

EDGEWOOD

MARCH 2009

Borough Bids Farewell to Manager Kurt Ferguson

Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson will be leaving Edgewood to take on a position in Westmoreland County at the end of March. Kurt has served Edgewood since September of 2002.

During his tenure here, Kurt has helped Edgewood transition to a full time police department, replace all public works vehicles and equipment, and upgrade Koenig Field. In the past year, significant improvements to South Braddock Avenue have been made. "Edgewood has many reasons to be indebted to Mr. Ferguson," said Heidi McDonald, Vice President of Edgewood Borough Council. "He singlehandedly oversaw the paving of South Braddock Avenue in a deal that procured nearly a million dollars worth of paving for only \$22,000, which was then covered by a grant he obtained. He streamlined many borough operations, from recreation programs, to getting most of the public works equipment replaced, to offering borough employees a healthcare buyout option which saves the employees and the borough a lot of money. He is not just the most proactive person I've ever met, but, he is an absolute beast when it comes to number-crunching, and does one of the funnier British accents I've ever heard. He will be difficult to replace and sorely missed."

Kurt is most proud of the fact that during seven budget seasons, taxes in Edgewood have not been raised. "On behalf of the residents of the Borough of Edgewood, I would like to publicly thank Kurt Ferguson for helping us keep our taxes the same for so many years," said Mayor Jean Davin. "Without his aggressive budget management, ability to obtain grants, and negotiating skills with other governmental entities, this borough would not be in the great financial shape it is currently in. We owe him a big debt of gratitude, and wish him great success in all of his endeavors."



Kurt Ferguson when he became borough manager, in September 2002.

Edgewood Borough Council has already begun the process to find the new borough manager. Kurt feels confident that his replacement will be able to make a seamless transition. "We have structures in place so that the new manager can pick up and know what the processes are," Kurt said.

In his new job as Hempfield Township Manager, he will join two former Edgewood employees in that government. Mike Volpe, who served as public works director, and Dean Minerva, who was recreation director, are both employed there. Kurt believes the fact that Hempfield will now have three former Edgewood employees is a credit to the borough. "This town has high expectations regarding services," said Kurt. "That translates into employees being attractive to other municipalities."

Hempfield, has a population of approximately 45,000. Kurt is looking forward to challenging himself personally. "I've always been very focused on

finance and budget," Kurt said. "It will be interesting to take my approach and see how well I can do on a much larger scale." Hempfield has not raised taxes in nineteen years. Kurt is motivated to continue that trend into the twentieth year.

Leaving his position here was a difficult decision for Kurt. He feels attached to what is happening in this community. When the borough found itself without a recreation director, Kurt stepped in to fill the void. "That was the best thing that happened while I was here," Kurt said. "Edgewood is fortunate. Not many towns this size have the sorts of things we have, like baseball games and movie night. I felt fortunate to see firsthand how some of the money we spent went to improve the quality of life here. It was very rewarding. Being able to go down and umpire six-year-olds is an unexpected benefit of this job."

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Library

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.

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.

Let's Read

Children eight to twelve are invited to come discuss *Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher* by Bruce Coville with the Let's Read Together Parent/Child Book Club. The club will meet March 21 at 1:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available in the library.

Wii Play

Show your skills on the Wii gaming system provided by the Allegheny County Library Association. Come by Saturday, March 28 at 1 p.m. when it will be in Edgewood for your use.

No Fooling!

It's Family Jammie Story Time, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Put your pajamas on and come hear stories, see a book related film, and do a craft.

Explorer's Club is Back

Children six and up are invited to travel to foreign lands... through stories and games. The next stop will be Columbia, South America, on Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. Previous participants, don't forget your passports. Newcomers will receive their passports at the program. Please register by Thursday, April 3.

Baby Lap Sit

Baby Lap Sit is back for spring. The program meets Mondays, April 6 through May 18, at 10:30 a.m. This half hour program offers stories and nursery rhymes for infants 0-17 months of age with a parent and/or caregiver. Register your baby today!

Bunny Bonanza

On Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time will feature books, songs and art activities based on the theme Bunny Bonanza. Toddler Time is for children five and under with a parent or caregiver. Please register by Thursday, April 9.

Honor Books

The library has received a donation in celebration of the birthdays of Bill Tayman and Heather Pearson. Two memorial gifts have been received for Barbara Gibson, Emma Nuzzo, and Ma Webster.

Throughout the year, the library receives gifts in honor or memory of individuals or in celebration of an event. A gift of at least \$20 allows us to purchase a book. A gift plate is put in each book and the person or family is notified of the gift. Please consider honoring a friend or relative with a gift to the library.

Local Authors

Two local authors have donated their latest works to the library. *Planet Saturday Comics, Volume One*, a new graphic novel by Monty S. Kane and Kelli Stevens Kane is a story for all ages. It follows the real and imaginary adventures of an introverted kid who grows up to be a happy, if somewhat hapless, Dad. The Kanes are cofounders of the art and animation studio Planet Saturday, LLC.

Forest Hills author, Lila Shaara has a new novel entitled *Fortune Teller's Daughter*. The library has the book in both audio and print format. This book is part mystery, part romance, part

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Book Groups

The Drop Dead Book Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., in the library's board room. This month's selection is *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler. New members are always welcome.

This year, One Book One Community, a program that encourages Allegheny County residents to read and discuss the same book, has chosen *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. The library has multiple copies of the book for any book group to discuss. Call to reserve them. The library will be holding its book discussions in April. Check next month's newsletter for more information.

Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has invested in C. C. Mellor through the 2009 Annual Appeal. It's never too late to make your donation to the community library. Donations made to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh do not benefit C. C. Mellor.

Secure Library Cards

If you are used to managing your library account from your home or work computer, you will now need a pin number. This is an added layer of

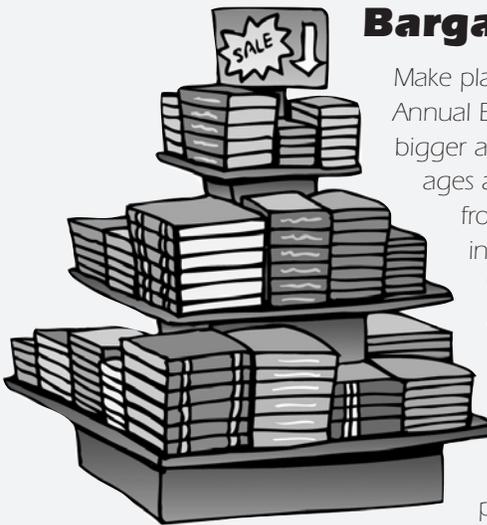
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email address attached to My Account. Please be sure we have your correct email address.

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*



Bargain Books

Make plans to attend the C. C. Mellor Annual Book Sale, which promises to be bigger and better than ever. Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the thousands of items in the sale. You will find much more than books; movies, books on tape and CD, music CDs and tapes, magazines, and children's games are available, and everything is at bargain prices.

The weekend kicks off with a preview party for Edgewood residents, and their guests, on Friday, March 20 from 7-9 p.m. This is a great time to join your friends and neighbors while browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be plenty of good food, an assortment of beverages, and good conversation. The cost per person is \$10. Please call the library to make reservations.

Weekend hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22. During those days, books will be priced at \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and \$.50 for kids' books (5 for \$2).

Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days. Fill a bag for \$5 (the library provides the bags). Bag sale hours are March 23 and 24 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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This year marks the 140th anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. From its humble beginnings with nine students in 1869, the nation's first day school for deaf children has grown into an internationally recognized leader in deaf education. Plans for the year-long celebration will be posted on our website at wpsd.org. We hope you will join us as we commemorate 140 years of excellence.

Return of the Monster Yard Sale

WPSD's Parent Staff Organization (PSO) will hold this popular spring fundraiser on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's a great place to sell all those treasures you no longer need. It's also a great place to buy all those things you can't live without... antiques, household goods, toys and clothing. The PSO will host a refreshment stand selling coffee, soda, donuts and hot dogs.

Twelve-foot spaces are available to rent for \$10. Six-foot tables are available to rent for \$5. Proceeds from rentals benefit WPSD Student Enrichment programs. To reserve your space contact Vicki Cherney at vcherney@wpsd.org or (412) 371-7000.



ESO

European Masters

Please join the ESO to pay homage to the Great European Masters on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Performing at the Katz Performing Arts Center, at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill, the ESO will play Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Beethoven's powerful Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) and Rossini's Overture La Gazza.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodland Hills West Junior High for a musical trip around the world. Featuring music from Costa Rica, Italy, the United States and more, this concert will allow you to hear some exotic tunes from all over the globe.

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



Edgewood Foundation

Clean Up Day

The annual Clean Up Day will be April 18, with a built in rain date of April 25. Please come down to Koenig Field, between 9 a.m. and noon. Just

bring motivation to clean; doughnuts, juice, coffee, and cleaning supplies will be provided. You can clean your street or an assigned "problem" area. All children must be supervised by an adult. Let's work together to keep Edgewood beautiful.

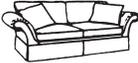
May is Just Around the Corner

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.

Progressive Dinner

The Edgewood Foundation would like to thank all who attended the Progressive Dinner this year. A wonderful time was had by all, thanks to Amy Andrews and all her hard work. If you were unable to make it, talk to your neighbors who did, and we bet we'll see you next year!

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Toastmasters

Improve Your Skills

The Edgewood Toastmasters International Club will hold the Evaluation Contest during their March 3 meeting. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Edgewood Library (C.C. Mellor), and all who would like to improve their speaking and leadership skills are invited. Come on March 3 to hear the best speakers compete. Speeches are always interesting.



On The Edge

Line Dance Party

Join Roland Ford's Soul Line Dance Party, Saturdays from 12 - 3 p.m., at the Wilkins School Community Center. Soul line dancing provides a great workout for the mind and body. Roland makes it fun and easy by using popular music and teaching each dance step by step. No experience or special skills are required and there are no age barriers. Roland starts out with some of the easiest popular dances like the Electric Slide and the Cupid

Shuffle then gradually progresses to newer dances.

Admission to the class is \$4. To confirm class dates and times contact Roland Ford (412) 225-9190, email rollinstone352@live.com or visit www.RolandFordLineDancing.com.

Book and Herb Sale

Get ready for the Annual Book and Herb Sale where the books are affordable, (prices start at fifty cents) and the plants are plentiful. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 16. It is not too early to donate books to the center. Books can be left between the sets of front doors. Receipts can be provided upon request. All books must be in good condition. Donations of textbooks or encyclopedias cannot be accepted.

Soap Making

Learn cold press soap making on Saturday morning, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with instructor, Cynthia Hill, Founder of Third Day Luxury Soaps. Plunge into the luxury of making natural soaps.

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aromas, natural colorants, and soothing herbs.

For more details about the postings above or the Wilkins School in general, please email wscpcgb@yahoo.com, call Patty at (412) 247 6604, or visit www.wscpcgb.org.

Scholarship Awards

Annie Jasiewicz, 13, was awarded a STEP scholarship to study marine biology and underwater photography in Belize for two weeks this June. The scholarship was awarded by Winchester Thurston School, sponsor of the trip, where Annie is an 8th grader. Annie is the daughter of Heidi and Jason McDonald of 112 East Swissvale Avenue, and granddaughter of Renee Waun of 227 Oakview Avenue and David and Sharon McDonald of 1031 Mifflin Avenue. Congratulations Annie!

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ABC School

A Message from the Superintendent of
Woodland Hills School District



Dear Edgewood Residents:

The Woodland Hills School District has kicked off an informational campaign to gauge parents' reactions to several new academic proposals. The district has established dedicated phone lines, posted online surveys on the district website (www.whsd.net), and mailed letters to parents of students with children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to determine interest in the idea of an academy.

The district plans to use Woodland Hills Academy as a specialized kindergarten to grade six program that includes longer classroom hours, foreign language instruction, smaller classroom sizes, uniforms, and greater interaction between parents and teachers. Enrollment would be based on a lottery system. Interested parents are asked to complete the online survey or call (412) 256-3329.

The second program would provide free college for Woodland Hills students through a dual enrollment program with the Community College of Allegheny County. The district would pay for all tuition costs, books, and transportation for program participants. Students would still be able to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities. Parents are invited to complete the online survey at www.whsd.net or call (412) 256-3325.

One more program that we are exceptionally proud of is the College Access Challenge Grant Program. Woodland Hills High School is one of only seven schools in the entire state chosen to be part of the new program. It is coordinated through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Project GRAD USA and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The program mission is to dramatically increase the percentage of PA students that attend post-secondary education.

These are just a few of the exciting initiatives in our plans for the Woodland Hills School District. More information will continue to be available on our website.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Walter M. Calinger
Dr. Walter M. Calinger

On the Edge

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which she gives to charities for auction and sale. No tie is too ugly, and the only ties that can't be used are clip-ons and skinny ones from the 80s. For a list of charities supported by Heidi's sewing, please visit <http://www.geocities.com/heidiqultsonline>.

Congratulations!

Ned Schano, Director of Communications at the Senator John Heinz History Center, was recently appointed Director of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum by Andy Masich, CEO, of the History Center. Ned is the son of John and Winnie Schano of Dewey Street. Nice job, Ned.

Only in Pittsburgh

Edgewood resident and long-time newsletter editor, Marjie Stewart, has put her writing talent to work on *Only Me*, a musical comedy set in Pittsburgh. Marjie co-wrote the musical with Pittsburgh writers Doris Esteban and Dr. David Michael Ed.

The musical will be shown at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater at 5941 Penn Avenue. Show times are: Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

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In these times of economic uncertainty, many may wonder just where we are as a community. Where does Edgewood stand? What is being done by our government? Edgewood has a long history of a fiscally responsible government. Over the past decade, the stewardship of Edgewood's resources has been first and foremost in the borough council's decision making process. We've been able to continue to move Edgewood forward in positive ways and to remain a solvent community.

Working with our sister communities is one way we are working to bring about a better borough. Participating in the Turtle Creek Council of Governments and the newly formed Inter-Council (comprised of the councils of communities served by the Woodland Hills School District) has provided new insights and options for more effective bidding, and planning. The Inter-municipal Comprehensive Plan being developed with Rankin and Swissvale has had a successful start. We continue our dedication to work together to consolidate a plan, and to obtain funding for the revitalization of the Eastern Corridor and our connecting communities. Edgewood Borough Council is a strong participant in the Basin Groups, whose goal is to correct, improve, and maintain the infrastructure of our sewers. We continue to work with, and support, our county and state representatives, Congressman Mike Doyle, State Senator Jay Costa, State Representative Paul Costa and County Council



Commissioner Charles Martoni. All of these representatives have endeavored to bring state and federal funding to our area and to Edgewood. They have also facilitated dialogue and action with the Port Authority for the Edgewood Avenue project.

In order to improve our school district, we remain active in the Inter-Council, continue borough council's Edgewood Primary Subcommittee, and work with Marilyn Messina, our school district board director. Our goal is to promote Woodland Hills School District's success and to keep Edgewood Primary School as an integral part of the school district, and an important community resource.

Our most valued and necessary resource is your participation in our community. We can get all the funding in the world and plan the greatest proj-

ects, but without your involvement and support none will succeed. You are the ones who make Edgewood a community of neighbors.

What can you do to help us keep positive momentum in these times of uncertainty and cynicism?

- Pay your taxes. No goods, services, or programs can continue without tax money. Last year we had \$50,000 in delinquent taxes that we are now sending to collection.
- Clean up your area. Pick up litter, keep your sidewalks clear and in good repair, shovel the snow, rake your leaves, get a rain barrel from Nine Mile Run, clean up after your pets, and keep your yards and outside areas neat. Help your neighbor, and promote Edgewood as a safe, clean community.
- Support the programs and organizations we have in Edgewood. Become a patron of the C.C. Mellor Library, the Edgewood Foundation, and any other local clubs and organizations who serve our community. Become a member of our volunteer fire department. Participate in our community police programs.
- Volunteer. The most precious resource in our society is the time we give to where we live. Help with Clean Up Day or the parkway planting. Offer to coach a soccer, baseball or basketball team. Participate in the planning and/or run in the Edgewood 5k. Offer a hand in making Edgewood Community Day a success. Be a good example to your kids, friends and neighbors by being involved.

We are a community in action, and we remain strong. Where we go from here depends on all of us.

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Information Made Easier

The State of Pennsylvania passed a right-to-know law on February 14, 2008. This law required every community to create an open records officer, and establish procedures for when an individual makes a request for public information. Essentially, every community in the commonwealth was already legally required to make this information available, but this law did draw attention to the issue and outlined more specific provisions regarding the public's access to these records. You may have seen articles in area papers where many communities, especially smaller boroughs, had no idea about the new law or what obligations they had to their residents.

The borough's application form for public records is available on our website, or at the borough building. Copies of records will cost \$.25 per page. Other items, such as building blue prints and GIS maps, will have a set fee that covers the specific copying cost of that item.

Many of the inquiries we have received are for information that is

already available online. All legislation passed by borough council, including our zoning ordinance, is on our website at www.edgewoodboro.com. Once on the site, click borough information, then borough ordinances to see the entire code of ordinances. By entering a keyword into the search feature, you will be able to see everything we have on the books concerning that issue. All of our minutes from the previous year are also online. If you can't find what you are looking for, you can certainly call the office to check if the information is available on the website.

If the information is not available online, you will find the application request form on the website, listed under open records. The borough will have up to five days to provide you with the information, and again the cost is \$.25 per page. A request that is denied will be done so in writing.

If you are uncertain where information is located, or if you have questions about any records please call our office at (412) 242-4824 and we will do our best to provide you with what you need.

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The Allegheny County Health Department has launched a program offering free pick up and recycling of refrigerant-containing appliances. The program is available to Allegheny County residents only, and includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers and other household appliances that contain refrigerants. No commercial appliances will be accepted. Recycling these types of appliances will prevent ozone depleting refrigerants from being released into the air.

"Removing refrigerants from these appliances and recycling them is a win-win-win for the economy, the environment and public health," said County Health Director Dr. Bruce W. Dixon.

To arrange for curbside pick up of an appliance, call the Appliance Warehouse, who is under contract with the Health Department, at 1-888-GO-FREON.



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EVFD

A New Look

Thanks to the support of the fund drive, a grant from FEMA's Assistance to Fire Fighters and the PA Fire Commissioners Office the EVFD will be purchasing 20 sets of protective clothing.

Over the last two years, the department has grown and new members needed to be provided with equipment. The cost of a complete set is \$3,000. Without the grants and support citizens have provided we were looking at a major debt to outfit all the fire fighters.

The new gear will meet all current national standards. The next major grant we will look into will be for air tanks used to enter areas under hazardous conditions.

The EVFD is grateful for the support it receives from the borough, but as you can see the equipment needed to protect the fire fighters that serve the community has a hefty price tag. Again, it is your support through the fund drive, luminary, and chicken din-

ner sales that make it possible to make these purchases.

January Calls

Since January, the EVFD has answered 38 calls for service. The majority of the calls have been motor vehicle accidents. The remainder is what we classify as "smells and bells." The translation to that would be fire alarms and odor investigations. Congratulations to the community for being educated in fire safety and prevention. Now if we could just teach people how to be cautious while driving.

Looking For Members

If you are looking for a way to help in the community, we are always looking for new members. We offer a variety of jobs, from fighting fires and rescue work, junior firefighters and support staff. Feel free to drop me a line at firechief@edgewoodboro.com to discuss a position in the EVFD.



Tax Time

Delinquent Bills

The 2008 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Taxes have been turned over to PAMS as delinquent. If you did not pay, you will be getting a letter from them in the next few months. The 2009 tax bill comes out the last week of March. If you have changed mortgage companies, or are now paying your own taxes, please make sure you call my office at (412) 731-0200 to let me know where to send your tax bill. Also call the Allegheny County Treasurers office at (412) 350-4100 and let them know of any changes.

The Woodland Hills School tax is now due at penalty until June 15. If you were paying in installments and missed one, make sure you add the 10% penalty to the late installment. If two installments were late you will not be eligible to pay in installments next year.

*By Maureen Smith
Tax Collector*



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Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8

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Police Report

Striving to Protect Children

On January 13, the Edgewood Police Department had the pleasure of hosting a one day training class which was offered by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The program, entitled "Protecting Our Children: A Comprehensive Training Program for Law Enforcement Professionals" had approximately 63 attendees and was held at Edgewood Towne Centre. The purpose of the training was to provide law enforcement with information on crimes against children, prevention strategies, and available resources. Attending officers will be able to conduct workshops in their own communities to pass the information on to citizens.

A warm "thank-you" is extended to Phillips, Edison and Company for their generous donation of space to hold this class, to Mele Construction for all their assistance, and to the Western PA School for the Deaf for their loan of a projection screen. Special thanks to Edgewood Department of Public Works for all their hard work in helping to prepare the space. Thanks to Officer Nugent for initiating the idea, and to all the Edgewood officers who volunteered their assistance. Last, but certainly not least, a gracious "thank you" to Chief Payne and borough officials for approving and supporting the officers' efforts.

Bullet Proof Legs

On January 27, Officer Wyke was invited to speak to the kindergarten

Police Tip of the Month

If you haven't already done so, make sure you purchase your 2009 resident parking permit for Edgewood on-street parking between 3 and 5 a.m. Officers are out ensuring residents are in compliance, so avoid any unnecessary costs or fines.

The glue on the stickers this year is causing some difficulty. It is advisable to leave the sticker on the white backing and tape it to the inside of your rear window, lower left side. If you have tinted windows, place the sticker as near this location as possible.

through eighth grade students and staff at St. James Catholic School in Wilkinsburg during their career day. Students received first hand information about a career in law enforcement and heard experiences from within Edgewood Borough. Students learned what types of equipment police officers use on a daily basis, what it is like to respond to an actual emergency, and what to do if there is an emergency situation in their home.

The students were very interested and asked a lot of questions, some of which really caught Officer Wyke off guard! While showing first through third grade students a bullet proof vest worn on duty, one student asked "why doesn't it cover up your legs?" This stumped the speaker. Officer Wyke still doesn't have an answer. Maybe one day that student will turn out to be the inventor of a bullet proof leg covering. Everyone involved had a great time and hopefully the police department will be invited to speak with these great kids again.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,015 calls

for service in January. There were 328 incidents reported, 155 complaints received and nine accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, eight 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 23 Part I crimes committed in the borough, there were two for robbery, two for burglary, two for aggravated assault and two other crimes.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 22 traffic citations and 252 parking citations. Two arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints.

Officers also responded to 17 false alarm calls, took 124 reports, responded to 19 public nuisance complaints, wrote four non-traffic citations and responded to 11 calls for medical assistance.

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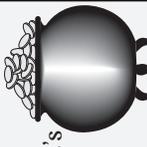
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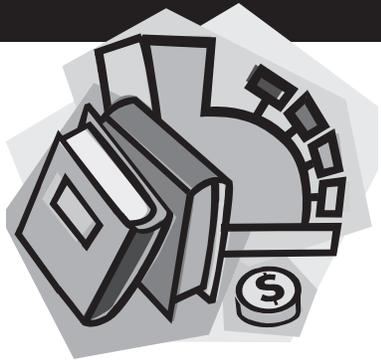
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		
1 MARCH	2	3	4	5	6	7
 Daylight Saving Time Begins	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Drop Dead Book Club, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 We Two Read, CCML 7:30 ESO at the JCC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Book Sale, CCML	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	St. Patrick's Day 	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML Book Sale, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 Wii Games, CCML
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	1 APRIL	2	3	4
				Refuse Pickup	Refuse & Recycling Pickup	

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, WJrH-West Jr High School

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