS. If you still haven't paid them, you will have to call them at (412) 823-0600. The 2008 tax comes out the first of April. Please remember: if you haven't received your bill by April 15, call my office.

Woodland Hills Taxes

The third installment for the Woodland Hills School tax is due by February 28. If you forgot to pay the second installment, you must add the additional 10% penalty to that payment only.

Change of Address

If you are now paying your own taxes make sure you call the Allegheny County Treasurer's office at (412) 352-4100 to notify them of the change of address.

Office Hours

My office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. until the first of April; and my phone number is (412) 73100200.

> By Maureen Smith Tax Collector



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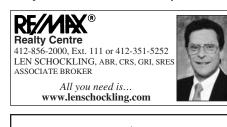
Retirement Dinner

Through the Edgewood Club's generous donation of space, Chief Paul L. Wood's retirement dinner was held on Friday, January 4. The party, organized by a dinner committee consisting of Mayor Jean O. Davin, Sgt. Dennis Hockenberry and Council Member Heidi McDonald, was a way to say a sad goodbye to a dedicated and hardworking Chief of Police. Following a delicious dinner, a meet-and-greet session and a program were held with numerous speakers reflecting on the great improvements which have been made in the borough as a result of the chief's hard work.

Chief Wood received several farewell gifts, including a plaque from the officers which reflected his "Edgewood Person of the Year" award in 2007 and a plaque to commemorate his tenure in Edgewood from Borough Council. The chief received a golf bag, which will be used regularly in his retirement to South Carolina. He also received proclamations from State Senator Jay Costa and Congressman Mike Doyle, and a citation from State Representative Paul Costa.

One of the highlights of the evening for the chief was the surprise visit of his son, Curtis.

Special thanks to everyone who





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- * Pap smears
- * Bírth control

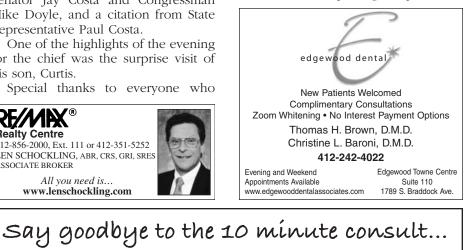


Winter driving can be tricky and rain and near freezing temperatures could mean black ice on the roadways. Drive cautiously and keep your speed in check in the event of any unexpected road conditions.

attended for showing support and for helping to make this a memorable occasion for the chief.

2008 Parking

Residents must have a permit to park on Edgewood Borough streets between the hours of 3 and 5 a.m. The permits can be purchased from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Borough Building administrative office. The permit sticker must be displayed on your vehicle near the bottom of the rear window, driver's side, so that it is easily visible to the officers who patrol the streets during the 3-5 a.m. timeframe. Please note that your window must be dry and clean when placing the permit on



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your vehicle. If your permit is damaged at any point during the year, you can bring it to the Borough Building administrative office and get a replacement free of charge.

Activity Report

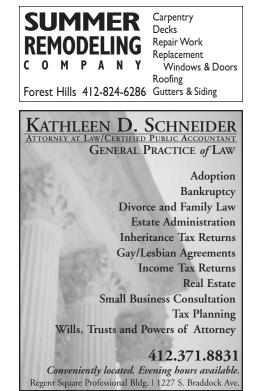
The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,211 calls for service in December 2007. There were 428 incidents reported, 195complaints received and eight accidents investigated, two of which resulted in personal injury, and six of which resulted in property damage.

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, there were one burglary, 25 shoplifting incidents, one aggravated assault and four other crimes.

There were 14 adult and one juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 67 traffic citations and 81 parking citations; and made two arrests for driving under the influence. There were no vandalism/criminal mischief complaints or narcotic offenses.

Officers also responded to 24 false alarm calls, took 233 reports, responded to 12 public nuisance complaints, wrote no non-traffic citations and responded to 13 calls for medical assistance.





EVFD

Fund Drive

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Phone: 412-241-7667

Roofing

• Siding

• Gutters

Thank you to all that have donated to the EVFD annual fund drive. According to the fund drive committee, we have roughly 25% participation to date. I understand that there are many organizations that bid for donations but this is our main source of income for the year. The chicken dinners and luminary do provide income but not nearly enough to purchase the equipment necessary to provide the best possible fire protection to you the citizens of Edgewood. We are grateful that the borough provides support for the apparatus but we, the EVFD, purchase the equipment for the apparatus as well as protective clothing for the members. If you have not donated yet it is not too late. We will be sending a reminder out.

Membership

Did you see our article in The *Progress*? I am proud to say that we are now 32 members strong. The breakdown is 12 support members, six juniors (soon to be seven when my son Joey joins in March), and 14 firefighters. We are proud of this and are the envy of other departments in the area. This still doesn't get you off the hook of me asking you to join! If you are 14 years of age or older you are invited to join us - the more the merrier.

Juniors

The group of junior members soon to be seven in number - is impressive to say the least. They are committed and dedicated to learning all there is about the fire service, not just in house but are signing up for classes outside of the department. After drills they are asked if they are tired, worn out, or if it was too much. The regular response is, no, this is fun. You have to love their young spirit and attitude.

> By Dave Andrews Fire Chief





Marching Band Wins in Florida

While the adults were toiling away at their jobs, the Woodland Hills High School Marching Band took a holiday break in Florida. But it was work and play for these talented young musicians. The band performed at Disney World and participated in the Gator Bowl Festival, which included a field show competition and parade. Woodland Hills took second place in the field competition and first in the parade competition. They were also honored for outstanding marching, outstanding auxiliary, outstanding general effect, outstanding music and outstanding percussion. The band is directed by Tom Crone.



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