

EDGEWOOD

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Edgewood Community Day Featured in Award Winning Documentary

You may not have noticed 10 year old Maggie Mayer at Edgewood's Community Day last year, but her camera didn't miss much. Maggie shot a three minute documentary of the festivities including the booth set up at the baseball field, the race, the activities, the symphony, and the fireworks display. Her talent and hard work earned second place and a cash prize in a nationwide contest sponsored by the website MeetmeattheCorner.org. The video contest, *Summer in My Town*, is designed to encourage kids to build an online community by filming virtual "field trips" of a summer event in their town.

Maggie's film stood out, as Donna Guthrie, founder of MeetmeattheCorner.org explains: "Maggie is a good reader and the voiceovers were clear and full of expression. You could tell that Maggie really loves this event and she did a fine job of telling [Edgewood's] story."

Maggie learned about the contest through her mom, who read about it in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Maureen Mayer thought it was perfect for her daughter, who had begun filming "home shows" since receiving a video camera as a birthday present. Maggie's "home shows" are short films documenting events in her life. She taught herself to edit her footage, adding voiceovers, music, and credits, using Windows Movie Maker software. The software came with the family's computer and Maggie, "really just discovered it all herself and applied it," said Paul Mayer, Maggie's father.

Soon after receiving her camera, Maggie began presenting friends and family members with mini documentaries of their special occasions. In one, she edited footage of her cousin's thirteenth birthday dinner, adding music



Maggie Mayer shows her film on MeetmeattheCorner.org.

and credits. She even has her own production company, Maggie Mayer Films, complete with her own logo.

Maggie, a lifelong Edgewoodian, says events like Community Day and Light Up Night make the borough special to her. Her winning video has had over 500 people view it to date. She thinks it is exciting that so many people are learning about her hometown, but her father may be her biggest fan. "My dad watches it all the time," she said. "He goes over to the computer and randomly watches it."

The video has made quite a splash around town. It was shown at the Edgewood Borough Council meeting and the Edgewood Foundation plans to use it. Maggie will also enter the film

in her school's talent show. Maggie has continued to hone her skills. She is currently working on a film about a sledding outing with a friend. Her next project will be to work on an animated video. Maggie remains humble about her accomplishments, taking time to mention her "stars." "Hanna [Wells] and Anna [Okada], the two stars, I think are happy that they are on [the film], and I think they are happy for me as well," she said. She is saving the prize money she won to buy a better camera and a printer.

To view Community Day in all its glory visit www.edgewoodfoundation.org or <http://meetmeatthecorner.org/episodes/summer-in-my-town-video-contest-edgewood-pennsylvania>.

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Library

New Hours

The library is now closed on Sundays and has extended hours on Saturday. These changes were necessary to maintain a balanced budget. The new hours are:

- Monday-Thursday...10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday.....10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

New Late Fees

Late fees for overdue adult and young adult materials increased on February 1. Daily fees are:

- Adult and young adult books, magazines and audio books - \$.25
 - Children's books, magazines and audio books - \$.10
 - Movies on DVD, VHS and other audiovisuals (not audio books) - \$1
- Items can be renewed online, or by calling the library at (412) 731-0909. If you renew online, please double check that the items renewed properly.

Late fees are charged for the days that the library is closed; however items returned to the book or AV drops before 9 a.m. of the next day are considered on time.

Computer and check-out privileges will be suspended for customers with late fees in excess of \$10.

Lost materials will be charged the price of the item plus a processing fee of \$5.

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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 March issue is Friday, February 13. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Income Tax

Once again, volunteers will help residents prepare their federal and state income taxes. The program is free and open to senior citizens and other individuals with uncomplicated tax returns. Tax preparation is done by appointment, with preparers available during both day and evening hours, Monday through Thursday. Spots fill quickly, so make your reservation early.

Email Addresses

A new feature will soon be available to library users who manage their accounts online. Users who have a pin number attached to their library card number will be able to create a personal reading history, as well as a wish list for items they would like to request. In order to use this feature a current email address must be associated with your library account. Stop by the library to make sure we have current information for you. This feature will be available for use by the end of March.

Check It Out

The library's newsletter entitled *Check It Out* is available at the circulation desks. There is a version for both children and adults. This publication lists current activities and other items of interest. If you would like to receive a copy in your email let a staff member

know. We will be happy to add you to our distribution list.

Be Heart Healthy

On Saturdays in February, the library has a number of events planned to help you and your heart.

- Saturday, February 7 at 11 a.m. Nancy Cunningham will speak on *Ten Keys for Healthy Aging*. This will be an interactive discussion on ways to lead a healthy lifestyle. Please register in advance.
- Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. William Bake from the Eastern Area Ambulance Service will offer heart saving CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) training to adults.
- On Saturday February 28 at 10 a.m. the same program will be offered for teens. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive an American Heart Association First Aid Card. The cost of the program is \$15. Please register in advance.
- On Saturday, February 21 come have your blood pressure checked from 11 a.m. to noon.

Honor Books

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Computer Classes

Two classes on basic internet skills for adults will be held on Tuesday, February 3 at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. This is a one hour, one session class. Space is limited, so call the library to reserve your spot.

Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. in the board room. The group will be discussing *Finding Nounf* by Zoe Ferraris. Copies of the book are available at the children's circulation desk.

The PALS Book Club will discuss *The Collectors* by David Baldacci on Tuesday, February 24 at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library. This club meets every other month to discuss popular fiction and non-fiction. The book is available in regular format, large print, and as an audio book.

Consumer Protection Act

On February 10 the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 goes into effect. This act protects children under 12 from exposure to

lead following widespread reports of imported contaminated toys. Currently, children's books are not part of the act's enforcement. The library is in contact with Commonwealth Libraries and the American Library Association who are monitoring enforcement of the act. If directives change, we will take necessary steps to comply.

Family Jammie Story Time

Wear your favorite pajamas to evening story hour on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Valentines Crafted by Hand

Children age six and up can register to make crafts for Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 7 at 11 a.m. Please register by Thursday, February 5.

Loving Family

"I love my family," is the theme for this month's Toddler Time on Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers will hear stories, sing songs, rhyme, and create a small art project. Toddler time is for children age two to five, with a parent or caregiver. Reserve your spot by Thursday, February 12.

Mad At Your Mama?

Come discuss *Llama Llama Mad At Your Mama* by Anna Dewdney with We Two Read Parent/Child Book Club on Saturday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. The book club is for children four to seven years old, with a parent or guardian. Copies of the book are available for you to read and review with your child before the discussion.

Chess Tournament

Edgewood chess players in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in the 36th annual Public Library Chess Tournament. The tournament will be held Saturday, February 28, at 9 a.m. You can only participate in one library tournament, so choose ours. The junior division includes children in kindergarten through fourth grade. The senior division consists of children in fifth through eighth grade. The winner from each division will represent the library at the tournament finals in March. Registration begins February 1; however, no registrations will be taken the day of the tournament.

Shamrock Search

The luck of the Irish awaits you... at the library! Find a specially marked shamrock in a picture book and redeem it for a prize in the children's room. You must check the book out in order to qualify for the prize. Hurry, your luck runs out March 31.

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Family Jammie Story Time

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Ready For Spring

Next month, toddlers will hear stories, sing songs, rhyme, and create a small art project around a spring theme. Toddler Time will be held Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. It is for children age two to five, with a parent or caregiver. Please reserve your spot before Thursday, March 5.

A Cat's Life

Come discuss *The Secret Life of Walter Kitty* by Barbara Jean Hicks with We Two Read Parent/Child Book Club on Saturday, March 14 at 1 p.m. Pick up your copy today. The book club is for children four to seven years old with a parent or guardian.

All events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Please adhere to reservation requirements. Reservations for any of the programs listed can be made by calling the library at (412) 731-0909.

*By Sallie Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians*



European Masters

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra's next concert on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will highlight the great European masters - featuring the ESO's own Concert Master, Galina Istomin, in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Beethoven's powerful Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) and Rossini's Overture La Gazza will round out the program at the Katz Performing Arts Center at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for seniors/students) and are available at the door. Call (412) 473-8880 or visit www.edgewoodssymphony.org for more information.



Warm Winter Coats

The district has received a generous donation of brand new winter coats for students. If you know a district resident who is in need of a winter coat please contact Ebony Taylor at

(412) 731-1300, ext. 0190 or johneb@whsd.net. The coat sizes are children's sizes 10-16.

Rifle Team Hits Their Mark

The Woodland Hills High School Rifle Team improved its overall record to 8 and 0 with their landmark victory against Butler High School. During the meet, both teams shot perfect scores of 800 points, but the Wolverines claimed victory by their X count (an X is a perfect bull's-eye). The final score was Butler 800 - 57X; Woodland Hills 800 - 66X. Eleven Wolverine shooters shot perfect targets (scores of 100). Congratulations to the team and Coach Matthew Rodrigues.

Attention Seniors

The Heinz Endowments, a charitable foundation, is recruiting for its summer youth philanthropy internship program. The program employs recent high school graduates (Class of 2009) as youth philanthropists, with each team of interns awarding \$25,000 in grants over the course of the summer. The Endowments will host two information sessions about the program. Applicants are encouraged to attend a session. Sessions are scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 5 or Feb. 12 at the

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Dancing With Teachers

Despite snow and dire weather forecasts, the very popular *Dancing with Teachers* show went on as planned on Saturday, January 10 at Woodland Hills High School. A full house of very satisfied audience members braved the cold and enjoyed an evening of dance, music, and laughter. The 2009 Dancing with Teachers champions are Bridget Belavic and Kevin Murray.

This year, the show was professionally videoed by LG3 Entertainment, LLC. Supporters who were not able to attend the performance can order a DVD by visiting www.lg3entertainment.com/whdancingteachers.html.

Edgewood Foundation

The Promise of May

The snow is still here, but it will soon melt and May will upon us! Now is the time to start planning for the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch. At noon on May 3, our community will honor graduates and their families at the Edgewood Club. Cathy Gleason will head the coordination of this great tradition. If you have a graduating senior, or if you would just like to lend a hand please call her at (412) 243-1502. Our seniors are graduating from many area schools including Woodland Hills, Central Catholic, Ellis, Shadyside Academy, and Oakland Catholic. This lovely event features good food, good company, and good memories, so make plans now to attend. Please see page eight of this newsletter to learn about the exciting scholarship that will be awarded at the brunch.

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Snuggle Up

The Edgewood Foundation has beautiful throws available for \$40. They are a truly warm and wonderful way to show your Edgewood pride. If you are interested in purchasing one please visit our website www.edgewoodfoundation.org. Edgewood directories are also available for \$10 at the CC Mellor Library.

Happy Birthday

Each year the Edgewood Foundation holds an annual retreat where we can come up with new ideas to help make our community even stronger. This year is very special because the Edgewood Foundation is turning 25! We would love for you to celebrate with us. Please let us know what kinds of celebrations you would like to see. The more ideas the merrier so drop us a line at www.edgewoodfoundation.org. Remember this is your community organization, let's work together to make this a special event.



WPSD

WPSD Graduate Returns

Perhaps you saw the Kay Jewelers holiday commercial where a young woman is given a present by her young man. When he asks if she likes the gift she says, "Read my lips." That lovely young woman is Amber Stanton-Zion, a 1997 graduate of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. She also appeared in an episode of the popular television show *CSI: NY*. Amber lives in Los Angeles. In January, she came back to Pittsburgh to work with students in our drama program. She enjoyed the time with the students and was impressed with the improvements at the school.



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Amber plans to continue her acting career in sunny California.

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On The Edge

Dance Autism Away

The third annual Dance for Autism Speaks will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the East Pittsburgh VFW Post 5008.

This charitable event hosted by Nick and Heather Kefalos features hors d'oeuvres, great music and a fabulous raffle. For information and tickets contact the Kefalos at (412) 241-5023 or hkefalos@hotmail.com.

Wedding Bells

Jamie and Lynne Clemente of Edgewood are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lynne Clemente, to Ty Morse. He is the son of Daniel and Holly Morse of Fox Point, WI. Tara is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and obtained an MSW from New York University. She currently works at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Ty is a graduate of Davidson College and is President of Songwhale, LLC. A fall wedding is in the works.



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Borough Manager

2009 Millage Tax

Happy New Year! The borough is currently preparing to pass its millage tax ordinance for 2009. We are extremely pleased to have passed a budget that again retains our millage at the current rate of 6.661.

Edgewood Avenue Development

The borough would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Edgewood Avenue survey. We will move forward with the completion of the development plan for Edgewood Avenue in 2009. The borough just received approval for an \$80,000 grant towards the final renovations of the train station. Approximately \$125,000 in overall work is needed and the borough has received positive responses from potential funders for the remaining \$45,000. We are optimistic that the final renovations will be completed later this year.

Right to Know

The borough will be passing a new policy under the state's Right to Know Act. Borough residents, by law, have always had the ability to see public records. The state's act creates a more specific process in making those requests and insures that communities are providing information in a timely fashion. The borough will now have an Open Records Officer responsible for answering those requests. The new form that will have to accompany requests for information will be available on our website at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/>. Check the newsletter and website, in the coming months, for more information about this issue.

Oh, Rats!

We have been receiving calls from residents about the appearance of rats around the borough. It seems that the recent work to the parkway has disrupted the rat population in the area. There are factors that can contribute to the pests staying around your neigh-

borhood. I realize that when it is zero degrees outside and your dog decides he needs to go out at 2 a.m., picking up after him is not likely to be the first thing on your mind. However, dog droppings can be one reason rats decide to take up residence around your house. Bird feeders also can attract rats. It is not just the bird feed, but the bird droppings that will keep rats around the area. I am not suggesting we need to get rid of all bird feeders, but excessive bird feeders can play a major part in seeing more and more rats. Toppled garbage cans can attract rats as well.

If you see rats, there are things that the borough can do. We can have our code enforcement officer check the neighborhood for conditions that may be contributing to the situation. This would include dog droppings, lids off garbage cans, or dumpsters with excessive garbage. If we find any of these factors, we will ask the respective property owners to take care of that issue. Our public works department will also come out and check the infrastructure in the vicinity of the problem to see if there are any road or sewer related issues that may be contributing factors. Many people incorrectly think that rats are not around in cold weather. Rats will show themselves periodically, but if you are seeing them regularly please call the borough and we will see what can be done.

*By Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager*

New Year, New Newsletter

As we usher in a new era of the *Edgewood Newsletter*, with a new editor, Edgewood Borough Council wishes to use this opportunity to reinforce the high standards we have for this publication. First, we wish to thank Marjrie Stewart for her ten years of service and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. As we move forward, borough council will be developing uniform standards for proofreading and editing, to avoid mistakes. We pledge to continue providing a high quality publication which informs our residents.

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Police Report

New Officer in Town

The Edgewood Borough Police Department would like to welcome Gene Chrise. Officer Chrise was recently sworn in as a part time officer and brings added experience and knowledge. Welcome aboard, Officer Chrise!

Traffic Award

The Edgewood Police Department has received the AAA Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award for 2008. The award is given for outstanding service, dedication, and improving the quality of life through traffic safety and programming. Congratulations!

Buckle Up Edgewood

The Edgewood Police Department participated in the Buckle Up Pennsylvania, Click It or Ticket program over the Thanksgiving holiday. Officers set up minicades in several locations throughout the borough and extended enforcement patrols in many areas. Overall, 8,034 contacts were made with multiple citations written for traffic violations.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,196 calls for service in December 2008. There were 456 incidents reported, 183 complaints received and 11 accidents investigated, three of which resulted in personal injury, eight resulted in property damage.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery,

Police Tip of the Month

Remember to keep your walkways clear of snow and ice during the winter months. This makes it easier for mail carriers, delivery people and emergency personnel to reach your house.

aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 21 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there was one for robbery and zero for motor vehicle theft, burglary, shoplifting and aggravated assault. There were six other crimes committed.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 52 traffic citations and 88 parking citations. Zero arrests for driving under the influence were made. There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and zero narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 17 false alarm calls, took 195 reports, responded to 16 public nuisance complaints, wrote two non-traffic citations and responded to 18 calls for medical assistance.



EVFD

Starting Strong in the New Year

In 2008 the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department answered a total of 235 calls for service. The department

makes New Year's resolutions just like everyone else. This year the emphasis is on training and certifications. Six members will be attending training sessions to achieve Fire Fighter I certification. This will benefit the department and residents by allowing the borough to achieve a higher ISO rating. Juniors and new members will be attending essentials of fire fighting training. Seasoned members of the department will be attending various rescue and fire fighter training sessions throughout the year. Like a proud parent, as chief, I like to brag about "my kids." Some of you may only see us going to or from a call but behind the scenes these are hard working, dedicated fire fighters that take great pride in improving not only themselves but the service the department provides the borough.

New Officers

Ben Reynolds has been promoted to the position of lieutenant for 2009. Ben's dedication to the department and knowledge made this an easy decision. Lt. Reynolds will oversee crews working at incident scenes, as well as maintaining equipment. Kevin Laird has come out of retirement to take on the position of treasurer.

Electric Dependent Residents

If you or someone you know is dependent on electricity for medical reasons please contact me at firechief@edgewoodboro.com or (412) 242-4824. I will be compiling a database for future reference.

By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief

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Mel Douglass Scholarships to Be Awarded Again

Are you a high school senior with an outstanding record of community service? Then you have the opportunity to earn a scholarship from the Mel Douglass Fund. These scholarships honor the memory of Mel Douglass, who provided exceptional leadership and volunteer service to numerous Edgewood organizations. Last year, three high school seniors from Edgewood earned scholarships for their community service achievements. The scholarships are available again this year to graduating high school seniors, living in Edgewood, who are planning to pursue degrees.

The 2009 Mel Douglass Scholarships will be presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch on May 3. The primary scholarship is \$4,000, paid in \$1,000 installments for each year of undergraduate school. Honorable mention scholarships of \$500 are also available.

Mel Douglass grew up in Edgewood. He graduated from Edgewood High School and from the University of Pittsburgh. Mel married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children in Edgewood, and launched a successful career in business. Before he passed in an airplane accident in 1994, Mel actively volunteered in multiple community service roles in the borough, ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. These facts only hint at Mel's true legacy, which is the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, unquenchable



Mel's children with the 2008 scholarship winners. Pictured are, l. to r., Baily Douglass, Meghan Good, Andrea Thieman, Emily Bush and Alexandra Douglass Perry.

spirit, and commitment to serving others. A group of his friends started the Mel Douglass Fund to help sustain his legacy via scholarships.

Andrea Thieman won the 2008 Mel Douglass Scholarship. The honorable mention scholarships went to Emily Bush and Meghan Good. To apply for a 2009 scholarship please send the following information by April 17 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA 15218 or frey@verizonmail.com:

- Your name, address and telephone number (email address optional).
- Your high school and month you will graduate this year.
- A summary of your community service efforts, including your perspec-

tive on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.

- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service.
- The college or university you plan to attend.

If you prefer to apply for a scholarship using a paper application, forms are available at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. If you have questions or would like information about contributing to the Mel Douglass Fund please contact Dallas Frey at (412) 371-0278 or frey@verizonmail.com.

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Eric Shultz Appointed to Vacant Council Seat



Eric Shultz is sworn in as council member by Mayor Jean Davin.
Photo credit: John Colombo.

Edgewood Borough Council has appointed Eric Shultz to fill the seat vacated by Scott Harding. Eric grew up in Butler, PA and has been a resident of Edgewood for the past two years. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and received a Masters of Public Management from the University of Pittsburgh.

Eric has been involved in politics since before he could vote. At the age of 16, he worked on a mayor's campaign in Butler. Throughout his adulthood he, "kept a hand in different campaigns, the more local, the more interesting," Eric said. As a public management student, Eric was in the unique position to look at the situations of many municipalities in Allegheny County. He discovered that many are struggling financially and face other challenges. "I realized that in Edgewood we are very fortunate," Eric said. "We have a fantastic professional management team. Residents are very active and passionate."

Eric was appointed to the council in December 2008. His term will expire at the end of 2009. "Eric was appointed because of his dual backgrounds in public policy and management, as well as his enthusiasm to be involved in his community," said Heidi McDonald, Vice President of Edgewood Borough Council. During his short tenure on the board, Eric has worked on finalizing the 2009 budget, reappointed senior staff, and is involved in finding a solution to a sewer system issue. He serves on the general government, community development, and pension committees.

2009 Recycling and Refuse Collection Dates

Here's a handy clip-and-save guide to recycling dates in the borough this year. Curbside recycling pick up 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. All recycling pick up days are on a Thursday.

February 12
February 26
March 12
March 26
April 9
April 23
May 7
May 21
June 4
June 18
July 2
July 16
July 30
August 13
August 27
September 10
September 24
October 8
October 22
November 5
November 19
December 3
December 17
December 31



Refuse is collected every Thursday, except when a holiday occurs before or on Thursday of the week of collection. When that happens, collection is pushed back to Friday of that same week. The borough recognizes the following holidays: 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.

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Council Notes

Council Honors Employees for Years of Service

At the December 15, 2008 Edgewood Borough Council meeting, Mayor Jean Davin awarded six dedicated employees for years of service to the borough. In recognition of their hard work, the employees received a certificate and, by mayoral proclamation, a day dedicated in their honor. Thank you to Edgewood's devoted staff!

James Wissman, 10 years
Edgewood Borough Public Works Department, Laborer

Marjorie Stewart, 10 years
Edgewood Newsletter, Editor

Mark Ratajeski, 10 years
Edgewood Borough Emergency Services Department

Larry Guerriero, 5 years
Edgewood Borough Public Works Department, Director

Donald Csellar, 5 years
Edgewood Borough Crossing Guard

Janet Henle, 5 years
Edgewood Borough Crossing Guard



Recreation

Basketball February Schedule

Come out and support Edgewood's future NBA stars. Edgewood Borough Recreation sponsors three divisions, with four teams in each division. The games are free, and are played at the Edgewood Primary School Gymnasium.

FEBRUARY 7

7-8 year old division

Blue vs. Yellow9:00 a.m.
Red vs. Green9:30 a.m.

9-10 year old division

Blue vs. Yellow10:00 a.m.
Red vs. Green10:45 a.m.

11-13 year old division

Blue vs. Yellow11:30 a.m.
Red vs. Green12:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14

7-8 year old division

Blue vs. Green9:00 a.m.
Red vs. Yellow9:30 a.m.

9-10 year old division

Blue vs. Green10:00 a.m.
Red vs. Yellow10:45 a.m.

11-13 year old division

Blue vs. Green11:30 a.m.
Red vs. Yellow12:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

7-8 year old division

Yellow vs. Green9:00 a.m.
Red vs. Blue9:30 a.m.

9-10 year old division

Yellow vs. Green10:00 a.m.
Red vs. Blue10:45 a.m.

11-13 year old division

Yellow vs. Green11:30 a.m.
Red vs. Blue12:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

7-8 year old division

Red vs. Green9:00 a.m.
Yellow vs. Blue9:30 a.m.

9-10 year old division

Red vs. Green10:00 a.m.
Yellow vs. Blue10:45 a.m.

11-13 year old division

Red vs. Green11:30 a.m.
Yellow vs. Blue12:15 p.m.

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FEBRUARY/MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Super Bowl Sunday "Go Steelers!" 1 FEBRUARY	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB Groundhog Day 2	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 3	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Family Jammie Story Time, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE 4	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 5 Refuse Pickup	6 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	7 10:30 Toddler Time, CCML <i>Valentine's Day</i>
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To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Tara Sidonio at (502) 472-0771 or edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.
 FOOTNOTES: AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building, CCML-Mellor Memorial Library, DIS-Dickson Intermediate School, EPS-Edgewood Primary School, ETC-Edgewood Touma Centre, EC-Edgewood Club, FI-Fairless Intermediate, FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, KF-Koenig Field, MP-Memorial Park, WHHS-Woodland Hills High School, WJPH-West, Jr High School

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