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Twelfth Annual Parkway Planting on for May 17, Rain or Shine

The twelfth annual Western Pennsylvania Conservancy planting is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at Greendale and South Braddock Avenues. The fun starts at 9:30 and usually lasts about two hours. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcomed, although we especially like some strong types for the mulching.

This year the Conservancy has agreed to change our design from the traditional "loops" to a "wave". Please bring garden gloves, hand trowels, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, kneelers.

Everyone is invited back to Greer and Gary Mulholland's home for lunch after the work is completed. Call Greer at (412) 731-1089 or e-mail her at greermulholland@yahoo.com with any questions.

Next Year, Anyone?

The Mulhollands are stepping down as Garden Stewards after this year. They have served the borough well, organizing and feeding inexperienced and hungry groups of planters for twelve years now. The borough is grateful for their efforts.

If organizing the planting (feeding the volunteers is optional) is interesting to you, here are the facts: A \$500 honorarium is paid by the Conservancy to the Garden Steward for their commitment. All materials are provided by the Conservancy. Anyone who might be interested in the volunteer job should contact the Mulhollands or Lynn McGuire-Olzak at Imcquire-olzak@paconserve.org.



2008 Recycling and Refuse Collection Dates

Here's a (revised) handy clip-andsave guide to recycling dates in the borough this year. Many residents believed we had run our April Fool's story in February, since we had the date of Thanksgiving wrong the first time we ran this. This time, it's correct – no fooling!

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April 10	August 28
April 24	September 11
May 8	September 25
May 22	October 9
June 5	October 23
June 19	November 6
July 3	November 20
July 17	December 4
July 31	December 18
August 14	

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.



WE CANT SAY WE HAVEN'T BEEN WARNED: PennDOT very thoughtfully placed signs around the borough announcing the resumption of Parkway construction. To keep abreast of the work, visit http://www.penndot11.com/. Information about the repaving of South Braddock Avenue through the Regent Square Business District is available on the borough website, www.edgewood boro.com. If last summer was any indication, it's important to keep up with the projects, so we don't get fooled again.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Book Sale

Thank you's all around to all who made this year's book sale a resounding success. Our gratitude goes out to the volunteers who help prepare for the sale, man the sale and clean up after the sale, to everyone who donated materials for the sale, and to those of you who came and bought items at the sale.

Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the board room in Edgewood. This month's selection is *What the Dead Know* by Laura Lippman.

The Genius Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the board room in Edgewood. The group will be discussing *The Power of the Positive No* by William Ury.

PALS Book Club, a senior citizen's book club, will meet at the Forest Hills Library on Tuesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. April's book is Larry McMurtry's Wandering Hill.

One Book One Community

This year's selection for the Allegheny County Library Association's one book is Tim Madiganan's *I'm Proud of You: Life Lessons from My Friend Fred Rogers*. The library is planning a discussion for Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. to review the book and to talk about Mr. Rogers and his impact on

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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Deadline for the May issue is Tuesday, April 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail edgewoodnewsletter @yahoo.com.

children and the community. Copies of the book are available at the library. The library also has extra copies of this title in the event that book clubs would like to use this title for discussion. More One Book One Community activities can be viewed at the library's website www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Poetry Reading

Local poets who contributed to Along These Rivers will read their works on Sunday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in the Fiction Room. This new collection celebrates poetry and photography from Pittsburgh. No registration is required and the program is free. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Computer Classes

The following classes will be offered:

- Basic Internet Class, Tuesday, April 15 at 11 a.m.
- Homework Help for Parents, Tuesday, April 29 at 11 a.m.

Space is limited so you need to register for these one hour one session free classes.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have time on a Thursday or a Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., we could use your help. The library receives deliveries of books and audiovisual materials to fill requests in the morning. These items need to be sorted and checked in. If you can help, call Sally Bogie or Andrea McNeill at (412) 731-0909.

Battle of the Books

Once again the library will host the Battle of the Books between students at Woodland Hills West Junior High and East Junior High on Thursday, April 17 at 11 a.m. Come and cheer on the teams of students. In the meantime, you can read the books from the program:

- Chew on This by Eric Schlosser
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- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikalsen
- Double Identity by Margaret Petersen
- Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Gifts

The library has received a donation in honor of Ruth Pickering and Jim McGregor's marriage. Books will be added to the collection in their honor.

A gift has also been received in memory of Grace Birmingham, a former Edgewood High School gym teacher and librarian in the Woodland Hills School District; Greer Mulholland; and Marian Hershman.

Commercial Bank and Trust Company has given the library a donation to purchase materials on personal finance, career planning, and business.

Reading First Grant

Look for a variety of programs for young readers and their families on the library's web site. As the newsletter goes to press, plans for the programs, dates, and times are being finalized. The Woodland Hills School District has given the library a grant to develop programs that improve student's literacy skills in a fun and relaxed environment. Programs will include book clubs for parent and child, a Discovery Club, a puppet workshop and much more. Programs will be offered in April and May, after school and on the weekends, throughout the library's service area of Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Churchill, Forest Hills and Wilkins.

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Garden Club

Spring Activities

Spring has finally sprung, which can only mean that during the winter of your discontent the Edgewood Garden Club was hard at work laying plans for a spring and summer of exciting programs and activities for our friends and neighbors of Edgewood. Following our participation in the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup on Saturday, April 21, and Earth Day Celebrations on Tuesday, April 24, you will find us sowing goodwill at May Market at Phipps Garden Center, Fifth Avenue at Shady Avenue, on Thursday, May 15 through Saturday, May 17. The Garden Club will be offering a variety of shade plants for sale at this worthwhile fund-raising event for the Garden Center.

Then, you can choose to invest in the continuing beautification of Edgewood by supporting the Garden Club at our Annual Spring Plant Sale on Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Edgewood Memorial Park, East Swissvale Avenue at Race Street. It is here that you will find a wonderful selection of herbs and perennials for both the sunny and shady beds of

your garden. As always, plants will be available at great prices!. Come rain or come shine.

Garden Walk

Once again, the Garden Club is looking for a variety of gardens and their inspired gardeners who wish to share the fruits of their labor by participating in our annual Edgewood Garden Walk on Sunday, July 13. If you or someone you know, that neighbor with the green thumb perhaps, in the greater Edgewood or Regent Square area would enjoy an afternoon communing with fellow garden enthusiasts, please call our Garden Acquisition Chairperson Suzan Lami at (412) 371-3602. We'll be glad that you did.

Be Good to Your Mother

Cleanup is coming to Edgewood. Please join us down at Koenig Field at 9 a.m. for doughnuts and coffee. Afterwards, take the trash bags and gloves provided and clean up your

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Mother Earth, that is. Earth Day

that you have seen that needs some TLC. If you wake up to rain on April 19, go back to bed and plan on joining us the next Saturday, April 26. We hope to see you there.

street or any other area in the borough

Volunteers Needed

The Wine and Chocolate Affair is looking for volunteers for set up and take down before and after the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event. Artists interested in selling their artwork please contact Angel Lehrian at (412) 915-1120 or angel@lehrian.com.

Clip & Save the Dates

The Edgewood Foundation is looking into the future for these exciting upcoming events:

Clean-up/Earth DayApril 19 Rain Date.....April 26 Senior BrunchMay 17 Community DayAugust 16 Limpert Award......August 16 Newcomers ReceptionSeptember 25 Wine & Chocolate

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A Night at the Theater

Mark your calendar for the last Magical Night of the season. A Night at the Theater will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at East Allegheny High School in North Versailles. Featuring a bit of Harry Potter, a touch of Wicked, a little Star Wars and a trip to Narnia, this concert will give you a taste of music from your favorite movies and musicals. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door.

To make a donation to the orchestra or to get more information, please visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org or call (412) 473-8880.



Church

Flea Market

On Saturday, April 12 the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood will hold its annual Flea Market from 10





a.m.-2 p.m. In addition to the wide variety of household treasures, there will be bread and homemade soup for sale. Proceeds benefit the mission activities of the Presbyterian Women's Group.

For further information, call the church office at (412) 241-4613 or visit the web site at www.fpcedgewood.org.



Historical Society

1934 Memories

The following is Part I of some recollections of 1934 by John F. Miller:

Naturally, I have been familiar with the territory now occupied by the Boroughs of Wilkinsburg, Edgewood, and Swissvale since childhood, and that is a long time ago – I think it was in 1867 and 1868 that my oldest brother attended the Old Wilkinsburg Academy, of which Prof. Ludden, father of Mrs. Chas D. Armstrong was principal. During the Spring session of the first year, I was a primary scholar in the same school, accompanying my

April Program
The Historical

Edgewood Club.

The Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 21. There will be a program by David Grubbs on post cards and memorabilia of past anniversaries of Pittsburgh to honor this year's 250th Anniversary of the founding of Pittsburgh. The program will be held in the living room of the Edgewood Club beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

brother in making daily trips from

Brinton Station - located about one-

half mile west of the present station at

East Pittsburgh, to Wilkinsburg. At that

time, I do not recall any houses on the

northeast side of the railroad at

Edgewood except the station and the

Love Mansion, then recently complet-

ed and generally regarded as the finest

house in the whole section barring the

"Singer Mansion" in Wilkinsburg. Southwest of the track there were

some scattered buildings, including the

McKay House, destroyed by fire five

vears ago, the house s recently occu-

pied by Dr. Keoning and Mr. Wallace,

the residence of Mr. Wm. Anderson,

where George Westinghouse boarded

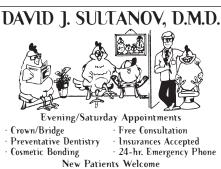
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On The Edge

Local Couple Host Autism Event

Nick and Heather (Bruner) Kefalos hosted their second annual dance to benefit Autism Speaks on February 23 at the East Pittsburgh VFW. The event was attended by many Edgewood neighbors who enjoyed good food, great company, wonderful music and fabulous prizes. Thanks to the generous donations of many local businesses and friends the event raised nearly \$7,000.00. The Kefalos-Bruner Family thanks everyone for their ongoing support.

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Five Kilometers in Search of a Director

The Edgewood Community Day 5K Race and Walk is searching for a new race director for the event this year. The 24-year-old event has had only three directors: founding director Dick Monheim, Mark Cohen, and outgoing director Marjie Stewart. Marjie is unable to continue as director because she is writing her dissertation.

Duties include contracting with the timer and other suppliers, recruiting volunteers, soliciting sponsors, and publicizing the race.

Marjie and Vaughn Busch are available to help the new director get started and will volunteer at packet pickup and on race day if needed. The files are in good order, including a data base of both the mailing list and past runners.

The timer has already been booked for this year's date, Saturday, August 16. Additional suppliers will have to be contacted soon in order to make the race go smoothly.

The race has traditionally benefited the recreation department and the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. It is one of the most challenging 5K races in the Pittsburgh area, with its hilly route and traditionally hot and humid weather. It is the kick-off event for Community Day each August.

Anyone interested in the position should write to Race Director, c/o Kurt Ferguson, Borough of Edgewood, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA 15218, or manager@edgewoodboro.com



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Code Enforcement

Fred Sapp (412) 242-4824 E-mail: inspections@edgewoodboro.com Mon., Wed.

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Borough Manager

Comprehensive Plan

I have presented updates over the last year to the borough's ongoing process of creating a comprehensive plan. This plan is actually a multimunicipal plan with both Swissvale and Rankin.

There should be no confusion about that. Each community has portions of the plan devoted entirely to its needs. There are other portions where the focus is on where the boroughs can work together. South Braddock Avenue is a good example. The heart of the Regent Square Business District encompasses Edgewood and Swissvale. There are different restrictions and requirements for each town and at times those may be inconsistent with each other. Those inconsistencies, at least in Regent Square, could run counter to have a positive business climate. These are the areas that we will look to work together.

Even though it is not specific to the Comprehensive Plan it was through these positive relationships Edgewood and Swissvale were able to negotiate to have South Braddock Avenue paved.

On Wednesday, April 23, the public presentation of the Comprehensive Plan will take place. The meeting will be held at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at 7 p.m., and residents from Edgewood, Swissvale, and Rankin are welcome to attend.

The presentation will provide an overview of the plan. The plan itself will provide an evaluation of Edgewood, areas of opportunity or vulnerability, and an idea of where our respective Borough's may be able to work together. My hope is to eventually have the plan on our web-site. I will provide a future update regarding that possibility.

I hope to see you on April 23. By Kurt Ferguson Borough Manager



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March Winds Blow in April Taxes

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Woodland Hills School Taxes

All delinquent 2007 Woodland Hills School taxes have been turned over to the school district. They will be sent to Jordan Tax Service around May 1. If you have any questions about this tax please call the school district at (412) 731-1300, ext 0124.

Office Hours

My office hours will be the same as before: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. There will be extended hours the last two weeks of the discount period. I will be off for a week in April so before you come in, call my office to make sure I'm there. I will leave a message on my machine as to when I will return. If you have any questions, feel free to call my office at (412) 731-0200 and I will return your call.

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Crime Prevention Programs

The Edgewood Police Department will be sponsoring several crime prevention programs throughout the remainder of the year. At this time, the scheduled events include an Easter coloring contest at the library, in which three winners will receive an Easter basket, safety talks at Edgewood Daycare and the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the annual Open House at the Borough Building, to give residents a chance to meet public safety personnel. A Police Department booth will be manned on Community Day in August. Other programs may be offered and will be announced at a later date. We are always open to new ideas, so if you have an idea for a program you would like implemented, please contact the Police Department at (412) 242-0958.

Annual Report

We are pleased to announce that the Edgewood Police Department's Annual Report for 2007 has been completed. The report contains photos of events held throughout the year, a tally of service calls during 2007 and past

years and the department's accomplishments in 2007, along with other interesting information. The year has passed and, as always, many changes have occurred within the Edgewood Police Department. Nevertheless, most of our goals were accomplished and significant progress was made on others. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Borough Building, or on the borough's website at www.edgewoodboro.com.

Click it or Ticket Campaign

Officers will be conducting roving patrols in conjunction with the Buckle Up Pennsylvania's Click It or Ticket Program for seat belt usage. While Pennsylvania's seat belt usage rate has reached an unprecedented high, we are asking all Edgewood residents to take the time to ensure that your seat belt is properly fastened. For more information, visit www.buckleuppa.org

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,105 calls for service in February 2008. There were 348 incidents reported, 173 complaints received and 12 accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and 11 of which resulted in property damage.



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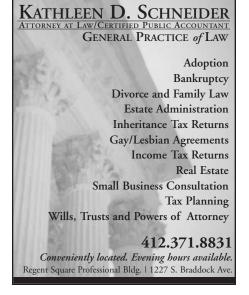
When spring flowers come out, so do bicycle thieves. Always lock your bike up when not in use or store it in a locked area of your home. Never leave your bike on a porch or any accessible place, even in an unlocked shed or garage. It is also a good idea to mark your bike in some way so that you can identify it later in the event it is stolen.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 25 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were no robberies, motor vehicle theft, burglaries, or aggravated assaults. There were, however, 16 shoplifting incidents and eight other crimes.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 50 Traffic Citations and 160 parking citations; and made one arrest for driving under the influence. There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and no narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 15 false alarm calls, took 175 reports, responded to 15 public nuisance complaints, wrote no non-traffic citations and responded to 16 calls for medical assistance.





It's a Family Affair

With the age-old tradition of the fire service we now have three father-andson teams on the department: Nick and Bill Sherrer, Rocky and Anthony Rickard, and now Dave and Joey Andrews. Now it gets really deep: Rocky is married to my sister who also is an auxiliary member of the department. I suppose among my grandfather, dad and me, we had some impact on the family. With Joey joining the ranks of the junior firefighters we continue to be the envy of the east fire departments due to the growth of the department since October.

Cross your Fingers

With the recent growth of the department come growing pains. We are running low on fire fighting gear. We will be applying for an Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount of \$76,500 to purchase NFPA compliant gear for all members. That is a lot of chicken dinners.

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And Finally

Yes, we still do birthday parties. If you would like the EVFD to show up your party, contact me at firechief@edgewoodboro.com at least a week in advance. We would rather visit socially rather than in a time of need any day!

> By Dave Andrews Fire Chief

A Note From Your Best Friends

It's Spring and its sunny, kids play in the yard, Clean up after your Dog, it isn't that hard. Be a good neighbor, and pick up that poo! No one wants it stuck to the sole of their shoe. With Love, Fifi and Fido

PS from Fluffy: Indoor cats are healthy,

Indoor cats are safe.

Indoor cats are legal, So keep us in the house! (What, just because the dogs rhyme, you thought I would? Please. Oh, and by the way, could you please keep Fifi and Fido from barking while the neighbors are sleeping or working? Thanks,

> Mom and Dad! I may seem aloof, but I really love you!)

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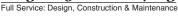


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EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KI-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJrH-West Jr. High School

THE SCOOP



EARTH DAY

Cleanup April 19 *Page 3*

comprehensive planning continues

Come to the Public Presentation on April 23 *Page 6*





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two important volunteer jobs are open in our borough: Parkway Planting Garden Stewards and 5K Race Director *Pages 1 and 5*



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