

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



Calendar at a Glance November (all dates in November) Council Meetings: 1 & 15, 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building Council Budget Meetings: 13, 8 a.m.-Noon, & 22, 7:0 0 p.m.10:00 p.m Refuse: 4, 11, 18 & 26 Recycling: 4 & 18 Storytime @ CC Mellor: 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays @ CC Mellor Boy Scouts: 7:00 p.m. Mondays @ FPCE

**Farewell Homer** 

During the council meeting September, 20th 2010, Homer McCartney was given a plaque honoring his more than 10 years of service. Mr. McCartney was the crossing guard stationed at the very busy intersection Maple Avenue and Linden Avenue, in front of Edgewood Primary school. He is known for his eye for speeders and keeping our children safe. Homer, you will be missed.



# Junior Council Person Sworn In

On Monday September, 20th Hanna Brourman was sworn in as the newest Junior Council Person by Mayor Jean O. Davin. Hanna attends Shadyside Academy, where she is a senior. Hanna is active in the Big Brothers Big Sister program, Ice Hockey, Track and Field, dance, and various volunteer projects. Hanna hopes to garner a better understanding of the workings of local government. Hanna is the fifth Junior Council Person in the borough of Edgewood. She is preceeded by Reese McArdle, Emily Bush, Anne Hazlett, & Brian Horner. The wonderful program was brought to us by former Council Member Heidi McDonald and is now lead by Council Person Jennifer Gleba.





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Tax Office

**EVFD** 

The Woodland Hills School tax is now due at penalty unless, you are paying in installments. The second installment is due by November 30. If you did not receive your coupons for your last two installments please call my office ASAP at (412)731-0200.

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax is due at penalty until December 5. I sent out green reminder notices the last week of September. The yellow bill was sent out in April. Remember, as a homeowner it is your responsibility to know when your bill is due. I do my best to make sure the addresses are correct. If you have changed mortgage companies and are now paying your own taxes, please call the Allegheny County Treasurers office at (412)350-4100 and let them know of this change. Thank you, Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

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As stated last month, this is a busy time of the year for the EVFD. Along with answering alarms, no major ones thank goodness, we have completed training in Hazardous Materials Operation. In conjunction with Swissvale fire department, members have obtained pro board certification to handle minor incidents. In the event of a major hazardous material incident EVFD will be assisting the Allegheny County Red Team to contain any spill. Although many on the department have had training in haz mat we felt it important to have the pro board recognition for the department. The QRS program is performing above expectations and response times have been fantastic. In addition to the regular business of the department we found time to do the annual hayride and also assisted Woodland Hills Band by providing lighting for their band competition.

Now that winter is right around the corner and we are all moving inside, or already have, please remember to exercise caution with candles and auxiliary heating sources. In addition, with daylight savings time you should change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors should be located on every level of your home as well as in each bedroom. When placing a smoke detector in your bedrooms they should be mounted, if possible, above or near the door. The reasoning for the detectors inside the bedroom is that if you sleep with your door closed you may not hear the detector in the hallway.





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# Police Report

## Question and Answer

The September newsletter posed this question to our residents: "What is your opinion of the Edgewood Police Department, and what can we do to make it better?" We would like to thank everyone who responded, but, after one month, just 6 responses have been received.

The responses that were received, we are happy to say, were all positive. The common response was that citizens would like to have a nonemergency number, so they do not have to dial 9-1-1 in situations that are not urgent or life-threatening.

Although it is apparent that some residents are less than thrilled with the 9-1-1 system, it is what we currently have to work with. We understand that change is hard, and that most people do not like calling the 9-1-1 center.

There are many advantages for officers and residents with the 9-1-1 system. The main reason most departments switched was the cost effectiveness of using the established 9-1-1 system. We do understand that there is no price for your safety, but, there are many safety concerns with keeping it "in house." The Borough would have to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to staff, train, and maintain an in-house dispatch center that would even come close to the technology of the 9-1-1 center. The 9-1-1 center has the capability to trace a call that has

been lost or trace a threatening call. Our former in-house dispatch center did not have the capability of tracing calls.

Another advantage is that Edgewood officers can hear what is going on in the area and can assist with an incident in Wilkinsburg or Swissvale when there is a life-threatening call close to our borders. Otherwise, officers might not know about the robbery or shooting that just occurred just outside our town. In turn, officers from neighboring departments also can hear and assist when critical incidents occur in Edgewood. A prime example of this is the recent shooting in Edgewood Towne Centre.

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#### 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 more information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

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Also deadline for the December/January issue is November 1. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail <u>edgewood.newsletter2010@gmail.com</u>

## **Borough Directory**

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Neighboring departments heard the seriousness of the call and responded immediately without being asked.

These are just a few of the many advantages of having the 9-1-1 system. We do understand that residents would like a nonemergency number. Unfortunately, this is a difficult thing to do. Our former dispatchers were retained after switching to 911. They are now responsible for driving fire trucks, answering first responder calls, and clerical work. They are now referred to as "emergency services personnel" and are not always able to answer the phone due to other their other duties. They, as well as the Borough Secretary, do not have the capability of reaching the officers. This is why it is extremely important to dial 9-1-1, even in non-emergency situations.

As stated in the September newsletter, please feel free to e-mail any thoughts, concerns, or tips to officer713@edgewoodboro.com. If you would like a response, please note that in your comments. You may also remain anonymous if you wish.

### Edgewood Police Activity Police Statistics

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,601 calls for service in September 2010. There were 589 incidents reported, 203 complaints received and 12 accidents investigated, 0 of which resulted in personal injury, and 12 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 0 for Robbery, 0 for Motor Vehicle Theft, 1 for Burglary, 14 for Shoplifting, 3 for Aggravated Assault and 5 Other Crimes.

There were 17 adult and 0 juvenile arrests made for Felony and Misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 68 Traffic Citations, 217 Parking Citations and 2 arrests for Driving Under the Influence were made. There were 3 Vandalism/Criminal Mischief Complaints and 1 Narcotics Offense.

Officers also responded to 9 False Alarm Calls, took 266 reports, responded to 2 Public Nuisance Complaints, wrote 11 Non-Traffic Citations and responded to 21 calls for Medical Assistance.

# Police:Tip of the Month

When you see a police officer or a police vehicle, please do not tell your small children, "If you're bad, he will arrest you," or "he will take you away." Unfortunately, officers

hear this quite often. These simple words may instill fear in your child towards the police. If a child needs the police, they may be afraid to approach us if they think they will get in trouble or that they will be taken away.

# **Council Notes**

## Budget Meetings Scheduled

Council has scheduled its first two work sessions for the the 2011 Budget. We encourage our fellow residents to attend to learn about the process, the fixed and mandated expenditures and revenue sources. With what lies before us (especially during these difficult economic times) we hope you will consider attending, even for a short time. We value your input to help us prioritize the Borough programs and services that have made Edgewood the community you choose to call home. We have reserved the first 30 minutes of each meeting for resident comments.

November 13 (Saturday) from 8 a.m. until noon. November 22 (Monday) from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

## Parking Changes Ahead

Look for changes in Edgewood's onstreet parking ordinances beginning this upcoming January 2011. The call-in system for overnight visitors (3 a.m. to 5 a.m.) is being eliminated and residents will be able to purchase a visitor parking pass at the borough building. Please look for detailed information on the borough website in the coming weeks regarding the specifics of the new ordinance. More complete information will be available in December's newsletter. As always, feel free to contact the borough office with any questions.







## Please Consider a Gift to C C Mellor Library

By now you should have received your Annual Appeal letter in the mailbox. Please consider a gift to the library. Gifts from individuals make it possible to provide the materials and services that residents want. You can make your contribution by check or by going to www.ccmellorlibrary. org and clicking on the donate button.

#### Arts & Crafts Fair is Back

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4 for the Annual Arts and Crafts Fair running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Ballroom. Local artisans will be showing their wares; this is your opportunity to buy special, one-of-akind gifts for those on your list. Items range from watercolors to knit hats, jewelry to pottery, and wood carvings to scarves. In addition each artisan donates an item to a raffle which directly benefits the library. The Artful Divas, crafters from the East End are organizing this years' show.

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## **Enjoy Books**

Once again the library is selling Enjoy Books which have discount coupons to restaurants, entertainment venues, and services such as dry cleaning. The library receives some of the proceeds. Books cost \$27 and are available at the circulation desks.

#### **Financial Workshop Series**

Two remaining Finances for Seniors workshops will be held in November. They are free and it is not necessary have attended the others. to Workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Living Room. Register in advance by calling (412)731-0909. The following topics will be discussed:

Wednesday, November 3, Estate Planning, Kathleen Schneider, Attorney -at-Law/ Certified **Public Accountant** 

Wednesday, November 10, Identity Theft, Chief Robert Payne, Edgewood Police and Officer Fred Livingston, Edgewood Police

### AARP Safe Driving Classes

A four hour refresher course for drivers 55 and over will be held on Thursday, November 4 from 9a.m. To 1 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Living Room. Participants must have taken the AARP Basic Safe Driver Class. Cost is \$14 for



non-members and \$12 for AARP members. Register in advance by calling (412)731-0909.







### Computer Classes

The following free one-hour onesession classes will be offered in October. Registration required.

*Basic Internet* Tuesday, November 9 at 11 a.m.

*Basic Email* Tuesday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

## Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00pm in the Board Room to discuss *Last Child* by John Hart.

### Memorial & Honor Books

The library has received a gift in honor of Ernie Dettore, Jr who was given the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Award. Books on children and play will be added to the collection.

## In the Children's Room

Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for family jammie storytime. Put your jammies on and hear stories, fingerplays and rhymes, watch a short book related movie and do an art project.

Baby Lapsits continue Friday mornings in November at 10:30 a.m.



Children 17 months and younger with a caregiver are invited to participate, Friday November 5, 12 & 19.

Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. The Edgewood Historical Society will open a Civil War trunk on loan from Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum in the Edgewood Club Living Room. Historian and teacher as well as Historical Society Member, Dave Goggin, will open the trunk and discuss its contents. Civil War buffs and students studying the war will not want to miss this. The library will provide materials for additional study and a hands on activity for participants. Please register by calling the library, (412)731-0909.

Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. We Two Read: a bookclub for children 4-7 with a caregiver. Copies of the selection, The Interrupting Chicken, by David Ezra Stein with be available mid October. The books are courtesy of a generous grant from Dollar

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General. Space is limited, please sign up November 5.

Saturday, November 13, celebrate National Board Game Day at the library. The wii will be here as well so stop by and try your hand at the Guitar Hero, Mario kart and other games. The games will be available for use from 11 a.m. Until 2 p.m. The Wii is available for use courtesy of the Allegheny County Library Association.



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### The Great Race

Dick Monheim of Willow place and son Chris of Chambersburg, PA ran in the Great Race on Sept. 26. Dick, who has run every Great Race (33 of them) finished this year's race with a time of 46:53 and finished first in his age group. Chris came in 45th overall with a time of 35:23.

#### Announcements

Pat and Candy Loughney are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Roger, to Jessica Steinour. A May 2011 wedding is planned.

They are also pleased to announce the Stanford University Law School graduation of their daughter, Molly. She and her husband, Niels, have relocated to Nashville, TN. He is a first year law student at Vanderbilt University and she is an associate attorney with the firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Molly is a member of their Environmental and Toxic Tort Practice Group and the Land Use Practice Group.





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If you have any questions call:





The Foundation would like to thank the new neighbors that attended the Newcomers Reception in September. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and learned a little bit about what Edgewood has to offer. Thank you to all of the community groups that attended and to the Apessos for hosting the event.

We would also like to thank the 35 parents and children that attended the Sleep Over in the Park one beautiful Saturday evening in September. We had a great time camping in Koenig field and enjoying the bonfire set by our volunteer firemen while making hotdogs and s'mores.

Morning was a bit chilly, but the coffee and doughnuts were enough to pull all of us out of our tents! If you are interested in participating in the next sleepover, please email the

foundation with your contact info. You must live in Edgewood, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Wine & Chocolate Affaire

Reserve your spot now at the Edgewood Foundation's third bi-annual Wine and Chocolate Affaire, to be held November 6 at 7 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. In addition to the obvious (wine and chocolate), the evening will include a performance by the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra Ensemble, music from the jazz band Cross Culture, a silent auction, and works by local artists.

The William D. Limpert Award for Community Service will also be made at the Wine and Chocolate Affaire. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Use the reservation form below to purchase your tickets now, or visit our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org.

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## Light Up Edgewood

Ho Ho Ho! The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department and the Edgewood Foundation will team up again this year for Light Up Edgewood on December 4, 2010 at Memorial Park. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with a reading of Clement Moore's, The Night Before Christmas followed by a rumored visit from everyone's favorite jolly old soul in red who should arrive just in time to light the tree. Afterward, we would 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 that may not be looking at as rosy a holiday as ours. We have decided that this Christmas, we will partner with Toys for Tots and encourage the children (and everyone else) of Edgewood to bring an unwrapped present for a less fortunate child 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 7PM.

#### Progressive Dinner February 26, 2011

It is once again time to send in your forms for the Progressive Dinner. Early RSVP's make it easier to plan the event, so please do not delay, send them in today. If you are new to the event, look for more information about the evening in next month's newsletter or on our website. Deadline for signing up is February 6, 2011.



Time to start thinking about the holidays with the ESO!

Get yourself into the holiday spirit with some musical Holiday Confections and the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra! On December 4 at 7:30, the ESO will perform their annual holiday concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Please join us for this holiday tradition!

The concert will feature the Renaissance City Choirs and the annual Christmas Festival sing-along. The ESO will also showcase The Nutcracker Suite and some of your favorite holiday tunes, like O Holy Night, The March of the Toys, Joy to the World and White Christmas.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door, but you might not want to wait too long to get yours. This concert always brings in a big (and

festive) audience!



Larry <u>Kaufman</u>

General Carpentry

# And mark your calendar to join the ESO in the new year at these concerts:

March 12, 2011 - Tales from Old Vienna Enjoy Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

#### May 14, 2011 - White Nights

Hear showstoppers Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev and Scheherezade by Rimsky Korsakov!

All concerts at are 7:30 pm. Visit www. edgewoodsymphony.org for more information and to purchase your tickets!

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Boy Scout Troop 23 will be holding its annual Christmas tree sale from November 27th to December 19th, at Koenig Field. The sale opens on November 27th from Noon to 8 p.m. Regular hours will be 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays and Noon - 8 p.m. Sundays. Please come out and support the troop.

The troop uses the money raised from the Christmas tree sale to fund many scout activities. For example, this summer Troop 23 spent a week at Heritage Scout Reservation in Pennsylvania. Farmington, The scouts enjoyed hiking, kayaking, sailing, and other outdoor activities, as well as earning merit badges in areas such as environmental science, emergency preparedness, woodcarving, and archery. Heritage Scout Reservation provides the opportunity for the boys to experience the great outdoors while learning valuable life skills.

This past September, the scouts attended Campaganza at Moraine State Park. Campaganza celebrated



the 100th anniversary of Scouting. Over 11,000 scouts from western Pennsylvania as well as troops from as far away as New York and Maryland participated in this historic event. Activities included educational exhibits from the State Department of Natural Resources, living history re-enactors, Army, State Police and Medivac helicopters, just to name a few. All told, the scouts were able to participate in over 100 activities.

The troop typically organizes a camping or other outdoor outing at least once month. We are currently planning spring trips to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. Scouting is open to boys who have completed the 5th grade, or are 11 to 18 years old. The troop meets at 7 PM, every Monday night, at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. We welcome all boys to the adventure of Scouting!

Nine Mile Run Geology Walk Sunday, November 7th, 1pm-3:30pmMeet at the Biddle Street Parking lot on Braddock Avenue One of our most popular seasonal walks - so be sure to sign up early! Join Albert Kollar, geologist for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, for this unique trip back in time to when Braddock Avenue was the Monongahela River and Pennsylvania was close to the equator. Using the rocks and formations in Frick Park, participants will learn about important geological and paleontological periods. Please register with Lisa at lisa@ninemilerun.org or by calling 412.371.8779 x15.



## A Good Time For All!

The 5th Annual Block Party was a big success with visitors and participants from Edgewood, Swissvale and Wilkinsburg.

The sun was shining, the food was delicious and the performances at the talent competition were superb. The purpose of the day is to bring neighbors out to meet each other and to highlight community businesses and organizations. This Commitment to The Community Committee event is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Special thanks to Three Rivers Center for Independent Living for opening their property to the event









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and for Mercy Behavioral for sharing their front sidewalks with us.

WTAE anchors were on hand to sign autographs and our Car Cruise just keeps on getting bigger and better every year. Thanks to DJ Ray for spinning the oldies throughout the afternoon. Eighteen local enterprises took advantage of the free space to market their services. And what would a community event be without fire trucks! Thanks to the Edgewood Police Department and the Wilkinsburg Fire Department's Smoke House for coming out to represent our communities. The kids enjoyed face painting, magic tricks, games and the moonwalk.

New to this year's event was a train ride for the little ones and the "Our Communities Got Talent" competition. First prize went to Justin McCord of Swissvale with Megan Pietrusinski of Swissvale and Natalie Buchanan of Edgewood winning 2nd and 3rd place respectively.



Save the date now for the 6th Annual Block Party on Saturday, October 1, 2011. We'll see you there!

VISITORS WELCOME WPSD welcomes our neighbors to come and tour our beautiful campus. Call Vicki Cherney at 412-371-7000 to schedule a visit.



Sign up Edgewood now for basketball. Registration forms are online and at the borough building. Registration begins November 1, play begins December 13.





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**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** Details on page 11.



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