FEBRUARY 2010

Mel Douglass Scholarships Reward Seniors

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, six 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 a degree.

The 2010 Mel Douglass Scholarships will be presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Brunch in May that is held for the borough's graduating seniors. 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-thanlife personality, unquenchable spirit, and commitment to serving others. A group of his friends started the Mel Douglass Fund to help sustain his legacy via scholarships.

Anne Hazlett won the 2009 Mel Douglass Scholarship. Jenna Gleason, Zachary Good, Christopher Harding, Reese McArdle and Nicholas Williams earned honorable mention scholarships. To apply for a 2010 scholarship, please send the following information by April 10 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA 15218 or at freydk@gmail.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 perspective 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 scholar-ship 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.

Council Committees Form with New Members

The new members of Edgewood Borough Council were sworn in by Judge Susan Evashavik DiLucente at the council meeting on January 4. The members of each Edgewood Borough Council Committee are as follows:

General Government: Jennifer Gleba (Chair), Jack Bright, Audrey Waldock

Personnel: Mal Hellett (Chair), Gregg Bowers, Jack Wilson

Public Safety: Mal Hellett (Chair), Greg Bowers, Audrey Waldock

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Library

Read in Your Jammies

Put your jammies on and join us for this special evening story time. Family Jammie Story time will be held Wednesday, February 3 and Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Sci-fi Fun

Science fiction titles will be the topic of discussion at the February Yak & Snack. Participants will also do some sci-fi activities on Saturday, February 6 at 1 p.m. Yak and Snack is for children ages 10 and up. Please register by February 5.

Something for your Sweetheart

Join us on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. to make Valentine's Day crafts. Children age six and up are welcome to attend. Please register by Friday, February 12.

Panda Power

Join us on Saturday, February 20 at 11 a.m. for Toddler Time. The theme this month is Panda Power. It is open to children 18 months to four years of age along with a parent/guardian. Please register by Friday, February 19.

Chess Tournament

The 37th Annual Library Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 27 at 9 a.m. Chess enthusiasts in kindergarten through eighth grade will

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

compete for trophies in the junior and senior division of the tournament. The winners of each division will represent C.C. Mellor Memorial Library at the finals, March 27 at Northland Public Library. You may register between February 1 and February 26. No registration will be taken the day of the tournament. You can only sign up for one tournament in the county so why not choose ours!

Lucky Finds

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. The contest begins March 1.

Read Across America

There's some seusspicious activity in the library. Come celebrate Read Across America Day with Dr. Seuss stories and activities, Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. Children ages three to seven will enjoy this most. Please register by Friday, March 5.

Story Time

Story time experiences happen every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for tod-

dlers 18 months to three years of age. Preschool story times are held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Activities at C.C. Mellor's Service Area Locations

- Forest Hills Branch offers story time Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Churchill Borough Building story time happens Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkins Recreation Center has special book character parties every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. This month's feature "Pooh Fest" will be held February 17.

Historical Fun

Historical fiction titles will be the topic of discussion for the March Yak and Snack. Participants will do some historical fiction activities, and of course, snack while we do it. It will be held Saturday, March 13 at 1 pm. Yak and Snack is for children 10 and up. Please sign up by March 12.

Board of Trustees Vacancy

The C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House (CCM) are seeking a civic-minded Edgewood resident to serve on the Board of Trustees. The mission of CCM

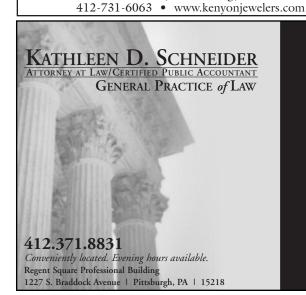


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Income Tax Help

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 daytime and evening hours Monday-Thursday. Spots fill quickly so make your reservation early.

Email Addresses

To help us better serve you we are asking library patrons to provide us with their email address. Email addresses are used to notify patrons that requests are available for pick-up and to remind you when items are about to come due. To encourage you to give us your email address, we will hold three separate drawings for \$25 throughout February and March. Patrons who have already supplied us with an email address may also enter the drawing. All you have to do is stop in and fill out an entry form.

CPR Classes

William Bake from the Eastern Area Ambulance Service will offer heart saving CPR and AED to adults on Saturday, February 28 at 10 a.m. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive an American Heart Association First Aid Card. This class does not satisfy the CPR requirements for life guards. The fee for the program is \$15. Please register in advance.

Honor and Memorial Books

The library will be adding books to the collection:

In celebration of Ella Lesko's fifth birthday and new baby Liam Weamer.

In honor of Dr. Marjie Stewart, who recently completed her doctorate, and Dr. Mary Margaret Kerr for a career achievement.

In recognition of the anniversaries of Philip and Sophea Heidinger, Jim and Ginny Starr, and Doris and Gene Delserone.

In honor of the Ulmer family as part of their holiday celebration.

In memory of Luther Shay, Susie Lucas, Barbara Gibson, Bill Keane, Lester Mulholland, Alan Abraham, Jimmy Richman, Jerry Yoest, John Phillippi, Lysle Sylves, and William Johnston.

Computer Class Schedule

The following classes will be offered in February. Classes are free and last for one hour. Registration is required by calling (412) 731-0909.

- Basic Internet, Tuesday, February 16. 11 a.m.
- Basic Excel, Tuesday, February 23, 1 p.m.

Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the board room. The group will be discussing Mistress of the Art of Death by Ariana Franklin. March's selection will be Final Jeopardy by Linda Fairstein. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

The PALS Book Club will discuss Loving Frank by Nancy Horan on Tuesday, February 23 at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library. This club meets

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Library

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every other month to discuss popular fiction and non-fiction. The book is available in regular format, large print, and as an audio book.

A heads up to local book clubs, this year's One Book, One Community selection is A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America onAppalachian Trail by Bill Bryson. If your book club would like to reserve copies of this book, please call the library.

Book Sale

Mark your calendars for the Library's Annual Book Sale in March. We'll kick off the event with a preview party for Edgewood residents and their guests on Friday, March 19. Main sale dates are March 20 and 21, followed by bag sales on March 22 and 23. The library is accepting donations of items for the sale as well as volunteers to help with the sale. Look for more details in the March newsletter.

All events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Please adhere to reservation requirements. Reservations for



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any of the programs listed can be made by calling the library at (412) 731-0909. By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill, Librarians



Year-End Contributions

It's not too late to make your yearend donation to the Edgewood Foundation. Simply visit www.edgewoodfoundation.org and follow the simple instructions, or send your check to Edgewood Foundation, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA 15218.

The Edgewood Foundation appreciates the community's on-going support these last twenty-five years. As part of the foundation's gift to residents during our anniversary year, we have contracted to landscape and beautify the Edgewood sign which is located just off the Edgewood parkway exit. This lasting tribute will welcome residents and visitors to our community.

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Save The Date

Here are a few events/dates we are working on. Add them to your new 2010 calendar!

April 17 Earth Day Clean-up May TBD Senior Brunch June TBD Brinton Road Clean-up August TBD Brinton Rd Clean-up August Communtiy Day Sept. TBDSleep Over in the Park Sept 23 or 30NewComers Nov 6 Wine and Chocolate Affair



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WPSD

Spring Brings the Craft & Yard Sale

The Spring Craft & Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Spaces are available for \$10 each (\$7 for each additional space). Tables may be rented for \$5 each. Proceeds from space and table rentals benefit WPSD student enrichment activities.

Contact vcherney@wpsd.org reserve your space or request more information.

Sporting Clay Shoot

There was such a great response to WPSD's Sporting Clay Shoot in November that we're planning a spring shoot too. Mark your calendars for May 14 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. It's perhaps the finest shooting facility in the region, and your participation benefits the residential program at WPSD. Contact Chris Fletcher (cfletcher@wpsd.org) for more information.



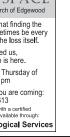
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Vive La France with the Edgewood Symphony and Carmen

Enjoy La Musique de Carmen with the Edgewood Symphony on Saturday. March 13 at the Katz Performing Center at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill. The ESO will perform the opera Carmen in concert, featuring the CAPA High School Opera Chorus and sporano Kelly Lynch as Carmen.

The ESO's 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., and tickets are available at the door. Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more details.



Historical Society

Remembering David Grubbs

The Edgewood Historical Society will meet February 21 at 2 p.m. at the Edgewood Community House. There will be a program including a speaker and a memorial time for David Grubbs, past president of the society.

All Edgewood residents with an interest in learning more about the history of the borough and the surrounding area are welcome to attend. Reservations are not required. Light refreshments will be served.

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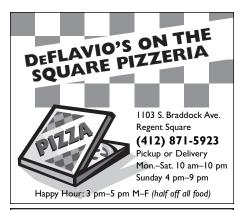
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On The Edge

Welcome Baby Asher

Beth Schano-Goldberg and her husband, Eric, proudly announce the birth of their son, Asher Edward Goldberg, born on October 29. Asher joins his sister, Neve, who lives in Shadyside. Asher is the grandson of John and Winnie Schano of Dewey Street.





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2010 Budget Update

On December 21, Edgewood Borough Council adopted the 2010 budget with a real estate tax increase of 2 mills, by a 7-0 vote. This set the tax rate for 2010 at 8.661. On January 4, Mayor Davin vetoed the adopted 2010 Edgewood Borough Budget. Edgewood Borough Council and the borough manager began a review of each revenue and expense line item in the budget. After extensive review and discussion, a proposed amended 2010 budget was approved for public review and input. It calls for an increase of 1.5 mills. This will set the proposed tax rate for 2010 at 8.161 mills. The amended proposed budget will be available for public review January 21 at the borough building, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and online at www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us.

A Public Hearing on the amended proposed budget for 2010 will be held on February 1 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Borough council along with the borough manager have begun developing a list of action items to be addressed in the 2011 budget.

For council announcements and copies of previous council meeting minutes, please visit our web site at www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us.

By Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager



Recreation

Here Comes Peter Cottontail

Are you down in the dumps because of all this snow and cold weather? Need something to brighten your mood? Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27 for Edgewood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Koenig Field. Get your little ones ready with baskets or bags to collect eggs filled with goodies. If the weather is nice enough, maybe the Easter Bunny will even show up. Be sure to read the March newsletter for particulars.

By Judy Mysels, Recreation Coordinator



Tax Time

The 2009 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Taxes have been turned over to the delinquent tax collector. If you have not paid this tax yet, it will have to be paid to PAMS. The 2010 borough tax will come out in April. There is still no word on the millage.

The 2009 Woodland Hills School Tax is due at penalty unless you have been paying in installments. The third installment is due by February 28. If you missed your second installment, please remember to include the 10% penalty for that installment. If you have any questions, please call my office at (412) 731-0200.

By Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

Just a Reminder

Remember to lock your car doors at all times. Keep your possessions and valuables out of site, or better yet, remove them from your vehicle when you are not using it.

Keep it Clean!

The recent onslaught of winter weather has highlighted the importance of keeping sidewalks free from ice and snow. It is up to you to shovel your sidewalk within 48 hours of a snowfall. Not only is it the right thing to do... it is also a borough ordinance! You could face fines if you fail to comply with the ordinance. Thanks for helping to keep our sidewalks safe for everyone.

2010 Recycling Schedule

February 11 February 25 March 11 March 25

April 8

April 22

May 6 May 20

June 3

June 17 July 1

July 15

July 29 August 12

August 12 August 26

September 9

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November 4 November 18

December 2

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Police Report

We are sad to announce that Officer Timothy Quinn resigned from the Edgewood Police Department in December 2009. We thank Tim for all the hard work he did for the borough during his employment. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

We would like to welcome Brian Markus, Edgewood's newest police officer. Brian was recently hired as a part-time officer and brings some experience with him. Congratulations to Gene Chrise who was recently moved from part-time to full-time police officer. We wish both Brian and Gene happy and healthy careers in our borough.

If you have not already done so, be sure to purchase the 2010 residential parking permit that allows you to park on the street overnight between three

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Police Tip of the Month

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and five a.m. Officers are checking to ensure that residents are in compliance so avoid any unwanted fines. The parking stickers should be posted on the lower left side of your rear window.

Calling All Citizens

The Edgewood Police Department would like to host a Citizen's Police If you are interested in Academy. attending, you can complete an application at the borough building. Please return completed applications to Lewis, the borough's administrative assistant.

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Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 862 calls for service in January. There were 375 incidents reported, 136 complaints received and 11 accidents investigated. One of these resulted in personal injury, and 10 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 18 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there was one for robbery, one for burglary, nine for shoplifting and zero for motor vehicle theft and aggravated assault. There were seven other crimes.

There were 13 adult and zero juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 40 traffic citations and 102 parking citations. Two arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were four vandalism/criminal mischief plaints and five narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 15 false alarm calls, took 25 reports, responded to one public nuisance complaint, and responded to 20 calls for medical assistance.





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New Year Brings New Members and Equipment

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department ran a total of 240 calls for service in 2009. I am happy to report that of the 240 calls there were no serious structure fires. I like to believe that this is due to the fact that my fire prevention tips are read and followed. This year, we will continue to provide top-notch fire protection service to the borough by attaining more training and certifications for our members. We now have more members with EMT certifications and we also have one member pursuing his paramedic certification. In December, University of Pittsburgh student Charles Pratt joined the department. Charles joined to learn more about the fire service and to obtain his EMT certification. Stop by anytime to pick up an application and join, we would love to have you! High school seniors, remember if you join the EVFD, commit to 5 years of service, and achieve Firefighter 1 certification, vou may be eligible for FREE tuition and books at the Community College of Allegheny County through the FIRE-VEST program.

A grant from the Fire Commissioners Office has been secured thanks to Lisa Segedy. The grant will be used to purchase new radios and pagers. The upgraded radios will allow us to communicate with other departments from anywhere in the county.

Thank you to all the residents that purchased luminary. On Christmas Eve, the streets looked wonderful and festive lined with the glowing luminaries.

By Dave Andrews, Fire Chief



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Memories of Twenty-five Years at the **Edgewood Foundation**

The Edgewood Foundation has organized many big events that have brought our citizens together for social and philanthropic reasons. In the late 80s, the Edgewood Foundation organized the Edgewood Film Festival. Regional celebrities such as Dwavne Woodruff and Steve Blass chose their favorite films and introduced them at the Regent Square Theater. For several years, an accompanying art exhibition and reception was hosted by Concept Art Gallery.

Ruth Pickering, first woman mayor of Edgewood and long-time member of the foundation, organized the silent auction event held at the Edgewood Club that preceded theater presentations organized, and often acted by, Larry Heller. The Titantic Dinner was such a success that it developed into the highly popular Progressive Dinner, most recently organized by Amy Andrews Hooks and many, many dedicated volunteer neighbors. The semiannual Wine and Chocolate event was created a few years ago by current member Angel Lehrian. The Limpert Award was created in 1991 to honor retiring president, Bill Limpert. Since then, the foundation has recognized over 15 special community volunteers.

Though many of our social events are the "glue" that keeps us together, funding major projects continues too. Over the 25 year history of the foundation, three major



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funding initiatives have supported our mission. Our first grant of twenty five thousand dollars matched funds provided by the borough to create the playground at Koenig Field. This was followed several years later by a \$15,000 three year grant to the Edgewood Library for their renovation campaign, and most recently the foundation pledged another \$15,000 for three years to Pittsburgh Filmmakers to help support the renovation of the Regent Square Theater and to create a family film series.

Of course, all of this generosity of time and money comes from the good citizens of Edgewood who have contributed constantly and consistently to the Edgewood Foundation because they understand the power of a local foundation working on behalf of all. Through the efforts of our members, current and past, and the many, many volunteers who have aided in all the events throughout the years, we have come together to help make Edgewood a community of distinction.

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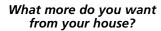
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