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DECEMBER 2008/JANUARY 2009

Yes, Virginia, the Holiday Spirit is Alive and Well in Edgewood

Oh, and there is a Santa Claus, too. Whether you are a born-and-bred Edgewoodian or a newcomer to the borough, you will enjoy the spirit of the holidays in the borough.

By the time you read this, you've already decked your halls with greens from the Garden Club's annual sale and taken the kiddies to see Santa at the annual Light-up Night brought to you this year by the Edgewood Foundation and the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. The last of the Thanksgiving turkey has been made into sandwiches, and Jack Frost is already nipping at your nose (or is it your toes?).

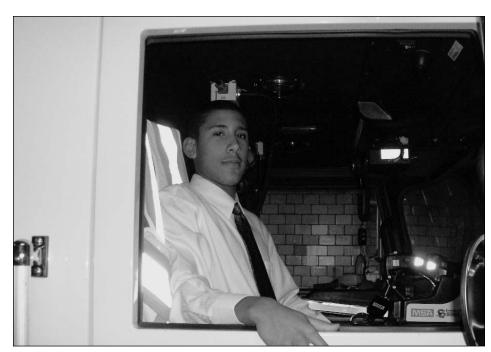
So it's time to get down to serious Christmas business. First, run don't walk down to Koenig Field to buy your Christmas tree from Boy Scout Troop 23. The sale runs through December 23, but when the trees are gone, they're gone, so don't wait until the last minute. See page 3 of this newsletter for hours.

As always, the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is hosting both Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Santa himself will visit story hours December 16-18, and Mrs. Claus will be here for the annual breakfast of pancakes and stories on December 20.

On your gift list should be Edgewood throws, offered by the Edgewood Foundation. See page 5 for ordering information.

Another holiday tradition is the annual concert by the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, to be performed this year on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30.

Happy Holidays from the newsletter to all Edgewoodians, past, present and future.



CELEBRATING VICTORY: President Elect Barak Obama visits Edgewood, enjoying the privilege of riding in the fire truck, an honor usually reserved for Santa Claus. For the whole story, see page 9.





Mr. Rogers Sweater Quilts

Members of the Backroom Quilters who meet every Thursday at the library have made two quilts in honor of Fred Rogers. One quilt will be on permanent display in the Fred Rogers Children's Room and the other will be raffled to benefit children's programming. A special family event to include stories, activities and treats for all ages is scheduled for Sunday, February 1 at 1 p.m. to unveil these quilts. The event is free, and we ask that you bring a sweater to donate to a homeless shelter. Please call the library to register.

Computer Classes

- Tuesday, December 11, 11 a.m., Basic e-mail
- Tuesday, January 13, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Editing Digital Photos
- Thursday, January 22, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Developing a Resume
- Tuesday, February 3, Basic Internet Classes are free, one hour, and registration is required.

Drop Dead Book Club

This mystery-loving group will meet to discuss the following books:

 Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., *Jar City* by Arnaldur Indridson

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 February 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 February issue is Thursday, January 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.

• Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., *The Circular Staircase* by Mary Roberts Rinehart

Memorial and Honor Books

The library has received donations in memory of Linda Boone.

Children's books will be added to the collection in honor of Chloe Morris, given by James Morris; Abel Elder, given by David Elder; and Cole Smith, given by Kimberlee Elder Smith.

Local Interest Book

Former Edgewood resident Lois Allen has written a book about her experiences as a child. She has donated a copy of *All We Really Needed: Growing Up in a Pennsylvania Steel Town during the Great Depression.* The book is available for checkout.

Book Sale

We are making plans for the book sale to be held the weekend of March 21. We are happy to have donations of books, audiovisual items, computer games, and more (all in saleable shape please). We are also looking for milk cartons; we use these to keep the books off the floor in our basement storage area.

TV Converter Box Program

If you have an old style TV and are having trouble finding a converter box voucher, visit the library. We will be happy to download a voucher for you.

Holiday Hours

- December 24 & 25 closed
- December 26 10a.m.-5 p.m.
- December 27 10 a.m-3 p.m.
- December 28 Noon-3 p.m.
- December 29 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- December 30 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- December 31 & January 1 closed
- January 2 regular hours resume

Santa Story Hours

Santa visits story times the week of December 16-18. Story hours begin at

10:30 a.m. Bring your cameras and your lists! Groups of ten or more need reservations. Call (412) 731-0909 for more details.

Story Hour Holiday

Story hours conclude for the year December 18 and resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2009.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

Join the Jolly Old Elf's Better Half on Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to sign up by Thursday, December 18 to hear stories and enjoy pancakes and juice.

Start the New Year Early

Get a jump start on 2009 on Saturday, December 27 at 1 p.m. Anticipate the New Year with stories, a game and a craft.

We Two Read

This book club for children ages four through seven will meet on Saturday, January 3 at 1:30 to discuss *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers. Register by January 2 or until books are distributed.

Family Flannel Jammie Time

Put on your warmest jammies and join the fun on Wednesday, January 7 and Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Karaoke

Belt out some tunes at the library on Saturday, January 10 at noon. Sing anything from Disney songs to rock and roll.

Toddler Time

The subject is Winter Woolies on Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is for children five and under and a caregiver. Register by Thursday, January 17. Toddler time participants hear stories, do flannels and sing songs and there is a craft activity.



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Young people five years old and up can design and create buttons with a button maker. Make your artwork wearable. Register your young person by Thursday, January 22. The button maker is made possible by the Allegheny County Library Association.

Origami

Children seven and up are invited to participate in Origami with Sue on Saturday, January 31 at 11 a.m. Please register by Thursday, January 29.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill Librarians



Historical Society

December Meeting

On Tuesday, December 9, there will be a program on the Westinghouse brothers in the living room of the Edgewood Club. Gerald Price, volunteer curator at the Heinz History Center, will present a program on George Westinghouse and his brother Herman, the Edgewood/ Pittsburgh/ East End connection. All are welcome.



ESO

ESO Home for the Holidays

On December 13 at 7:30 p.m., please join the ESO for the annual holiday concert. Showcasing the beautiful organ of the First Presbyterian Church Edgewood, your Edgewood Symphony will be playing Guilmant's Symphony for Organ and Orchestra. Of course, you'll also get to hear some of your holiday favorites, featuring the entire orchestra and the CAPA High School choir.

And be sure to mark your calendars for the first concert of the New Year on March 14, 2009. Performing at the Katz Performing Arts Center at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill, the ESO will highlight the Great European Masters - featuring Beethoven's Eroica Symphony and music from Rossini and Sibelius.

Call (412) 473-8880 or www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information.



Scouts

The Boy Scout Troop 23 Annual Christmas Tree Sale runs Sunday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 23 at Koenig Field in

This is the troop's biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. All proceeds help to support a variety of youth leadership and development programs sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 23. Choose from a selection of great Christmas Trees including various pines, firs, spruces, and more. Supplies are limited so be sure to shop early. Sale times are:

- Thursdays, 5-9 p.m.
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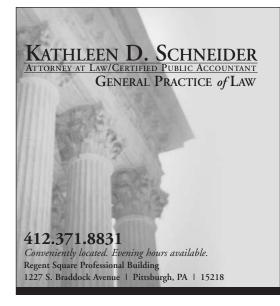
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WPSD Students go to CMU

WPSD is happy to announce that eight of our middle school and two of our high school girls participated in a special program at Carnegie Mellon University in October and November. "Creative Technology Nights for Girls" is a program with a focus on giving middle school and high school girls exposure to creative technologies like computer animation, programming, robotics and interactive media. The goal is to engage a future generation of women in technology. The girls all had a great learning experience and appreciate the opportunity to participate. WPSD looks forward to continuing the educational partnership with CMU.

WPSD "On The Air"

Holiday messages from WPSD and some of our partner organizations will be seen on local TV stations throughout December. WPSD and several of our friends joined together to wish the community a happy holiday. Our thanks to University of Pittsburgh Athletic Department, Communications, Inc., The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium and the Children's Museum for participating in this project.

If you miss the spots on the air, you will be able to view them on our website at wpsd.org/promo_spots.html.

Happy Holidays from WPSD

The staff and students of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf would like to wish all of our friends throughout the Edgewood community a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.



Two On The Edge

Librarian Sally Bogie once again had her finger on the pulse of the community and reports that Edgewoodians were featured by Pittsburgh magazine in its "40 under 40" feature. Ned Schano, son of Winnie and John Schano, grew up in Edgewood and now works for the History Center as unications. Kate ough and is direcervices at Olszak lting. The 40 are creativity, vision,

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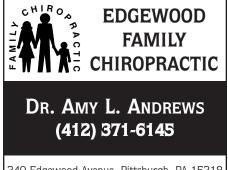
Progressive Dinner

It's last call for the annual Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner, to be held on Saturday, February 21.

Fill out and return the form below to be sure you get your first choice of activity: hosting a course, or providing food or beverages.

This yearly tour of the borough is a long-time favorite for meeting new neighbors and enjoying visiting with old friends.

Progressive dinners are so popular that a Google search turned up more than 100,000 hits. Interestingly, 332 of those hits were for our very own Progressive Dinner. A blog named "Chaparro Farm" wrote of the



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Edgewood dinner, "Not all residents participate, but if they knew what they were missing, they would." All we can add is, Amen, Brother.

Happy Anniversary to Us

The Edgewood Foundation will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009. We are beginning to plan an event to celebrate our anniversary and welcome any ideas for a celebration that you may have. Remember, this is your community organization and we would love to see you all there, so let's put our heads together and make it a great one. Please send any ideas along with your contact info to info@edgewoodfoundation.org

Not So Secret Sleuthing

The Edgewood Foundation is doing some investigating. We are looking for former board members; we want to



make sure they are properly invited to the anniversary celebration. If you know former board members and have their contact information please pass it along to us via email at info@edgewoodfoundation.org.

Welcome, Rob

The Edgewood Foundation searched throughout the borough and found what we were looking for: a new board member. We would like to warmly welcome Rob Felter. Be sure to look for our newest board member at the Progressive Dinner.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

It's getting chilly; let us help keep you warm. The Edgewood Foundation is once again taking orders for our famed throws. We will be getting our shipment in soon, hopefully in time for seasonal gift giving. If you are interested in procuring your own, please stop by our website, edgewoodfoundation.org, and let us know. Someone from the board will be in contact with you.

Thanks for Your Support

It's not too late to make your 2008 tax-deductible contribution to the Edgewood Foundation. We appreciate your past support of our work and look forward to serving the community even better in 2009.

Edgewood Progressive Dinner—Saturday, February 21, 2009 \$25 per person

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WHSD Taxes

The Woodland Hills school tax is due at penalty. If you are paying in installments, your third one is due by February 28. If you forgot to pay your second installment, make sure you add the 10% penalty to your amount. That is only on the installment that is late. Please remember to send in your coupons with your payments and a self-address stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year.

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Speeders Beware

With the Brinton Road construction completed, we ask that you continue to obey the 15 MPH speed limit on Maple Avenue. The traffic has increased once again and officers will be monitoring this heavily traveled roadway.

Winter Vehicle Checkup

With snowfall just around the corner, take a few minutes to check your vehicle's tires, brakes, washer fluid, wiper blades and battery. Any items which need to be replaced should be done promptly. Why not plan ahead in case of an emergency. Let's be prepared for old man winter.

Halloween Party

On Thursday, October 30, the annual Halloween Parade and Safety Talk was held at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. The number of scary costumes was overwhelming. This is one of our favorite annual events and this year's parade was our largest ever. Officers Quinn, Wyke (AKA Wolfman) and Ferguson provided helpful safety tips to the numerous children in atten-



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dance and safety brochures were passed out to their parents. Following the safety talk, the kids got a chance to show off their costumes and practice safety skills during the parade. The costumes were very original and the enthusiasm of the children and their parents was spectacular.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank the following people for their help in making this event successful each year: Duquesne Light and Allegheny County Department for supplying us with hundreds of glow-sticks to pass out; the Edgewood Fire Department's volunteers for showing off their fire trucks and keeping the streets safe and, most importantly, we would like to thank Andrea McNeil and her staff at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for the countless hours of hard work they put into organizing this event and for inviting us to participate.





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We hope everybody had a safe and happy Halloween. We'll see you next year, with a few new surprises . . .

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,870 calls for service in October 2008. There were 678 incidents reported, 302 complaints received and five accidents investigated, three of which resulted in personal injury, and two 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 33 Part I crimes committed in the borough, there were two for motor vehicle thefts, 16 shoplifting events, and 15 other crimes.

There were 21 adult and no juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 52 traffic citations and 212 parking citations, and made 10 arrests for driving under the influence. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and three narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 15 false alarm calls, took 376 reports, responded to 25 public nuisance complaints, wrote one non-traffic citation and responded to 12 calls for medical assistance.



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2009 Budget

Borough council will be voting on our 2009 budget in the next several weeks. This year's budget will not have a tax increase. This will be our seventh year with the millage set at 6.661. Back in 2003, the borough increased its millage from 5.847 to our current rate of 6.661. This was not actually a tax increase. It was in 2003 that the borough's garbage fee was eliminated and rolled dollar-for-dollar into the millage rate.

Garbage Collection

Most importantly, the 6.661-millage rate in 2003 was reflective of a garbage cost of \$78 per residential unit in the borough. Our 2009 per unit cost will be \$138.96. Essentially our millage rate is thus reflective of a garbage fee \$60.96 less than it is today. Even as that garbage fee has increased 78% over these seven years, we have managed to keep our millage rate the same.

Health Costs and Other Expenses

Our health insurance costs have increased over 180% during this same time period. We have increased our full-time police force from four in 2002 to ten today. We have replaced every truck and piece of equipment, except for our street sweeper, during the same time period. We have replaced every police vehicle and added a fifth to our fleet. We have purchased a new rescue truck for the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.

Significant Upgrades

We have paved more streets in the past seven years then we did in the previous ten. We successfully negotiated to have PennDOT pave South Braddock Avenue at a cost of approximately \$600,000. We have paved every borough lot in Edgewood. We have upgraded Koenig Fieldhouse, invested thousands of dollars in the field itself, purchased a new scoreboard, and replaced all the fencing and backstops.

I could go on, but I hope you are getting the idea. These things have happened because of your borough council. The fact that we have done as much as we have without a tax increase is truly amazing. While you will unfortunately read of other boroughs' raising taxes or cutting services in this extremely difficult year, we will be not facing anything of the sort. Please remember borough council members are volunteers. Many other communities pay some small stipend to their council, but not here. They truly receive nothing except for a free bottle of water at the meetings. If you know a council member please thank them. They are the reason that this borough is what it is.

> By Kurt Ferguson Borough Manager







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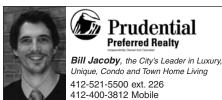






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Don't Be Left in the Dark

Now that the temperature dropped it could only mean one thing: luminaria time. Once again the EVFD will be the official supplier of luminaria for the borough this year. In this issue of the best publication this side of the Monongahela is a list of the street captains. You can get in touch with your captain to place your order, or kits will be available at the Borough Building Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m.

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart I write this article. On November 13, the EVFD lost life member Fritz Scneider. Fritz will hold a special place in this depart-

ment. He had a way of making everyone feel at home at the station. Younger members loved his lessons in the history of the department. He was a fixture at Community Day and one of the original corn shuckers and butchers. He was one of the original volun-

There was a period in Edgewood when the street department served fire duty in lieu of volunteers. I looked forward to seeing Fritz at drills, calls, and meetings. Many thoughts are racing though my mind of the time that we spent together, the fires we fought and that infectious smile of his. He was our historian and our friend, and he will never be forgotten by this department. Thank you Fritz for your time, service and friendship - you will be missed.

By Dave Andrews Fire Chief

President Elect Obama Visits Edgewood

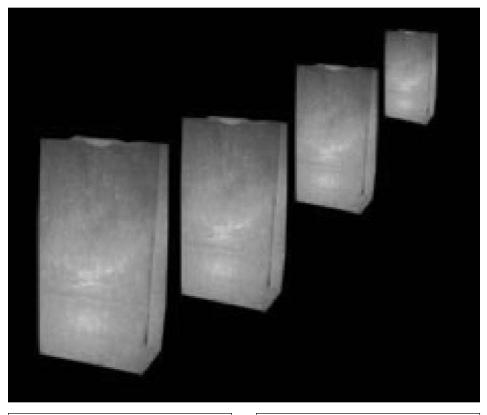
Just two days after being elected president, Senator Barak Obama was spotted in the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, taking a ride around borough streets to thank local sup-

Just as there is not going to be a McDonald's in the train station and Joe Millionaire did not visit with his backhoe, this is one last April Fool's joke from outgoing newsletter editor Marjie Stewart. The "president elect" is actually junior fire fighter Jared Amos, who bears a strong resemblance to the future president.

The April Fool's stories were just a small part of the pleasure I've had as editor of the newsletter. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contributed, advertised, worked on, and read the newsletter in the years I've been editing it. Special thanks to former advertising manager Joannie Sutter who helped show me the ropes, and borough secretary Donna Lewis.

I had lived in the borough less than a year when I took over the job, and it was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the borough and its great people. Thank you all for a great experience.

And have a happy April Fool's Day! By Marjie Stewart Soon-to-be-Former Newsletter Editor



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