**August/September 2012** 

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## **Edgewood Borough Community Day 2012**

Saturday, August 25

Schedule of Events:

#### 12:00pm

Opening Ceremony- Boy Scout Troop 23

#### 12:00 - 4:00pm

Children's Games and Activities sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation

#### 12:45pm

Strolling Magician

#### 1:00pm

Magic Show under the Tent

#### 2:00-7:00pm

Activities under the Tent

#### 6:30pm

Canine Demonstration

#### 7:00pm

Edgewood Police Department Raffle (must be present to win)

#### 7:30 - 9:00pm

**Edgewood Symphony Orchestra** 

#### 9:00pm

Zambelli Fireworks



#### Join us for Edgewood Community Day

Throughout the day there will be food and drinks brought to you by the EVFD and other local organizations. Also, don't forget to try out the rock climbing wall sponsored by the Boy Scouts and air bounce sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation.

Every year Community Day brings together our friends, neighbors and local organizations for a day of activities, food and entertainment. This year join us at Koenig Field starting at noon for children's games and activities brought to you by the Edgewood Foundation. Once you have enjoyed your games, head over to the EVFD and grab your delicious chicken or rib dinner. Last, but certainly not least, the evening will wrap up with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra followed by a glorious Zambelli fireworks display.

Check the website for updates to the Schedule on the left: www.edgewoodboro.com.

#### **Keeping Community Day A BLAST!**

#### Firework Sponsors Wanted

Do you have great memories of watching fireworks at Koenig Field with your family and friends? Edgewood Borough is busy planning for another spectacular Community Day Celebration. This annual event is a great way to reconnect with your community. Although we remain committed to bringing this memorable part of our community celebration to our residents, the fireworks display represents a significant cost in the Borough's budget. And every year, we struggle with the budget to support them.

If you have a business or if your family would like to become a sponsor for the 2012 fireworks, just stop by the Borough Building with your donation, or mail it to 2 Race Street Pittsburgh PA 15218. Any donation amount will support this wonderful Edgewood tradition. All sponsors will receive recognition on Community Day and prior to the fireworks display. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Borough office.



#### Cops and Cruisers

On June 18, 2012, the Edgewood Police held a police vehicle car show at Koenig Field. The event was the first of its kind in this area. The Edgewood Police would like to make this an annual event and possibly expand to other types of cars and emergency vehicles. We would like to thank everyone that showed up to support the event. This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: III Generation Excavating, Kiski Valley Uniforms, Edgewood Giant Eagle, Teamsters Local 205, James Douglass Jewelers, Solar Control Window Tinting, Deb's Threads and Embroidery and The Square Café. We would also like to thank K-9 Officers Zachia from Swissvale and Officer Armstrong from Forest Hills for doing a great job with a K-9 demonstration; Bob Grill for bringing his monster truck; and last, but not least, thank you to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department for slaving over a hot grill. We hope to see everyone next year for a bigger and better show.

#### Click It or Ticket

May 21 through June 10, 2012, the Edgewood Police conducted our annual Click It Or Ticket campaign. As always, the goal of this detail is to educate the public on the importance of wearing seatbelts. Officers who conducted the detail did roving patrols looking for primary vehicle code violations. Once an officer observed a violation, the vehicle/driver was stopped. It was then up to the individual officer to write a citation or give a warning on the violation. During this detail, officers made contact with 65 people, wrote 7 seatbelt citations. 6 child restraint citations and 15 other citations.

## Community Day **Activities**

#### Police Department Raffle

The Edgewood Police Department Community Day activities will include a police booth with complementary novelty gift items. We will also hold our annual children's raffle at 7 pm. at which the winner must be present to win. We are planning on giving a big ticket, high tech prize this year. Visit our booth to find out what it is! There will be many other great prizes as well.

#### Child I.D. Kits Available

The Allegheny County 9-1-1 Van will be there. The Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP) will be completing child ID kits in Koenig Fieldhouse. tentatively from 2pm to 6:00pm, again this year. This program is designed to provide parents with the capability of quickly getting vital information to emergency responders if their child ever goes missing. Parents/guardians will receive a digital video and a photo which are compatible with the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System. This is a great opportunity to update or establish your child's information, while enjoying the other festivities.

#### Watch the K-9 Demonstration

We are also planning a K-9 demonstration, which should take place just prior to the children's raffle at 7pm. Check the Borough website for additional information. Hope to see you there!

#### **COMMUNITY FAMILY PRACTICE Newborns to Geriatrics**

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#### May 2012

#### **EDGEWOOD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Total Calls for Service	679
Incidents Reported	475
Complaints Received	188
Accidents Investigated	16

Part I Crimes	
Robbery	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Burglary	4
Shoplifting	14
Aggravated Assault	0
Other Crimes	

Part II Crimes	
Vandalism /Mischief	3
Narcotics Offenses	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Other Crimes	8

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1	Adult Arrests21	
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Officers Activity	
Citations Written	73
Parking Citations	0
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False Alarms	11
Medicals	14
Reports Taken	287
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# Library

#### Exercise Program for 50+

Looking for a way to increase your activity? Do you have joint pain or arthritis? Get moving with gentle exercises designed to increase strength and flexibility. Learn ways to get healthy through the 10 Keys to Healthy Aging Program which is offered in conjunction with the exercises.

This ten-week free exercise program begins Monday, September 10 at 10am. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. The classes are open to all. There is an Arthritis Foundation voluntary research study component to the program which is open to individuals 50 and over. All classes are led by a trained and certified instructor. To register contact the library at (412)731-0909.

The program is made possible by the Arthritis Foundation and the University of Pittsburgh Center for Aging and Population Health.

#### Labor Day Weekend

The library will have the following holiday hours:

Saturday, September 1 9am-4pm Sunday, September 2 Closed Monday, September 3 Closed

#### **Book Clubs**

Our book discussion groups will meet on the following dates. Check our website, **ccmellorlibrary.org**, for book titles.

Drop Dead Book Club: Wednesday, August no meeting, September 12, 7pm, Board Room Edgewood.

**History Book Club:** Thursday, August 22 and September 27, 7pm, Board Room Edgewood.

PALS Book Club: Tuesday, August 28 Coffee Trader by David Liss, 1pm Forest Hills Library

Tuesday, September 25 Mudbound by Hillary Jordan, 1pm Forest Hills

#### Computer Classes

Once school is in session the library is again able to offer computer classes. The following classes will be offered:

Basic Internet: Tuesday, September

Basic email: Wednesday, September 26 at 11am

## Election 2012

The library has voter registration forms. You can pick up a form at either the children's or adult circulation desks. Or you can register on-line at sites such as www.projectvote.org or www. longdistancevoter.org.

**Important dates to remember:** Paper voter registration form must be received by 5pm October 9. Absentee ballot application must be received by 5pm October 30. Form can be downloaded at Allegheny County Division of Elections site www. alleghenycounty.us/elect.

Voted absentee ballot must be received by 5pm November 2.

All forms are sent to: Allegheny County Division of Elections 542 Forbes Ave Suite 604 Pittsburgh PA 15219-2953 412-350-4500

www.allegheneycounty.us/ elect/registration.aspx

# In the Children's Room

Toddler Story Time Tuesdays @ 10:30am @ C.C. Mellor

Pre-School Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30am @ C.C. Mellor

Pre-School Story Time Wednesdays, 1:30-2:15pm @ C.C. Mellor **BEGINNING AUGUST 22ND** 

Churchill Story Time Thursdays, 10:30am @ Churchill Borough Building

Wilkin's Story Time Fridays, 10:00am @ Wilkins Township Recreation Building \*\*\*NEW TIME\*\*\*

Baby Lapsit Fridays, 11:30am - 12:00pm @ C.C. Mellor

Family Story Time Saturday, 10:30am @ C.C. Mellor



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#### Way Cool Wednesday Schedule

1:30-2:30pm in the Children's Room at C.C. Mellor Library. Please call the library to register!

August 1 - Sensei Steve from Shaolin Studios on S. Braddock Avenue will be doing a martial arts demonstration for us. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the the physical and mental aspects of various martial arts.

visiting the library! Their owners will be talking to us about what pet therapy dogs do and how they are trained. Each participant will have the opportunity to read to one of the pet therapy dogs. Please register with the library by Monday, August 8th, and bring a special book that you would like to share.

#### End of Summer Reading Party

Monday, August 12, 12:00-1:30pm in the Edgewood Club Ballroom.

All participants of our Dream Big and Questyinz summer reading programs are welcome to join us in celebrating our successful summer of reading! Please make certain to register by Wednesday, August 7.

#### Teen Reading Wrap-Up Party

Wednesday, August 15, 2:30-4:00pm -2nd Floor of C.C. Mellor Library in the Conference Room

Participants of our teen reading program "Own The Night" are invited to join us as we enjoy snacks and discuss the books that we read this summer.

#### Find us on Facebook

C.C. Mellor Library now has a Facebook page. Be our friend!

Please continue to check our website for information on upcoming events.



## **Community Organizations**

#### The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association Wins Grant to Grow 'People's Garden'

The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA) announced today that it has received a \$2,518 grant from the national nonprofit Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees) to plant August 8 - Pet therapy dogs will be trees at the Stone Soup Community Garden in Wilkinsburg. The Stone Soup Community Garden is located on Franklin Ave and was founded in 2003. To kick off its tenth growing season. NMRWA and garden members planted 11 fruit and nut trees paid for by the grant and a variety of fruit bushes in mid-May. This site is now considered a local People's Garden, part of the nationwide network of gardens supported by the USDA People's Garden Initiative.

> The ACTrees People's Garden Grant Program is a new national initiative launched in 2012 to explore and deepen the connection between trees and urban agriculture. With support from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, ACTrees has provided funding to 30 communities in 21 states to plant trees that produce fruit and nuts or provide shelter to community gardens.

> "Trees are critical to healthy people healthy communities," ACTrees Executive Director Carrie Gallagher. "We are excited to offer this opportunity to NMRWA to demonstrate locally that trees are an integral part of sustainable community agriculture."

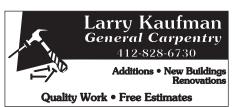
> Franklin Ave in Wilkinsburg was once one of the most violent streets in the Nine Mile Run watershed. Part of the initial goal of the Stone Soup Community Garden was creating a space of growth and peace in an area too often marked by decay and unrest. Josie Bryant, one of the founders of

the garden, sees the addition of trees as a great step forward for the garden: "Gardening is a sign of renewal. Each year things are getting stronger and stronger."

Both NMRWA and Ms. Bryant hope that the addition of a new orchard will continue that development of improved strength and resilience in Wilkinsburg.

#### About the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association

The mission of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association is to ensure the protection and restoration of the Nine Mile Run watershed through citizen engagement, demonstration projects and advocacy. For more information, please visit www.ninemilerun.org, like us on Facebook at http://www. facebook.com/pages/Nine-Mile-Run-Watershed-Association/ 144638515608223 and follow us on



Twitter at @NineMileRunPGH.



#### **Community Trees**

Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and livability of cities by planting and caring for trees. With over 200 member organizations in 44 states and Canada, ACTrees engages volunteers to take action to improve the environment where 93% of people live: in cities, towns and metropolitan areas. Together ACTrees member organizations have planted and cared for over 15 million trees in cities with help from over 5 million volunteers. For more information, please visit www.ACTrees.org, follow us on Twitter @alliance4trees, and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/ AllianceforCommunityTrees.

#### About USDA People's Garden

The USDA People's Gardens Initiative is a national program with the vision that the simple act of planting a garden can help unite neighborhoods in a common effort and inspire locallyled solutions to challenges facing our country - from hunger to the environment. Learn more at www.usda.gov/peoplesgarden.

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## **Edgewood Cub Scouts**

Recruiting for Fall

**Scouts** 

Cub Scout Pack 23, which meets in the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, will be starting up again in September. Cub Scouts is for boys entering 1st through 5th grades. Registration will be on Thursday September 13, at 7:00pm at the church, and will include an orientation for the parents. The first pack meeting, which all scouts, leaders and parents attend, will be the following Thursday, September 20, at 6:30pm at the

The summer has been a fun time for scouts old and new, including an overnight campout, star party and day camp. You will also see them at the Edgewood Community Day.

If you have questions, please call Melita Carter (412)731-6097 or e-mail at osbornmp@westinghouse.com

#### Eagle Scout

Troop 23 recently held an Eagle Court of Honor for scout Adam Miller. Adam attained the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting. In order to attain the Eagle rank, scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges and plan and organize a community service project.

Adam is the son of Gilbert and Mary Miller of Swissvale. For his community service project, Adam coordinated

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the efforts of almost 50 volunteers to rebuild the kneelers at St. Anselm Church of Word of God Parish in Swissvale. The 240 kneelers needed structural repairs to replace much of the wood framing, new padding, rubber bumpers and also had to be reupholstered. The four-month effort was badly needed and coordinates well with other improvements currently being made to the church. Adam was able to fund his work through donations from parishioners and Lowe's Home Improvement Store at the Waterfront.

Troop 23 is fortunate to have a young man who has reached this highest award of scouting and we thank the entire community for helping our scouts reach their goal.



Adam Miller, Eagle Scout



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#### Kick off the Community Day Fireworks with the Edgewood Symphony!

Join the ESO for their annual Community Day concert at 7:30pm on August 25. Enjoy fun classical music before the fireworks and continue a great tradition!

#### ESO Anniversary Schedule

The ESO wanted Edgewood residents to be among the first to know the details about the ESO's upcoming 25th Anniversary season! The 2012-2013 seasons is going to include some very exciting pieces for the orchestra and will continue the tradition of excellence of this remarkable organization. Here's a special preview:

October 20, 2012 - Will feature Mussorgky's Night on Bald Mountain, Bruch's Violin Concerto violinist Roy Sonne and Mahler's Kindertotenlieder with soprano Kelly Lynch. A special Side by Side concert with the East Allegheny High School Orchestra will take place on October 21.

December 8, 2012 - The ESO's Annual Holiday Concert will feature a concert performance of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker "Beyond the Suite!" in addition to a new Sing Along!

March 16 and 17, 2013 - The ESO will offer a one of a kind Family Program featuring music of John Williams and the magic of Dan Kamin.

May 5, 2013 - The Grand Finale for the special 25th anniversary season will be a Gala Concert at Carnegie Music Hall on Sunday, May 5. This special program will feature Shostakovich's Festive Overture, Grieg's Piano Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

Savethedates and watch this new sletter or visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more details and information on how you can get your subscription to this exciting season!



#### Community Block Party and Car Cruise

On Saturday, September 22, WPSD will host its annual block party and car

There will be a yard sale on the school lawn from 8am-12pm. Then join us at 1pm for community displays, food, games, music and car cruise

For more information contact Vicki Cherney or Greg Bowers at (412) 371-7000 vcherney@wpsd. org

#### **Edgewood Home Delivered** Meals

#### **Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of drivers and runners for our Home Delivered Meals service.

Edgewood Home Delivered Meals is a service that is run by the Eastern Area Adult Services, a private nonprofit corporation committed to serving older adults and their families, and supported by all of our local volunteers. Any Edgewood or Swissvale resident who is unable to shop for or prepare meals during a period of recuperation or for a longer term is eligible to receive this service.

Volunteers pick up the meals at the

Swissvale Senior Center Monday through Fridays and deliver them to shut-ins. If you or a member of your family needs this kind of help, call (412)731-6125 and register with the director, Jodi Trovato, or call Joy Goethert at (412)731-1640 if you can spare two hours once or twice a month to volunteer.



#### Brinton Road Clean Up: August 11, 9-11am

Meet at the home of Winnie Schano, 132 Dewey, for a guick but much needed clean-up event. She will have gloves, trash bags and safety vests available. Help us to keep our neighborhood clean. Due to safety concerns on this busy road, please no children under the age of 15.

#### Community Day: August 25

The Edgewood Foundation will again be sponsoring Billy Heh, the Magician. He will start his strolling magic at about 12:45pm followed by an amazing show at 1:00pm. After the show join us at our tent for balloon animals, airbrush tatoos, a fun craft and a bake sale.

#### Sleep Over in the Park: Koenig Field, September 15 at 6:30pm

We will once again sleep under the stars at Koenig Field. The evening starts with tent set up at 6:30-7pm, and then the kids can feast on grilled hot dogs and snacks while playing in the field. Around 8pm or so we break to



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light the bonfire so that we can roast marshmallows and make S'mores. There will also be flash light tag and other games until 10pm, when it is lights out until morning. Breakfast is served as the sun comes up and then we tear down and head home once again.

Please email the foundation if you are interested in attending info@ edgewoodfoundation.org. This is a free event; however, space is limited to 75 attendees so register early! You may also sign up at our booth at Community Day.

#### Oktoberfest 2012: September 3, Koenig Field 3-6pm

Join your neighbors for a family friendly afternoon of beer and brats (juice and dogs for the kids!). This is a Steelers bye week so there will be nothing to watch on TV. Instead why not help us raise money for a new playground? All of the money we raise at this event goes to new playground equipment at Koenig Field. We will gather for food and fun on the field and playground. Advanced tickets will be sold at Community Day. Visit our booth to gather all the information you need to join in the fun. If you have specific questions, or would like to help please email the foundation at info@ edgewoodfoundation.org

#### **Edgewood Newcomers** Reception: October 11, 2012

Each year in the fall, the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a reception for newcomers who have moved into the Borough in the preceding year. This event is our way of formally welcoming them into the neighborhood and introducing them to fellow newcomers, Borough officials and other involved citizens and members of the local organizations. The reception is hosted at an Edgewood resident's house in the early evening, with refreshments and beverages being provided. The reception allows the newcomers the opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow residents, while also obtaining important information from each of the Borough officials and community groups. The newcomers are also provided with a welcome packet of information from the Borough and many local businesses. This is one of the signature events of the Foundation and is a major reason why Edgewood continues to be a special place to live. Please look for RSVP information and location in the next newsletter.



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#### **Borough Office Information**

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Mailing address: Two Race Street Pittsburgh, PA 15218

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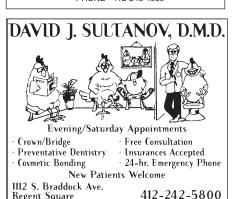
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#### Wine and Chocolate!

Can you think of anything better than wine and chocolate? How about eating chocolate and drinking wine to support a good cause?

The Edgewood Foundation would like to invite you to join us for our 2012 bi-annual Wine & Chocolate Affaire, November 3 at the Edgewood Club. Combine two of your favorites – Wine and Chocolate - with friends, great music, art and appetizers for an elegant evening of fun.

Enjoy music performed by an ensemble of local musicians from the Edgewood Symphony while mingling and bidding on items from our silent auction. Auction items will include tickets to Pittsburgh sporting events, baskets of every shape and sized filled with goodies, gifts and gadgets- maybe even a trip or two!

During this year's event we will announce and celebrate this year's Limpert Award Winner.

This event is a fundraiser at which the foundation hopes to raise funds to

help pay for community projects like the sign planting and tree plantings as well as help fund neighborhood functions such as Community Day, Fall Festival, Light Up Edgewood and Sleep Over in the Park. Your support at this event will help us keep Edgewood the community we all know and love.

Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Advanced registration forms can be found or on our website at www. edgewoodfoundation.org.

Volunteers, artists and local performers are needed. Please email angel@ lehrian.com.

#### The Limpert Award

The Limpert Award will be presented at this year's Wine and Chocolate Affaire on November 3, 2012.

The Edgewood Foundation is currently seeking nominations to honor a deserving Edgewood volunteer for the 2012 Limpert Award. Do you know an Edgewood resident that tirelessly serves his/her community? Do you know a neighbor that deserves to be honored for his/her hard work in the

## Wine & Chocolate Affaire

November	3rd,	Edgewood	Clubhouse

Name	Number in Party		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Contact Number			
E-mail address			

Please return this form along with remittance of \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door) to:

> Edgewood Foundation c/o Angel Lehrian 116 Race St. Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Remember that you must be 21 years of age or older to attend this event.

Borough? The time to honor these local volunteers is now!

Nominations for the prestigious award should be sent to: Edgewood Foundation, c/o Angel Lehrian, 116 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 or emailed at angel@lehrian.com. Include name, contact information and known volunteer history of the nominee in your submission.

Please note that recipients cannot currently be a paid Borough employee or serving a current term on the board of the Edgewood Foundation. Nominations cannot be accepted after September 15, 2012.



#### **Edgewood Youth** Soccer - 2012

The season will start first the week of September and is scheduled to conclude the last week of October. Registration forms are available at the Borough website at www. edgewoodboro.com or at the Borough Building. Please drop off completed forms by August 17, 2012. As the season draws nearer please check our website for updates and additional information.



## **EVFD**

#### Community Day BBQ

On August 25 the Edgewood VFD will once again be offering, for your dining pleasure, half a BBQ chicken or ribs, corn on the cob and a roll for \$10. In addition to the traditional BBQ we will also offer wings, fries and deep fried corn. If you have never tried deep fried corn please stop by and get an ear or two. You may never eat corn any other way! Serving will start at 1pm and go until we run out. Please stop by early and often!

#### Rescue Truck Certification Obtained

In June the EVFD received Certification Pennsylvania State for the rescue truck. This is an accomplishment that few departments in the state have achieved for their rescue trucks. Assistant Chief Steve Halle led the way to certification and a long list of equipment was assembled and placed in service. In addition, EVFD members completed specialized training certification for rescue operations.

#### Well Done

Charlie Pratt Congratulations to who recently received paramedic certification. Charlie attends the University of Pittsburgh and is a member of the EVFD live in program.

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The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax, which you should have received in the mail the first week of April, is now due at penalty. The Woodland Hills School tax bill was mailed out the first week of July. This tax is due at discount until the end of August. If you have not received your bill, please call my office at (412)731-0200 and I'll mail you a copy. The tax office will be open the last two weeks in August from 9am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday. There was an increase in the Woodland Hills School District millage of 0.56 for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have recently changed mortgage companies or are now responsible for paying your own taxes, please contact me with your new information. You will also need to contact Allegheny County at (412) 350-4100. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at my office. I will return your call.

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## **Mayor's Minute**

#### **NMRWA**

Many Edgewood residents donate to and support Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA). The Edgewood Foundation also supports the NMRWA. The NMRWA plants trees, provides rain barrels and has sponsored rain gardens in Edgewood and bordering neighborhoods. These initiatives are in place to help protect the Nine Mile Run Watershed which suffers due to the many impermeable surfaces in our urban area. For more information and to get involved please visit www.ninemilerun.org.



Mayor Ed Cook and Edgewood Foundation President Amy Andrews along with volunteers Eve Goodman and Marsha Robinson with NMRWA employees Alicia Donner and Sara Powell plant a magnolia tree on Coal Street in Edgewood.



## **School News**

#### OASIS Tutors Needed!

Become an OASIS tutor and help children in Kindergarten to Grade 4 improve their literacy skills. OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring is a program in which volunteers help children in the Woodland Hills School District.

There are two dates to receive your free training and supplies Thursday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 21 at the Woodland Hills administration building.

Contact John Spehar at (412) 232-2021 or Carol Congedo at doccarolq@ gmail.com so that a space and tutoring materials can be reserved for you. For your convenience, you can leave a message 24 hours a day.

Participating schools are

- Dickson
- Edgewood
- Fairless
- Shaffer
- Wilkins
- Woodland Hills Academy

#### **Council Notes**

# The Federal Clean Water Act and You! When it Rains, It Pours....

Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and the City of Pittsburgh, have been under a Consent Decree and working on sewerage/wet weather issues in Nine Mile Run since May 22, 2000. We are also a part of the Regional Consent Decree as one of the 83 municipalities in the ALCOSAN system.

Through 3 Rivers Wet Weather and CONNECT, we've been working with our neighboring and regional communities to develop a cost-effective, efficient municipal feasibility plan which is due in July 2013. This is just the first part of a continuing process in dealing with wet weather/infrastructure issues.

On June 12, 2012, 3 Rivers Wet Weather launched a new website full of up-to-date information, resources and interactive tools where you can find information on the issue, how it impacts you and the region, as well as

updates on the feasibility studies, flow monitoring and comprehensive sewer maps of the ALCOSAN service area.

Some of the features of the new 3RWW website include not only a new design, but updated content, easy navigation and a single login process that provides users with access to multiple tools, including rainfall data and RainWays, our new interactive green infrastructure tool. With this tool, you can look up your property and learn ways you can be a green part of the solution. It's quick and easy to create a basic account to access the RainWaysPlanners tools.

The Web site address is www.3riverswetweather.org. Click on "create account" from the home page and follow the instructions.

## ALCOSAN REGIONAL UPDATE

Since January 23, 2008, ALCOSAN has been under a Consent Decree to greatly reduce the annual discharge of untreated sewage into area waterways, to submit a Wet Weather Plan by January of 2013 and complete its implementation by 2026. Ultimately, operations must

be brought into compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and sewage overflow control policies enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Allegheny County Health Department. On Tuesday, July 31, 2012, ALCOSAN will release the Draft Wet Weather Plan for public and municipal comment.

The cost of compliance will be significant. It will also be one of the largest Public Works projects this region has seen in decades. It will take the cooperation of all the municipalities to advance a Plan that represents an integrated regional solution.

You are a critical component to ensuring that the Plan reflects input from ALCOSAN's customer municipalities, residents and constituents. Visit the ALCOSAN website, at www.alcosan. org, for updates on the Draft Wet Weather Plan release, public hearing locations, dates and times, the public comment process and other opportunities to provide comment. We encourage your participation during the comment period, which begins with the release of the Draft Plan and continues through October 19, 2012.

In the interim, please direct your questions and concerns to your basin's CMAC member or to Nancy Barylak, ALCOSAN Manager of Public Relations, at telephone (412)734-8353 or email Nancy.Barylak@ALCOSAN. org.

## Junior Council Person 2012-2013

Edgewood Borough Council will be accepting letters of interest for the position of "Junior Councilperson" for 2012-2013. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many facets of local government. Applicants must be Edgewood residents entering their junior or senior year in high school. Applicants must have:

- a true interest in learning about governance,
- be able to commit to attending Council meetings (the first and third Monday each month),
- commit to working on a Council community project
- be open to experiencing various inter-municipal meetings (Council of Government, Mayoral, CONNECT etc.).

If you would like to be considered for the position, please send letters of interest with a brief description of your school/community activities, **BY AUGUST 20th**, to the Edgewood Borough Building, "Attn.: Junior Councilperson", 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.



#### West Nile Virus -Reduce Your Risk

Edgewood and surrounding areas have tested positive for West Nile Virus

#### **Avoid Mosquito Bites**

- Cover Up! Wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants and socks sprayed with repellent while outdoors can further help prevent mosquito bites. Avoid Mosquitoes! Many mosquitoes bite between dusk and dawn. Limit time outdoors during these hours, or be especially sure to use repellents and protective clothing.
- Spray! Spray insect repellent containing DEET (Look for N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Use Repellent Carefully! Repellents containing DEET are very safe for adults and children when used according to directions. Don't put repellent on children's hands

because it may get in their mouth or eyes. Spray clothing with repellents containing DEET or permethrin. Products with a higher percentage of DEET (up to 50%) give longer protection. Don't spray repellent on skin under clothing. Don't use permethrin on skin.

#### Mosquito proof your home

- Screens: Keep mosquitoes outside by fixing or installing window and door screens.
- Drain Standing Water: Don't give mosquitoes a place to breed. A small amount of standing water can be enough for a mosquito to lay eggs.
   Look around every week for possible mosquito breeding places.
- Empty water from buckets, cans, pool covers, flower pots and other items. Throw away or cover stored tires and other items that aren't being used. Clean pet water bowls daily. Check if rain gutters are clogged. If you store water outside or have a well, make sure it's covered up.

Encourage your neighbors to do the same. Help Your Community. Dead birds help health departments track West Nile virus.

Call the Allegheny County Health Department to report dead birds (412) 687-2243.





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## Calendar at a glance



## August 2012

#### **Council Meetings:**

6 & 20, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

#### Refuse:

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

#### Recycling:

9 & 23

#### Story Time @ C.C. Mellor:

10:30am Tuesdays and Wednesdays & 1:30pm Wednesdays

#### **Boy Scouts:**

Mondays 7:00pm @ FPCE

#### **Toastmasters:**

Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C. C. Mellor

## September 2012

#### **Council Meetings:**

4 & 17, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

#### Refuse:

7. 13. 20 & 27

#### Recycling:

7 & 27

#### Story Time @ C.C. Mellor:

10:30am Tuesdays and Wednesdays & 1:30pm Wednesdays

#### **Boy Scouts:**

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#### Toastmasters:

Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C. C. Mellor

## **Community Happenings:**

Brinton Road Clean Up: August 11, 9-11am see page 6

Community Day: August 25, 12pm- information throughout this issue

Troop 23 Yard Sale: September 15, 9am - 12pm First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood lawn

Sleepover in the Park: September 15, 6:30pm see page 6

WPSD Block Party: September 22, 12pm see page 9

Registration for Edgewood Youth Soccer has begun! Please see page 9 for details