

# EDGEWOOD

NOVEMBER 2009

## Edgewood Police Department Recognized for Outstanding Work

When I first moved to Edgewood a couple of years ago, I noticed something that was very different from any other place I had ever lived. Police cars regularly patrolled the streets. When I walked or drove around the neighborhood it was unusual not to pass at least one police car. My husband and I were amazed. In other cities we had lived in we never saw the police unless there was a problem. Response times were slow and police officers weren't the friendliest. Edgewood's visible, professional police department is one of the best perks of being an Edgewood resident and is a big part of why my family loves it here.

As it turns out, we didn't know the half of it. Not only are the Edgewood Police Officers a visible presence in residents' lives, they are hardworking, devoted to the neighborhood and as Chief Robert Payne says, "as good a group as you can get." Officer Brian Wyke believes that having a tight knit group is the key to the department's success. "It's the atmosphere you work in, the people you work with," he said. "We work hard, everybody works hard. It's not just eight hours riding in a car. It's digging, investigating, working together. We have a good chief backing us up, a working chief."

Difficult financial times tend to drive crime rates up but the hard work of the Edgewood Police Department has protected the residents of Edgewood by solving several major crimes over the last few months. During September, there was a set of eight burglaries in Edgewood and Swissvale. The burglaries were committed during daylight hours with the suspects gaining entry through unlocked windows. Chief Payne distributed a picture of the suspect to our officers and, the very next day, it paid off. Officers Brian Wyke and Michael Crow were driving down Edgewood Avenue when they spotted



*Officer Brian Wyke, Chief Robert Payne and Officer Michael Crow show off the plaque they received at the Edgewood Borough Council meeting on October 19.*

the suspect walking with two females.

The females are juveniles and are believed to be involved. After stopping the three, police recovered video games, jewelry, gloves and a cold bottle of wine. This led them to believe the suspects had burglarized a house minutes before they were apprehended. Chief Payne believes the work the Edgewood Police Department did on

this case will clear up thirty or forty cases in Wilkinsburg and the City of Pittsburgh, including those already cleared in Edgewood and Swissvale.

In the last few months, our officers have also cleared up thefts from garages, made a drug bust involving thirteen bags of heroin in a vehicle traveling through the borough, arrest-

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### Tips for a Safe Season

As good as our police force is, they can't be everywhere at all times. Following these simple tips will help keep everyone safe this holiday season and beyond.

- Lock your car doors, bikes and the doors and windows of your home. If you don't have a bike lock, you can pick up a free one at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.
- Call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious activity. Dialing 911 is the only way to reach the police department after business hours. Don't be afraid to call, 911 is not just an emergency hotline. Don't waste time wondering if you should call. The faster you call, the faster police can respond.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- While shopping put merchandise out of sight in a locked trunk. You should also put cell phones, purses and any other valuable items out of sight in a locked glove compartment or trunk.
- To avoid making your home a target, ask delivery services to put packages and dry cleaning on a side or back porch. Deliveries left at the front door advertise that no one is home.
- Get to know your neighbors. Look out for them and they will look out for you.

# EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Library

### Annual Appeal

Edgewood residents should have received their Annual Appeal request by now. We really wish we didn't have to, but the reality is that the library relies on the generosity of people like you to provide the materials and services your family depends on. Gifts from individuals like you make up 8% of our income.

The library's income of \$287,000 comes from a variety of sources. State aid is the largest portion (33%) followed by Regional Asset District (RAD) funding (24%), municipal support (18%), library generated income (13%) and school district support (4%).

With the passage of the state budget, the library will lose just under \$20,000 for 2010. RAD funding has yet to be decided as Allegheny County Libraries work to develop a formula that will meet RAD board approval. Members of the Board of Trustees have been very active in seeking increased support from the Woodland Hills School District and the municipalities that the library serves which include Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills, Churchill and Wilkins Township. The library actively pursues grants; however, this year was very competitive with many organizations seeking funds from a more limited pot. Library generated income includes such things as fines, memorial and honor gifts, lost books,

book sale profits and other merchandise sales.

This year your gift is more important than ever to the library and the people it serves. Please make a contribution today.

If you didn't get an Annual Appeal request, you can pick one up at either circulation desk or you can go on-line to donate using PayPal. Go to the library's website [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org) and click on the PayPal button at the top of the page. Donations may be earmarked for library operations or for building restoration. Your generosity is appreciated now and throughout the year.

### Cooking With Diabetes Type 2 Workshops

Penn State Cooperative will offer *Dining with Diabetes: A Program for Adults with Diabetes and their Families* beginning Tuesday, November 10 from 6-8 p.m. in the living room of the Edgewood Community House. This four week workshop, plus a follow-up session, will be taught by Cindy Javor, a registered dietitian. The program will include food demonstrations and tasting, ideas for physical activity and discussions about the management of type 2 diabetes. Lab tests will be offered to measure hemoglobin, A1C lipids, blood pressure and waist circumference. The fee for the class is \$35 for an individual or \$50 if a family member comes along. To register call Cindy at (412) 473-2540.

### Proactive About Flu

We are taking a number of steps to better protect you and your family

from the flu. Each circulation desk has hand sanitizers and tissues available for patron use. Library staff members will regularly wipe down computer keyboards, desk areas and door hardware.

The children's room is taking extra steps like wiping off all toys daily and creating a "Yucky Box" for books and toys that have been sneezed upon. Help us make the season healthier by not bringing sick children to story time or group activities.

### Honor Gift

The library has received gifts in honor of Jim and Ginny Starr's anniversary. Books will be added to the collection.

### Drop Dead Book Club

This group will meet in the board room on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Always a Time to Die* by Elizabeth Lowell. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. There will be no meeting in December.

### Computer Classes

The following classes will be offered in November. Please pre-register by calling (412) 731-0909.

- Basic Internet  
Monday, November 16 at 11 a.m.
- Basic Email  
Thursday, November 19 at 1 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving Day. Regular hours will be observed during the weekend.

### 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 December/January issue is Monday, November 16. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail [edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com).

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## Story Time

Toddler Story Time meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Story Time is for children ages 18 months to three years with a parent or guardian. Participants hear stories, learn fingerplays, do flannel board activities, watch a short book related film and do a craft project. Groups of seven or more children need reservations.

Preschool Story Time meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Children between the ages of three and five are invited to attend with a parent or guardian. Participants listen to stories, do fingerplays and flannel board stories, watch a short book related film and do a craft. Groups of seven or more need reservations.

## Pajama Family Story Time

Put your jammies on and join the fun on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

## Wii Will Play

It's Wii Day at the library, Saturday, November 7. Stop by and try your hand at Guitar Hero, Mario Kart and other games. The game system will be available for use from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wii is available to the library courtesy of the Allegheny County Library Association.

## Saddle Up, Partners

The theme for this month's Toddler Time is Saddle Up! Toddler time is for children two to five years old with a



*Ghosts and ghouls parade through the streets of Edgewood at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House Annual Halloween Party and Parade on October 22.*

parent or guardian. Toddlers will hear stories, sing songs, chant rhymes and complete a small art project. It will be held Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. Reserve your spot before Wednesday, November 11.

## Turkey Tales

Turkey related stories, games and a craft await participants ages six and up on Saturday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by November 21.

## Turkeys on the Loose!

Find a turkey in a previously selected book and win a prize. Hurry to the library because the turkey in a picture book contest ends November 30.

*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 Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill  
Librarians*

## A note from the editor:

It has come to our attention that delivery of the newsletter has not been as thorough and timely as we would like. The newsletter is delivered by the post office through bulk mail. Matters have been complicated due to a recent reordering of mail routes. We are working with the post office to ensure that all residents receive their newsletter in a timely fashion.

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## **EF** Edgewood Foundation

Ho Ho Ho!

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department and the Edgewood Foundation will team up again this year for Light Up Night on December 4 at Memorial Park. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with a reading of Clement Moore's, *The Night Before Christmas*. There is a rumor that everyone's favorite jolly old soul in red will arrive just in time to light the tree. Afterward, we would like to invite everyone back to the Edgewood Club for refreshments and some holiday entertainment for the kids.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of children around Pittsburgh who may not be looking at as rosy a holiday as yours and mine. This Christmas we will partner with Toys for Tots to encourage the children (and everyone else) of Edgewood to bring an unwrapped present to Memorial Park on Light Up Night. Gifts will be taken to Toys for Tots to try and make the holidays brighter for all of our neighbors this holiday season.

Please mark your calendars for December 4th at 7 p.m. Come out and have some fun with your neighbors at Memorial Park while making a difference for some deserving kids.



*The Newcomers Reception was held on September 17. Many new neighbors stopped by for some great food and hospitality. The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra raffled off two pairs of tickets for the winners' choice of concerts. The lucky winners were newcomers Susan Mead of Gordon Street and Bryan Boak of Beech Street (pictured in the center). They are flanked by ESO member Tom Fitzpatrick and ESO board member, Annette Romain .*

### Fall Clean Up and Bulb Planting

Would you like to help us clean up the flower beds on Edgewood Avenue? We will be planting more spring bulbs and trimming back weeds. Please email the foundation if you are interested in helping. A foundation board member will contact you with the dates and times for the clean up.

### Progressive Dinner Form Reminders

The 2010 Progressive Dinner is coming February 20, 2010. See the form in this newsletter for details.

Make sure you reply early. This event always promises a great evening out with your neighbors. You will be assigned a task for the evening, please mark your top three preferences. You may not get your first choice. If no preference is chosen, one will be assigned to you. Please remember to mark chicken or vegetarian. All attendees will be contacted a week or two before the dinner with their assignments. Please include a phone number where you can be reached.

*By Amy Andrews-Hooks*

## The Edgewood Foundation presents: The Progressive Dinner—February 20, 2010

Check deadline is January 24. Due to the amount of planning involved we encourage you to reply early.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

At the Progressive Dinner all attendees participate by hosting or providing food. Please NUMBER your preferences below. We especially need hosts.

- \_\_\_ Host a Cocktail Party for 50
- \_\_\_ Host a Dinner Party for 10–12
- \_\_\_ Make an appetizer for 30
- \_\_\_ Make salad and bread for 12
- \_\_\_ Provide beer or wine
- \_\_\_ Make a dessert for 30

[ ] Chicken [ ] Vegetarian

*Attendees and guest must choose the same meal.*

Please note any special requests: i.e., allergies to animals or foods \_\_\_\_\_

Return form with check for \$25 per person, payable to the **Edgewood Foundation**, c/o A. Caulkins, 217 Beech Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, by January 24, 2010. Please email the Edgewood Foundation with any questions: [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

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## Vive La France this Holiday Season with the Edgewood Symphony!

Celebrate the Joyeux Noel with the Edgewood Symphony on Saturday, December 12 at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. This annual holiday tradition will feature the *Christmas Oratorio* and *Le Deluge* by Saint-Saens as well as *Fantasia on The Holly and the Ivy* by Malcolm Arnold and the traditional holiday sing-along. The Renaissance City Choirs, Galina Istomin and the CAPA High School Choir join the ESO for this holiday celebration.

In the new year, the ESO will perform Bizet's famous opera *Carmen* in concert on March 13. The season will culminate with a display of *Musique Fantastique* on May 15 with a performance of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* and other fantastical French selections.

All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for all these great concerts. Visit [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org) for more details and information on subscriptions or purchasing tickets.



## Garden Club

### Holiday Greens Sale

Deck your halls with boughs of holly and wonderfully fresh, fragrant greens from the Annual Edgewood Garden Club Holiday Greens Sale. This year's sale will be held on Wednesday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Edgewood Club, One Pennwood Avenue. The traditional holiday event continues to be one of the Garden Club's most anticipated fundraisers thanks to the generous support of all our friends and neighbors in the greater Edgewood community.

For all your holiday decorating needs, various sizes and types of fresh evergreen wreaths, swags, mixed green centerpieces, mantel pieces and handmade bows are available for pre-order (see enclosed order form) or for purchase the day of the event. Red and white poinsettias will also be for sale to enhance your foyer or holiday table.

Once again, this year's holiday event will feature a marvelous variety of local merchants whose seasonal products will fulfill many of your "wish list" needs. There will be everything from holiday cards and jewelry to decorative accessories for your home. So,

make those lists and check them twice!

For the best selection, please place pre-orders for greens by Friday, November 20. For more information consult the enclosed pre-order form or call Chairperson Katharine Luckett at (412) 427-2778.



## Scouts

### Oh Christmas Tree

Boy Scout Troop 23 will hold their Annual Christmas Tree Sale again this year at Koenig Field. 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 the Boy Scouts of America. The fundraiser also ensures that our local Boy Scouts earn enough money to attend a week of summer camp.

The sale begins on Sunday, November 29 and runs through Sunday, December 20. Days and hours of operation are; Thursdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Additional days and hours may be added the week of December 21, depending upon inventory, so last-minute bargain hunters should check back often.

Choose from a selection of great Christmas Trees including Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Frazier Fir, and more! Supplies are limited, so be sure to shop early! For more information, call Keith at (412) 523-1441.

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**WSCC**

## Holiday Gift Shop

Once again, the main floor of the WSCC will be transformed into a unique boutique filled with original, hand crafted gifts. You are invited to come and shop early at the opening night party Friday, December 4 from 7-9 p.m., where you can shop in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere while enjoying complimentary treats to eat and drink. If you cannot make the party, the shopping continues throughout the next week from December 5 through 12, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

## Calling Crafters and Artists!

Artists and crafters interested in selling their wares may contact Francine at (412) 871-5491 or wsccholidayshop@gmail.com for more information.

## Charitable Gifts

For those who prefer to give the gift of charity, come Saturday, December 12 to the Alternative Gift Shop, open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This service offers shopping for gifts that provide much needed goods and services to nonprofits and charities in the Pittsburgh area. There are many cooperating organiza-

tions to choose from, such as Meals on Wheels, Bethlehem Haven, the Humane Society and many more. A card will be given to the recipient of your gift stating what was given and who purchased the gift in their name. What could be a better way to celebrate the season of giving?

## Mini Classes

Our holiday schedule of mini classes includes Origami Ornaments on Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fee is \$20. Come and enjoy this great new class and learn the art of paper folding to create unique ornaments for the holidays and gifts for family and friends. No experience necessary. For ages 12 and up.

The popular series Kids in the Kitchen continues on Tuesdays, November 3 and December 1 at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 per session. Simple cupcake construction and decorating with icing tips and bags will be taught to little chefs ages 8-14.

In November, create a turkey sugar confection and in December, a Christmas tree cupcake. Parents are welcome to attend. The always popular, always fun Gingerbread House Night will be on Monday, December 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 per

house/family. Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition at the center. Build a winter wonderland gingerbread house with all the bells and whistles. Everything is provided; there is no messy cleanup, just holiday fun. At the end of the evening you will leave with a beautiful creation. All classes require pre-registration one week in advance. Contact the center at (412) 244-8458 or wscpcgh@yahoo.com for more information.



**WPSD**

## Thanks for a Successful Community Block Party

The rain held off and the sun occasionally peeked through for the Third Annual Block Party, on October 10. There were face painters, magic acts and food galore from Tai TYK (on Edgewood Avenue), Jean's Soul Food and Five Starr Catering. Channel 4 celebrities came out to sign autographs and the classic cars on display were great. DJ Ray set the mood with oldies from the 50s through the 80s. The Edgewood Police and Fire Departments were on hand. The Wilksburg Fire Department opened their smoke house for tours. We would like to thank all the friends and neighbors who came out to enjoy the day. Hope we'll see you at the Fourth Annual Block Party in the fall of 2010.

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## Recreation

### Basketball Sign-Up Coming Your Way

Basketball is coming soon. Look for registration forms in the mail this month. They will also be available on the website. The draft is in December. The season runs from late December through March 2010. Games are held on Saturdays at the Edgewood Primary gymnasium. Marjory Freedline is the Recreation Coordinator for basketball. All inquiries can be made through the Edgewood Borough Office or by calling (412) 292-3061.

*By Judy Mysels  
Recreation Coordinator*



## Tax Time

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate Tax is now due at penalty. I sent reminders out the first week of October. Please remember, even if you did not receive your bill in April, as a home owner you are responsible for making sure your bills are paid. I have no control over the postal service.

The Woodland Hills School Tax is due at penalty as of November 1. If you are paying in installments, your second installment is due by November 30. I will accept a postmark of November 30, but if you send it later than that, make sure you add an additional 10% on for the penalty. If you send your entire slip in, include a self-addressed stamped envelope because

otherwise you will not have the coupon for your third installment which is due in February.

My hours have changed. I will now be working Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (412) 731-0200. I will return your call. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

*By Maureen Smith  
Tax Collector*

## Edgewood Police Department

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ed a juvenile who was breaking and entering homes in Swissvale, solved a set of car break-ins, caught a robbery suspect and solved an automobile theft. In Chief Payne's words, "that's pretty good work." Edgewood Borough Council honored the department with a resolution and a plaque at the October 19 council meeting. Mayor Jean O. Davin read a proclamation and declared October 23 as Edgewood Police Officers' Day.

"On behalf of the residents of Edgewood, we are very proud of the professionalism exhibited by our police officers in the execution of their duties, which enhances the quality of life in Edgewood," said Mayor Davin.

*By Tara Sidonio*

## Borough Directory

### Borough Office Information

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# EVFD

## Holiday Preparations

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department likes to be prepared and this holiday season we are checking our list twice. I have spoken to Santa to make arrangements to bring him to the annual Light Up Night December 4 at Memorial Park. Santa told me that since the children of Edgewood have been good this year, he will meet them at the Edgewood Club after the celebration. He said to tell the kids, "Bring your smiles and I'll bring the treats."

We are also looking for block captains for the annual luminary sales. If you are interested contact me at firechief@edgewoodboro.com or call (412) 242-9994 and leave your name and phone number. A member of the department will contact you.

## Rewards for Membership

As always we are looking for members to join the EVFD. Although some may think that the training and time commitment may be too much, keep in mind there are also benefits to being a member. I recently learned of a scholarship opportunity for volunteer fire fighters that I wanted to share. The following information comes from an email I received:

In Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people. In addition, volunteer firefighters save the county an estimated \$60 million dollars a year. There are 203 volunteer fire companies in Allegheny County and the challenge of keeping these companies fully staffed, well trained and

ready to respond at a moment's notice is one that nearly every fire company in the region addresses on a regular basis.

Because fire companies are essential to ensuring safe and well-protected communities, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato has teamed up with the Allegheny County Fire Academy and Community College of Allegheny County (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance) to offer the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST). This program provides full scholarships for an associate's degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy.

Of the 200 scholarships offered per year, 150 are earmarked for new recruits in exchange for a commitment of five years of service to a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, while 50 scholarships will be awarded to existing volunteers in exchange for a commitment of five additional years of service.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Allegheny County and either be a current volunteer or have joined a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County. Applicants must apply and be accepted to CCAC, file for federal and state financial aid and complete the financial aid process on time and in its entirety.

If awarded a scholarship, recipients are required to meet certain obligations. These include:

- serving as a volunteer firefighter for five years in Allegheny County
- maintaining an acceptable level of service as monitored by recipient's



fire department

- completing two required courses at the Allegheny County Fire Academy
- maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for the duration of the recipient's studies
- repaying a portion of the scholarship if service and academic requirements are not met

In addition to the fireVEST you become eligible for a maximum \$100 state income tax credit, and just today I received word that House Bill 250 would give municipalities and school districts the option of providing breaks on earned income and property taxes to volunteer firefighters. Local officials would determine the size of the wage tax cut, while the property tax credit would be capped at 20 percent.

*By Dave Andrews  
Fire Chief*

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# Police Report

## Block Party Fun For All

On Saturday October 10, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf held its Third Annual Block Party celebrating the communities of Wilkinsburg & Edgewood. The festivities were held along East Swissvale Avenue from the front of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf campus to the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living. Events included face painting for the kids, wall climbing, a car cruise and community displays by members of various groups. Also on hand were on-air personalities from WTAE who participated in the activities. Officer Livingston was present to give away badges and pass out other public safety information.

Special thanks to Gregg Bowers & Vickie Cherney, who did a wonderful job organizing this year's event.

## Citizen's Police Academy

Are you interested in learning what your police do? Want to see the training they receive? If so, the Edgewood Citizen's Police Academy is looking for a few good men and women to be part of the next class. We anticipate a new class will begin in January. The exact dates and times will be announced at a later date. Applications are available at the Edgewood Borough Building. Sign up today!

## Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department



Members of the Edgewood Police Department receive a commendation from Edgewood Borough Council and Mayor Jean Davin during the October 19 meeting. Pictured left to right: Council President Patricia Schaefer, Chief Robert C. Payne, Officers Michael Libell, Brian Wyke, Michael Crow and Michael Ferguson.

responded to and handled 1,393 calls for service in September 2009. There were 491 incidents reported, 190 complaints received and 10 accidents investigated, four of which resulted in personal injury and six 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 53 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were zero for robbery, one for motor vehicle theft, seven for burglary, 22 for shoplifting, three for aggravated assault and 20 other crimes.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 38 traffic citations, 205 parking citations and made zero arrests for driving under the influence. There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to eight false alarm calls, took 225 reports, responded to 24 public nuisance complaints, wrote one non-traffic citation and responded to 10 calls for medical assistance.

## Police Tip of the Month

With winter quickly approaching, the following preventive maintenance tips for your vehicle can mean the difference in breaking down on the roadway or your continued driving pleasure.

- Have your battery and brakes checked.
- Have your tires checked for wear and tear as well as tire pressure.
- Check for leaks and top off all fluids, including an oil change, if needed.
- Don't forget to replace the summer wiper blades with winter blades.
- Always drive carefully and obey the speed limit.

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## Twenty-five Years of Edgewood Foundation Memories

In 1984, seven members from the Edgewood community, representing different facets of Edgewood life, were asked to serve as part of a newly conceived group of volunteers to oversee a new fund in the Pittsburgh Foundation. This group included Bill Vincett, Mayor of Edgewood; John Eichley, Edgewood Council President; Jan Swensen, Edgewood School Board President; Bill Limpert, Edgewood Council Member; Jay Bush, Edgewood High School English teacher; Larry Heller and Lois Winslow, community volunteers.

It took months to file and obtain the non-profit status that qualified us to raise funds. Jan Swensen, now a retired lawyer, remembers those first years and the Foundation's organizational challenges. Achieving the 501C3 non-profit status and negotiating with the Pittsburgh Foundation to create the Edgewood Fund, still a unique relationship, was one of the most memorable happenings for him. He feels that the biggest benefit of a community foundation "causes people to become involved with their community and contribute to make it better."

Certainly there was much lively discussion about what kind of board the Edgewood Foundation should be. Would we be an activist board who conceived and carried out programs and projects or a grant funding organization? It was decided that we would do both. We were interested in projects and programs that would promote and enhance the cultural, social and educational environment of Edgewood, whether they originated with the board or elsewhere.

One of the first projects undertaken was the creation of the message board that

now stands in front of the borough building. Designed by resident and architect Dick Keller, the message board has played an important role in announcing community news in a beautiful and complementary architectural style to our award-winning borough building. Another early project was the creation of the oak cabinets in the library that house many historic artifacts gathered by the Edgewood Historical Society. They were handcrafted by Bill Limpert and John Major. John was the Edgewood High School Principal and a former mayor who was honored as the first recipient of the William D. Limpert Volunteer Award in 1992.

At the very beginning, we felt we needed something that would bring our kids together, since they were now enrolled in public and private schools throughout the area. In 1984 we hosted the Senior Brunch, the popular annual event that celebrates our graduating high school seniors. As former member Laura Horner says, "it continues to be a critical unifying event for the community." Soon, the foundation was approached by members of the Wilkinsburg Symphony Orchestra who requested our sponsorship of their move to Edgewood. Our answer was yes, of course! In 1988, the move was complete and to this day, the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is our goodwill ambassador to the greater Pittsburgh region. Few small communities can boast having any kind of symphony orchestra, much less one as highly acclaimed as ours.

*Look for more Edgewood Foundation memories in next month's newsletter.*

*By Lois Winslow*

## Three Rivers Film Festival Returns to Regent Square

The 2009 Three Rivers Film Festival, presented by Pittsburgh Filmmakers and Dollar Bank, runs November 6 - 21. Now in its 28th year, the festival is one of the most eagerly awaited events in Pittsburgh, featuring independent American cinema, the hottest new documentaries and critically acclaimed international films. There will be visiting filmmakers, informal discussions, a symposium, live music, parties and more. The venues are the Harris Theater, the Melwood Screening Room, and the Regent Square Theater.

On Opening Night, November 6, three films will premiere at three separate locations, with a party to follow at Pittsburgh Filmmakers' Oakland location.

The Regent Square Theater offers a sneak of *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, an adventure tale of good vs. evil with spectacular special effects from director Terry Gilliam. It features Heath Ledger's last, unfinished role, as well as an all-star cast. Set in present day London, this morality tale tells the story of a sideshow magician who pulls audience members onstage then sends them through a magic mirror into another world.

The complete schedule is online at [www.3RFF](http://www.3RFF). Tickets can be purchased by phone at ProArts (412) 394-3353, online at [www.proartstickets.org](http://www.proartstickets.org), or in person at the Pittsburgh Filmmakers office's front desk. There is a small service fee for using ProArts. No phone orders are being taken at Pittsburgh Filmmakers offices, but passes and special event tickets can be purchased there during regular business hours.

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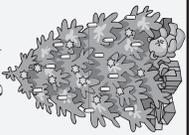
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<b>8</b>	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE 	<b>12</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	7:30 Borough Council, BB NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	<b>19</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	<b>26</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	<b>27</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>28</b>
Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale Begins, KF 	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	<b>3</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	7 Light Up Night, MP	<b>5</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Tara Sidonio at (502) 472-0771 or edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.  
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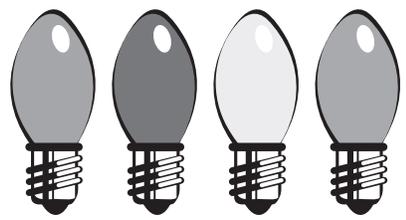
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