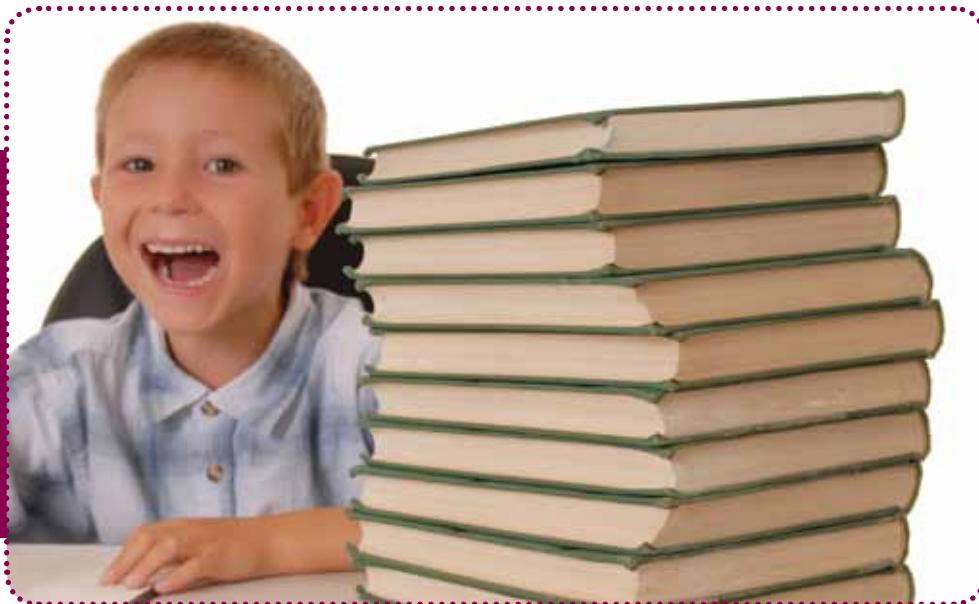


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March 2011 A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



DON'T MISS OUR BIG BOOK SALE!

Make plans to attend the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale. It 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: books, movies, books on tape and CD, music CDs and tapes, magazines, and children's games. And everything is at bargain prices!

The weekend kicks off with a preview party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 18 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Hosted by the Drop Dead Book Club, this is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of good food, drink and good conversation. The cost

per person is \$20. Call the library to make reservations. Please no dealers.

Weekend hours for the sale are Saturday, March 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. On Saturday, beginning at 1 pm bring your little ones to the Fred Rogers children's room for fun filled activities. The sale continues Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. Books are \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and \$.50 for kids' books (5 for \$2).

While you shop the sale on Saturday your little one can stop by the Fred Rogers room for fun-filled activities beginning at 1 pm.

Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days. Fill a bag for \$6 (the Library provides the bags). Bag Sale hours are Monday, March 21 from 1 pm to 8 pm

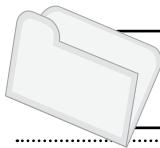
and Tuesday, March 22 from 9 am to 2 pm.

We are happy to take donations of books and other items up through the sale. We are also looking for volunteers; we need help setting up the sale, running the sale, and tearing down the sale. To volunteer, call Sally Bogie at 412-731-0909.

Calendar at a Glance - March (all dates in March)

- **Council Meetings:**
7 & 21, 7:30 pm
@ Borough Building
- **Refuse:**
3,10,17,24 & 31
- **Recycling:**
10 & 24
- **Storytime @ CC Mellor:**
10:30 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- **Toastmasters:**
6:30 pm Tuesdays
@ CC Mellor
- **Boy Scouts:**
7:00 pm @ FPCE

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Council Notes

A Look Back As We Move Forward

Edgewood 2010 Budget Review: The borough collected an impressive 98.5% of its real estate taxes and over 109% of expected earned income taxes. Occupational privilege taxes in the borough increased 80% from 2009. The borough also collected increased revenues from athletic fees, advertising, rental properties (train station and Koenig Field apartment) and reimbursement for train station renovations incurred over the past couple years. Lower than expected revenues for fines and fees had a minor impact on the budget. Overall, the borough collected 105% of budgeted revenues for the year.

Department heads and borough employees worked hard to cut costs whenever possible and enabled the borough to come in under (an already tight) budget. Expenditures came in at or slightly under budget for legislative and administrative departments. Legal expenses increased due to many contract renewals and other legal

matters. Police, fire, and traffic safety departments all came in slightly under budget. Facility maintenance was over budget due to train station renovations which are now complete. Public Works department came in 20% under budget due to a worker's compensation claim. Recreation expenses were 40% under budget with no cuts in athletic programs. Public works equipment and snow and ice control were slightly over budget for 2010 due the extreme winter and the purchase of a new snow plow. Newsletter costs decreased by almost 20% from 2009. Overall, expenses for the year came in at 97.55% of budget.

The borough ended 2010 with \$207,309.53 in the general fund, which will allow current bills to be paid as tax revenue does not generally come in until after the first quarter. In January 2011, the borough transferred \$67,698.70 from the general fund to repay part of monies owed the sewer fund.

2011 brings new economic challenges as costs continue to rise in utilities, insurance and mandated state and federal programs, with increasingly limited state and federal funding. In anticipation of this, the roll out of the garbage and recycling fee in 2011 became necessary in order to maintain the current tax rate. We plan to address extensive maintenance issues in the borough building and increase our street paving program in 2011.

Please read the April issue of the newsletter for more information regarding the 2011 budget and borough finances.

Please see the graph (next page)

for a detailed look at expenditures by department.



EVFD

Effective January 1, 2011 the International Building Code requires that a sprinkler system be installed in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings. The cost is approximately five dollars a square foot, which is about the same as carpeting. Although smoke detectors are a great warning device they do not extinguish a fire. In new construction, lightweight materials are used to keep the costs down. This type of construction is prone to early collapse under fire conditions. Flame is the activator, not smoke. Only the sprinkler head involved activates, not the entire system.

Sprinklers have been around for many years and have saved lives and property. In Edgewood we have had two incidents, that I am aware of, in which a sprinkler head was activated. Both times were in commercial occupancies. Had it not been for the sprinkler we would have had a much worse outcome. For more information on home sprinklers please visit www.homefiresprinkler.org



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GRIEVING SPACE

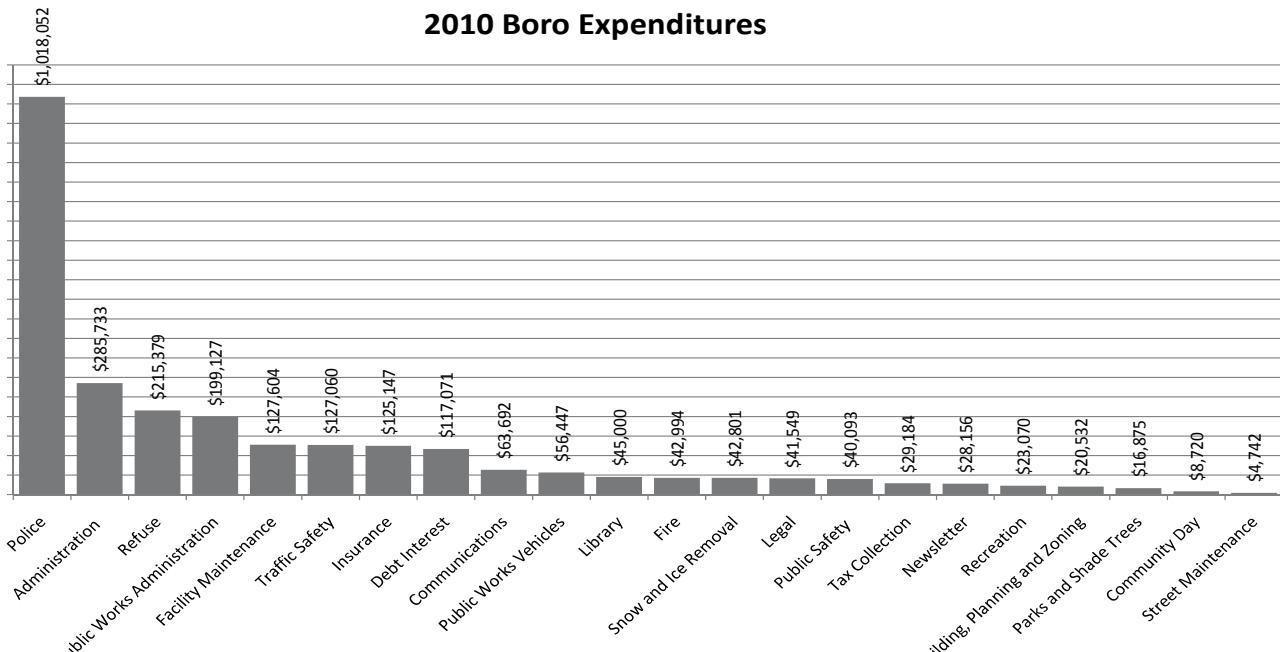
at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Here, we understand that finding the space to grieve can sometimes be every bit as challenging as the loss itself.

Should you need us,
our support group is here.
Meetings: every third Thursday of
the month 7 pm

Call us to let us know you are coming:
412-241-4613
Individual support with a certified
grief counselor is also available through:
Edgewood Psychological Services

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*A Note From Your Council

There has been concern expressed by residents who have read in the newspaper that Edgewood is merging its police department with Forest Hills. That is not true. Edgewood Council has made no plans to merge our police department. We are interested in participating in a study looking at policing in our area and how we might support ways of sharing resources to keep policing costs down.



Share Your News

Proud of your new baby? Enjoyed a great vacation? Got a promotion or attended a convention? Please clip this coupon, stick it on the fridge and use when you have some news to share.

If you have any questions call: _____ at _____

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Police Report

The Edgewood Police Department would like to share with you ways to prevent burglaries - There are many things that citizens can do to make their home and neighborhood safer. One of the most important things that you can do as a citizen it to be observant. You know your neighbors, vehicles that belong in the area, and when something just looks wrong.

Always lock your windows and doors. You may think that your second story window is inaccessible, but is there a ladder lying around? A chair? How about on your neighbors property?

Many of the burglaries that we read about or see on the evening news have happened during the daytime. Leaving a T.V., radio, or light on may lead the perpetrator to believe that someone is home. The cost of powering a small radio pales in comparison to replacing your valuables.

Alarm systems are a valuable way to protect your home and family, even from fire. You may also have yard signs and window stickers letting criminals know that there is an alarm in use.

If you can see your big screen T.V. as you pull into your driveway, so can everyone else. It is a good idea to try to keep your valuables out of sight. This holds true with the win-

dows on the sides of your home as well. Motion lights are an excellent source of protection. Criminals are more hesitant when a light is turned on. These are just a few of the many things that you can do to protect yourself, your family, and your home. Edgewood Police Department officers have always tried to be proactive and share information with the citizens that we serve. We would like to offer residents an opportunity to meet with an officer at their residence. The officer will walk around the exterior of your home and provide pointers on what can be done to make your home safer. If you would like to meet with an officer, please contact officer713@edgewoodboro.com to schedule an appointment.

Nixle Community Information Service

Edgewood Borough has begun using a new system which will allow our residents to have immediate access to notable Edgewood Police events, safety, or community information. Borough officials are now able to send messages through the Nixle Community Information Service, which basically is a way of passing along important information. The information officials put into Nixle will be delivered to you instantly by cell phone, text message and/or email. The information will also be online at www.nixle.com.

In order to receive the messages, you must register with Nixle. To register, go to the Borough website

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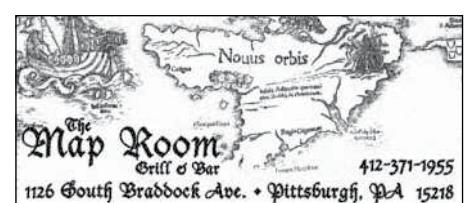
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(www.edgewoodboro.com), which has a link to the Nixle website. Once on the Nixle website, it will walk you through the simple registration process. You choose whether to receive the information on your computer or your cell phone. There is no cost for our residents to utilize this system. Edgewood Police officers have already utilized this system to relay information on the recent armed robberies in the Regent Square area, as well as seizure of a substantial amount of marijuana stemming from a traffic stop. There is a brochure available at the Borough Building about the Nixle System with detailed information.

Please talk to your neighbors about this new system so that as many people as possible can register and have access to important Borough information.

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,655 calls for service in February 2009. There were 292 incidents reported, 148 complaints received and 12 accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and 11 resulted in property damage.



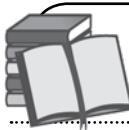
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Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Of the 12 Part I Crimes committed in the Borough, there was one for Robbery, 0 for Motor Vehicle Theft, 0 for Burglary, 6 for Shoplifting, 3 for Aggravated Assault and 2 Other Crimes.

There were 13 adult and 2 juvenile arrests made for Felony and Misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 34 Traffic Citations, 593 Parking Citations and 0 arrests for Driving Under the Influence were made. There were 2 Vandalism/Criminal Mischief Complaint and 2 Narcotics Offenses.

Officers also responded to 17 False Alarm Calls, took 215 reports, responded to 0 Public Nuisance Complaints, wrote 7 Non-Traffic Citations and responded to 16 calls for Medical Assistance.



Library

Gifts

The Library received gift in honor of Ella Lesko's 6th birthday. Memorial gifts have also been received remembering Jean Ulner, Jody Wetzel and Kevin Lloyd.

Micke the Tail Waggin' Tutor

Micke will be here to listen to your child read. Sign up today! March 5, @ 10 am.



Fact or Fiction the Civil War

It's not too late to join this discussion of contemporary fiction concerning the Civil War. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the Children's Desk. Edgewood resident Laura Rundell leads the group discussions which delve into how accurately works of fiction tell the Civil War story. Meetings are March 17, April 21 and May 19 at 7 pm in the Board Room. The program is funded by a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Grant.

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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Drop Dead Book Club

On March 9, the Drop Dead Book Club will be discussing "In the Heat of the Moon" by Sandra Parshall at 7 pm in the Board Room. Copies of the book are available for check out. The next meeting is March 9 with a title to be selected.

Computer Class Schedule

The following classes will be offered in March. Classes are free and one hour long. Registration is required at 412-731-0909. Getting Started with email Wednesday, March 9, 1:00 pm

AARP Driving Classes

The spring series of AARP driving classes has been scheduled. The 8 hour basic class will be offered on Thursday April 14 and Friday April 15 from 9am to 1pm. The 4 hour refresher class will be held Thursday April 28 from 9am-1pm. Seniors 55 and over who complete the class may be eligible for insurance discounts. Cost of the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. More details in the April newsletter.

Changes in Circulation Policies and Fees

The Board of Trustees has made the following changes in circulation policies and late fees:

Beginning March 1 patrons may check out 5 CC Mellor DVDs at one time. Loan period for VHS tapes will be extended to 3 weeks. Fines on adult books on CD will be \$1.00 per day. Costs for computer copies will be \$.20 for b & w and \$.75 for color. Faxing fees will be \$1 per page with a \$5 maximum to all local and 800, 866, and 888 numbers.

Long distance faxes are at the same rate with a \$1 surcharge.

For a complete list of circulation rules and fee structure go to www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 pm Family Jammie Storytime. Put your jammies on and join us for storytime.

Friday mornings beginning March 4 - June 3, 10:30 am Baby Lapsit. Children up to 17 months of age and a caregiver are invited to participate in rhymes, short stories, songs and bouncing around fun. Meet other parents and children and share special moments together at Baby Lapsit.

DIY Claymation!

Become the sculptor you've always wanted to be with model magic. Reserve your spot by March 11 to join us March 12, at noon. Participants must be at least 4 years old.

Nursery Rhyme Charades

While your grown up is shopping the book sale in the ballroom, stop in the Fred Rogers Children's Room for your own fun. Activities begin at 1 pm.

Feet Fete!

An afternoon filled with fun! Join us as we welcome Stephen R Swinburne, the author of the 2011 Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child selection, "Whose Shoes?A Shoe for Every Job." Mr. Swinburne will read his book. Other exciting activities include:

*Play with Museum developed traveling trunk of book-related activities &

games.
*Reflexologist, Pamela Fagelson, shows us how reflexology is integral to one's overall health.

*Visit with the Podiatrist, Anita Onufer.

Reserve your spot by March 24 to join us on March 25 from 1 pm – 2:30 pm in The Edgewood Community House Ballroom.

We Two Read: A book club for children 4-7 and a parent/caregiver. The selected title for this month is "I Want My Light On" by Tony Ross. Pick up your copy today. If you cannot make the discussion, we would be happy to order a copy of the title from another library for you to enjoy at home. The book discussion will be on March 26 at 1 pm.

All activities are free of charge. Please adhere to reservation requirements by calling (412)731-0909.



FPCE

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Is Putting On A Show!

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is mounting a community



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production of Godspell and is looking for singers, actors, technical people and other theatrically-minded folks to participate. Performance dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5.

There will be an audition meeting on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm to go over audition procedures, the rehearsal schedule and all the other ways you can help make this a special event for Edgewood. Auditions are Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27 and rehearsals begin Sunday, May 1. This will be a true community event and every effort will be made to accommodate anyone who wants to participate. For more information call the church at 412-241-4613.

FPCE also invites you to its worship and events:

- World Day of Prayer service – Friday, March 4 at 7:00 pm
- Classic Worship with Communion – Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm
- Ash Wednesday service – Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm
- Worship featuring Taize songs and prayers – Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 am
- Emerging Worship featuring a wide variety of songs and music – Sunday, March 20 at 11:00 am
- Classic Worship – Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 am

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Visit Vienna with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra!

Experience some Tales from Old Vienna with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra! On March 12 at 7:30 pm at the Katz Auditorium of the JCC Pittsburgh in Squirrel Hill, the ESO will perform a concert filled with works from some favorite composers, including Beethoven, Schubert and Strauss!

This concert features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with pianist Enrique Graf and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. This concert will have something for everyone!

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for students and seniors) and can be purchased online or at the door.

Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information and to get your tickets.

And mark your calendar for:

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Edgewood Celebrates Earth Day

Join neighbors and friends on Saturday, April 9 (rain date Saturday, April 16), when Edgewood celebrates Earth Day. Meet at Koenig Field between 9 and 10 to enjoy light refreshments before setting off to clean our little portion of the earth. Maps, gloves, vests and trash bags will be provided. The Edgewood Foundation looks forward to you joining us in this effort.

Annual Fund

It's not too late to make a donation to the Edgewood Foundation's Annual Fund Appeal. Join other Edgewood residents in supporting our efforts to make Edgewood one of the most livable communities in one of the most livable cities. We need your support!

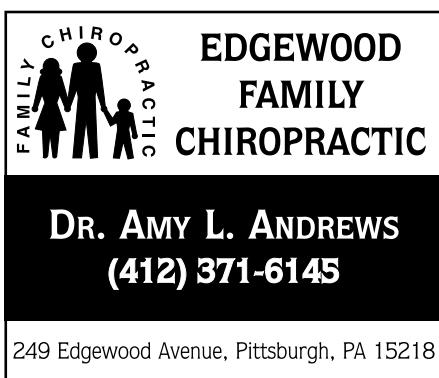
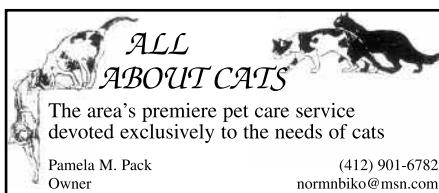
If you happened to misplace your annual fund appeal pledge form -- not to worry. Simply make out your check to Edgewood Foundation and send it to us at 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA 15218, or donate on line by visiting <http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org>. For those of you who have already donated, we want to thank you once again for your support of the Edgewood Foundation.

Calling All Seniors

The Edgewood Foundation's annual Senior Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, May 22. If you or someone you know who lives in Edgewood is graduating from high school (any high school, including home schooling), please contact Laura Horner at (412) 241-7786 or Cathy Gleason at (412) 243-1502 to get on the mailing list for this event.

2011 Officers Elected

The Edgewood Foundation elected officers at its recent annual retreat. Serving for 2011 are Amy Andrews, President; Angel Lehrian, Vice President; Winnie Schano, Treasurer; and Robin Price, Secretary. We'd like to thank outgoing secretary Kathy Clevenger for her service.



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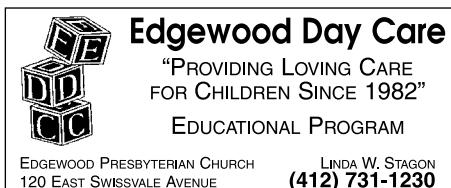
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Spotlight On Local Business



Loretta Zelenko has been a resident of Edgewood for 46 years, with 32 years experience as a real estate agent. Owning a business and residing here gives Ms. Zelenko a special knowledge of Edgewood's real estate needs.

Loretta observes many moves within Edgewood and considers Edgewood one of Pittsburgh's most stable real estate markets. One of the favorite parts of her job is to match people with their homes. You can just let her know what you're looking for and she will find it! She has even sold many Edgewood homes before they have come onto the market. Ms. Zelenko believes that Edgewood is a "real community" with many opportunities to become involved. One of Pittsburgh's best kept secrets.

Loretta's office space started out in the train station and she has since moved to 105 Maple Avenue, adjacent to Edgewood Primary. You can reach her with any of your real estate needs by calling (412)731-9300.

Ms. Zelenko is a member of the AEF ring of excellence, Greater Pittsburgh Association of Realtors, and has also been selected by Pittsburgh Magazine as a Top Agent in 2010 and 2011. This distinction is one that she is particularly proud of, as it comes based on feed back from other agents, attorneys, and mortgage companies. Only 7% of realtors in the Greater Pittsburgh Area receive this recognition.

School News

Two students from Edgewood Elementary were honored with Wolverine Spirit Awards at the January 19th Legislative School Board Meeting. Sixth grader Robert Carr was nominated by his teacher, Ms. Karen Schollaert, because "he has an enthusiasm for learning and is a strong positive leader." Ms. Schollaert also said that "Robert volunteers readily, enjoys projects and activities, and is kind to all."

The second award winner for the night was Khaliqa Spencer, a fifth grader. Khaliqa was nominated by her teacher Ms. Lauren Weisser. Ms. Weisser said that Khaliqa "exemplifies 'I AM GREAT' every day. She is very respectful to everyone in the building, especially adults. She is an 'A' student who always tries her hardest and enjoys learning new things. Khaliqa is also a team player because she is always willing to help others and is a

very encouraging classmate."

Superintendent Dr. Walter M. Calinger, along with Edgewood Principal Mrs. Janet Wilson Carter, presented framed certificates and Borders gift cards to the Wolverine Spirit Award Winners.

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The Heinz Endowments has awarded the Woodland Hills School District a \$200,000 grant to conduct a two-year pilot program to educate and empower students regarding healthy lifestyles. The grant will be used at the High School and our staff is currently conducting research to aid in the development of the program. Details about the program will be available this summer. We anticipate that the program will begin in 2011-12 school year. The initial plan for the program is to focus on healthy nutrition, life-long exercise, stress-reduction, and positive self esteem. A health centered life-style approach will focus on the whole person. It is the project's overall goal to help teenagers demonstrate an understanding of healthful behaviors that they can easily incorporate into their lives and which will enhance their growth and development.

The Woodland Hills School District is proud to be a recipient of this grant and appreciates the opportunity to help the Endowments actualize its mission.

The foundation supports efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center for learning and educational excellence, and a region that embraces diversity and inclusion.

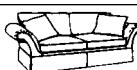


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am - 12 pm for the two weeks before the due date. If you will need a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The 2010 Woodland Hills School tax is now due at penalty. If you paid in installments and have missed any of the payments, please remember to add the 10% penalty to all unpaid amounts. These taxes will be turned over as delinquent at the end of April. If you have questions about wage tax, call Pennsylvania Municipal Services at 412-829-0567. This includes signing the WTEX forms from your employer. The Tax Office will be closed April 13 through April 18.

I would like to thank the residents for all the love and compassion they have sent my way. I enjoy my job greatly. Because of all of you, I want to come to work. I truly mean that from the bottom of my heart. Edgewood is a wonderful place to live!! Thanks again. Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

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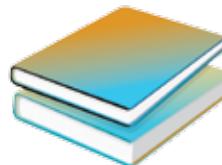
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