

# EDGEWOOD

December / January 2014-15

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## Light Up Edgewood Night

**Light Up Edgewood Night is December 5 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Park.**

After Santa lights up the Borough Tree, please join your neighbors back at the Edgewood Club for refreshments and a chance to hang out with the jolly elf himself. We will be continuing our traditional "Toys for Tots" toy drive, so please bring a new unwrapped toy to help less fortunate children have a better holiday.

*The Edgewood Newsletter would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos about your family, organization or neighborhood during 2014.*

*We wish all of our residents and neighbors a happy and healthy holiday season!*



**Boy Scout Troup 23 will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale at Koenig Field. See page 13 for more information.**



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## From The Manager's Desk

Each driver with a vehicle registered in the Borough is able to purchase a Residential on-street parking pass. A Visitor's pass may also be purchased. Visitor passes may not be used on any vehicle registered within the Borough. The fees for on-street parking permits, as well as Borough off-street lots and recreational/commercial vehicles, are listed below. Permits for 2015 will be available at the Borough Building beginning December 1, 2014.

Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots will be accepted starting on December 1, 2014. On December 15, 2014, permits will be issued based upon requests. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, a lottery will be held. No resident will be issued a second permit until all initial requests are processed.

### Parking Permit Fees are as follows:

**Residential** \$20 per year (\$10 after June 30, 2015)\*

**Visitor** \$20 per year (\$10 after June 30, 2015)\*

**Borough Lot** \$60 per vehicle\*

### Rates for Parking Larger Vehicles in Borough Lot at 2 Race Street

**Recreational vehicle** \$240 per year\*

**Commercial vehicle** \$150 per year\*

\*Please note that rates are subject to change

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

As we all prepare for the colder weather and snow, Edgewood Borough would like to remind homeowners to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you will be out of town, please make plans to have a neighbor or professional shovel your walkways. One sure sign to burglars of an unoccupied residence is a snow-filled stairway or porch.

Borough ordinance requires that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a snow event. Please do not shovel or blow snow onto public roadways, as this creates driving hazards. Failure to clear your sidewalks could result in citations and fines.

Also, please remember that even in cold and snowy weather, pet waste should be picked up and disposed of by the humans who are walking the pet.

Please help us keep Edgewood a safe and walkable community, even in winter weather!



## Edgewood Recycles

### A Visit to Our Recycling Plant

By Christine Manges

This past summer I visited the Main Recycling Facility (MRF) for Waste Management, which handles curbside collected recycling for 75% of Western PA. My goal was to learn more about the recycling process so that I could better answer resident inquiries about recycling.

The MRF, located on Neville Island, is a sorting and bundling facility. They do not do any chemical processing of the items. Workers separate out the recycling into individual components, bale them up, and sell them on the global market. The plant operates 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, with 130 employees.

The loose recyclables arrive in a big mix. Paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, and cans are jumbled together into a huge pile dumped by trucks. The pile is moved into the sorting area, which handles 30 tons/hour. About 10 to 15% of the items are unrecyclable trash (hula hoops, hoses), which take time to sort and remove. Waste Management is trying to educate the public about recycling to reduce the unnecessary time and manpower spent getting rid of trash.

Not all recycling facilities are alike. Some accept juice boxes and milk cartons, some do not. Some accept all plastics, some do not. It is important to know the requirements of your particular facility. As the staff reported to me, they would like to be able to recycle EVERYTHING, but they can only accept what their sorters can handle, and what they can sell to a buyer.



Photo: Christine Manges, Borough Clerk, touring the Waste Management Recycling Facility

Aluminum can recycling is the biggest money-maker for our recycling plant. Aluminum cans are sorted, crushed into big cubes, and sold to Anheuser-Busch, where they are formed into aluminum cans again with about a 3-month turnaround time.

Another money-maker is the plastic carton: orange juice containers, milk cartons, broth cartons, etc. are re-sold to toilet paper companies. The plastic liners in these cartons are used in the production of toilet paper.

Plastics 1& 2 are the most easily recyclable, because there is a global market for these plastics. Although I was initially informed that Waste Management recycles all plastics, at my tour I was corrected: they do not recycle plastic film (i.e., Giant Eagle bags) and they do not recycle plastic #6.

Please see the "Recycling" page on the Edgewood website for up-to-date recycling guidelines for Edgewood.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

## Edgewood Shoe Repair

After 67 years, the Edgewood Shoe Repair is closing its doors. We want to thank Tom Zullo for the years he devoted to this shop that his grandfather opened in 1947, and has been such an integral part of the Edgewood Community. We will miss Tom and his business, but wish him well in his future endeavors!



## Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

### Meet Your New EVFD Volunteer



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From Fairfax, Virginia, just outside of Washington D.C.

*What made you decide to become a volunteer fireman?*

I like helping people and doing something that matters.

*What would people be surprised to know about you?*

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*What are your hobbies?*

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*What is your favorite phrase?*

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Motor Vehicle Theft.....1 ..... 0  
Shoplifting .....8 ..... 9  
Assault.....0 ..... 0  
Arson .....0 ..... 0  
Other Thefts.....8 ..... 4

**Part II Crimes**

Liquor Laws.....3 ..... 3  
Vandalism/Mischief.....0 ..... 2  
Narcotics Offenses.....1 ..... 0  
Weapons Offense.....1 ..... 0  
Sex Offense.....1 ..... 0  
Disorderly Conduct.....3 ..... 1  
Other Crimes.....4 ..... 4

**Arrests**

Adult Arrests.....9 ..... 9  
Juvenile Arrests .....1 ..... 2

**Officer's Activity**

Traffic Stops.....80 .... 92  
Traffic Citations .....68 .... 68  
Non-traffic Citations.....4 ..... 9  
DUI .....1 ..... 0  
False Alarms .....7 .... 12  
Medicals .....6 ..... 7  
Suspicious Person.....15 .... 11  
Public Nuisance Complaints..0 ..... 5

*Tip of the Month*  
**Please keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice as the temperatures and snow begin to fall.** 

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

On October 27, 2014, the Edgewood Police Department participated in the annual Halloween party and parade, which was held at the Edgewood Club in conjunction with C.C. Mellor Library. Children were dressed in their favorite costumes and were escorted along the parade route with their parents. Once inside the club, police officers conducted a talk on Halloween safety. The evening ended with pizza, drinks and Halloween bags filled with delicious treats for all. We would like to thank the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, Edgewood Towne Centre Giant Eagle, Daily Juice, Triangle Bar and Grill, and Veltre's Pizza for their contributions to this event. The generous donations of these businesses allow us to continue this great family event!

**PARKING PERMITS**

It is the time of year to purchase your 2015 on-street and visitor Parking Permits. If you purchase an on-street parking permit, the correct place to adhere the permit is your back window, driver's side, lower corner. In the past, officers have written unnecessary parking tickets due to incorrect permit placement on side windows, bumpers, windshields, etc. Please help us prevent the inconvenience of getting a parking ticket despite having a valid permit. Place the on-street parking permit in the back window, driver's side, outer bottom corner.

Please hang visitor passes from your rear-view mirror. Officers have noticed that some visitors just lay the pass on the dash board. Please understand that once we write the parking ticket, we cannot void it. We will place the ticket on the windshield, and the vehicle owner will have to make a special trip to the borough building regarding the ticket.

Remember, officers enforce the borough no-parking ordinance from 3 a.m. - 5 a.m., when it is very dark. Please ask yourself, will they be able to see my permit? Officers look for the permits only where they are properly placed.

**NEW FULL TIME OFFICER**

It is with great pride that the Edgewood Police Department welcomes our new full-time officer, Daniel White.

Officer White started his police career as a part-time officer with both Swissvale Police and Edgewood Police. Officer White was able to secure a full-time position in Wilkinsburg for the past several years.

Officer White resigned from Wilkinsburg Police to become our new full-time Officer, bringing our full-time staff to 8 officers.

Officer White brings with him a vast knowledge of police experience, as well as being an E.M.T. and firefighter in his home town. These skills help diversify our department, and we hope you will stop to welcome Officer White when you see him around Edgewood.



**THE EDGEWOOD CLUB**

**The Edgewood Club Mini Concert Series**

The Edgewood Club and ESO Community Players, the community outreach of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, have formed a wonderful duet. What began as a summer concert series poolside for the Club's members has flourished into a mini concert series for the entire community to enjoy. On second Wednesdays of the month, quartets, quintets, and bands consisting of musicians from the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a little nibble or a tippie of port during the concert, or feel free to bring your own refreshments. Suggested donation is \$10, the doors open at 7 p.m.

For the December 10 concert, The Aeolian Winds of Pittsburgh will be putting on a festive holiday show, playing traditional Christmas & Hanukkah favorites, sacred carols, excerpts from the Nutcracker, and some fun jazz arrangements of traditional carols.

Bring your dance shoes for the January 14 event! The Glass City Swing Band will be in full swing providing lively fun entertainment for your listening or dancing pleasure! Hear the music of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and many of the old Big Band favorites. Sing along with tunes such as *Beyond The Sea*, *At Last*, and *I'm In The Mood For Love*.

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[www.glasscityswingband.com](http://www.glasscityswingband.com)

**EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**



**Don't miss the ESO Annual Holiday Concert!**

The Edgewood Symphony is busy like Santa, preparing for the holidays! Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and join the ESO at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood to bring in the season with style.

This annual tradition, featuring holiday music from around the world, Christmas music from the movies, a sing-a-long and more, is sure to get you in the holiday spirit. The ESO will team with the Renaissance City Choirs again this year and will play old favorites as well as some new surprises.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

Also, be sure to save the date for the ESO's concerts in the new year:

Across the Centuries, featuring Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 Mozart's joyous "Haffner" Symphony and Sibelius' Second Symphony pm March 14, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Katz Performing Arts Center Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh.

Perfect Pitch! A Celebration of Music and Sports, including "play-by-play" commentary an an interactive program full of local sports flavor featuring the best of Beethoven, Sousa and even the Pennsylvania Polka! May 3, 2015, 4 p.m. at Carnegie Music Hall



**Boy Scouts**



The Troop 23 Christmas Tree Sale begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 29) and runs until Sunday, December 21, at Koenig Field in Edgewood. Regular hours will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays; and Noon to 8 p.m. Sundays. Come out and pick yourself a great tree while supporting a great cause!

The scouts use the money raised from the Christmas Tree Sale to fund their activities. For example, this summer Troop 23 spent a week at Heritage Scout Reservation in Farmington, Pennsylvania. 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. Summer camp provides the opportunity for the boys to experience fun in the great outdoors while learning valuable life skills.

*Boys who are interested in joining the Troop can attend our meetings every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood (120 East Swissvale Avenue).*



## FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE AT ECS

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, noon-4 p.m.

Environmental Charter School (Upper School), 829 Milton Avenue, Regent Square 15218

The Fair Trade Marketplace at ECS provides a selection of fair trade, sustainable, affordable gifts for socially and environmentally responsible holiday gift giving. We offer the "Chickadee's Nest" where children can shop independently for gifts under \$10. Enjoy some soup and baked goods after you shop. Open to the public!

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## Edgewood Foundation

### New Board Members Needed

We are currently accepting applications to fill several seats on our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please email a Letter of Intent and your Resume to [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

For a list of board member expectations and more information about the Edgewood Foundation, please visit our website at [www.foundation.org](http://www.foundation.org).

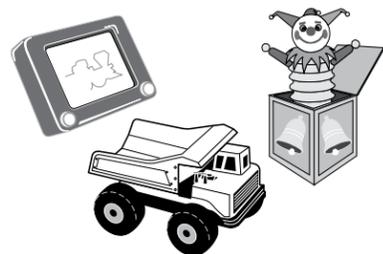
### Light Up Edgewood 2014 Toy Drive

December 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Park

Please join your neighbors to welcome Santa Claus to Edgewood on December 5. Santa lights our neighborhood tree, and then children of all ages are invited to the Edgewood Club for refreshments and a chance to hang out with the jolly elf himself.

We will be continuing our traditional Toys for Tots Toy Drive again this year. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or two and help Edgewood kids show some less fortunate children a better Christmas this year. Toys will be collected at this event at the Edgewood Club.

If you are unable to make a donation at the Edgewood Club that evening, please call Rob Felter at 412-303-3681 to arrange an alternate drop-off.



## Annual Retreat / Funding Requests

### Have an idea for a Community Program or Event for 2015?

In early January, our Board of Directors will have their Annual Retreat. At that time, the budget will be set for the year. That's when the Board decides which events and programs to sponsor in 2015.

Please submit any Ideas and/or Funding Requests to the Edgewood Foundation by the End of December 2014. Feel free to contact us at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org)

### Other Ways to Get Involved

We greatly appreciate any opportunities/suggestions to involve more local residents. We are always looking for new ideas, and a new perspective on things, as we evolve into the future. Your feedback is important to us. Please contact us at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org)

## LIVABLE PITTSBURGH

Livable Pittsburgh—From the Ground Up! is a community-based ecology group that promotes Green Initiatives in Edgewood and neighboring communities. The organization was launched in late September with an Open Community Forum on environmental sustainability at the Mellor Community House. The meeting featured Forest Hills environmental scientist Patricia DeMarco as the keynote speaker. The forum was well attended and included local government leaders, representatives from Nine-Mile Run, the Edgewood Garden Club leadership and individuals from Edgewood and surrounding boroughs. Discussion continued about low-carbon initiatives achievable through cooperation with local govern-



ments, such as installation of bicycle racks and zip car stations at the borough building; more LED street lights; and personal, backyard efforts that support an ecological web of life.

Other events included a fall-season garden prep educational event at the Wilkins School Eco-Fest on October 11.

### Look for up-coming events, which will include:

A February meeting to discuss a Nine-Mile Run proposal regarding storm water management, semi-permeable landscape features, and trees (urban canopy.) Other topics will be safe lawns and a community seed share.

An April meeting on safe lawns for barefoot toes and paws. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Sharna Olfman of *Insight Pittsburgh*, editor of the Childhood in America series from Praeger Press, on the impact of neurotoxins on children's physical and mental health.

For more information on this our mission statement and activities visit <https://livablepittsburgh.wordpress.com> or contact us at [pittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:pittsburgh@gmail.com).



## EDGEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the society will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Club Family Room, One Penwood Avenue, Edgewood, PA. Refreshments will be served. This meeting will set up the 2015 meeting dates and hold election of officers. Residents are welcome to come and speak about their own ethnic traditions, foods and family celebrations that surround their holidays. Please feel free to bring a taste of something special that your family tradition bakes or cooks.

We would like to gauge residents' interest in a possible future project where homes and other buildings could be voluntarily designated by their owners and the history society, and then placed on an electronic historic house tour. Anyone could follow the tour in their car while on their smart phone or

tablet. The Edgewood History Society would mark homes or buildings with a small historical plaque. This plaque would have a number on it visible from the street. Information would be available on the web about each house or building. Paper copies of the tour could also be made available. If you are interested in this, please come to the January meeting and help start the discussion.

The society has become a full affiliate member of the Heinz History Center. We can now ask for expertise and use their archives as a research tool in studying historical questions. Club members can use the membership card to bring up to 4 adults to visit the Heinz History Center and any of their events or programs.

For information about making donations of family histories, photos or other items, please email the society secretary at [PRICE406@YAHOO.COM](mailto:PRICE406@YAHOO.COM)



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## EDGEWOOD HOLIDAY SALE

### Shop Locally and Benefit Three Organizations

The C.C. Mellor Library, Edgewood Garden Club and the Edgewood Fire Department have teamed up so that you can do one-stop shopping at the Edgewood Holiday Sale on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Community House, 1 Pennwood Avenue, you'll find items from thirty local artists including gift baskets, pottery, pet items, paintings and photographs, fiber art, jewelry and much more. The Garden Club is offering wreaths, garlands, a variety of poinsettias, orchids, and hand tied bows for sale. Greens should be preordered and the library has forms. Luminaria kits benefiting the Edgewood Fire Department can also be purchased. Kits include 10 bags, sand and ten candles to be placed on sidewalks on Christmas Eve.

Each of the vendors in the sale has donated an item for a raffle which will be conducted from December 7 through December 20. Tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 7, \$10 for 20. Winners will be drawn by Mrs. Claus.

This is a great opportunity to find unique items for the holidays while benefitting local organizations. For more information on the sale contact the library at 412-731-0909.

### DOWNTON ABBEY TEA

To help kick off the fifth season of Downton Abby, the Library is hosting a Tea as a fundraiser for programs. We'll be serving a typical English Tea on Saturday, January 24 at 1 pm in the Living Room of the Edgewood Community House. Come dressed as your favorite character from Downton Abbey, wear vintage clothing or

come as you are. We'll have talk about the upcoming season, a short program and enjoy each other's company. Cost for the event is \$20. Reserve your spot by calling the library.

## FOR ADULTS

### Wisewalk

The library walkers are a hearty bunch and will continue their Frick Park walks through the winter depending on trail conditions. We meet in the parking lot at the base of Lancaster Avenue for an hour-long walk along Fern Hollow trail at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. New walkers receive a T-shirt and a pedometer. Please join us.

### Income Tax Preparation

Once again volunteers will be helping senior citizens and those with low incomes with their Federal and State income taxes at no charge. Tax preparation assistance is done by appointment only, with morning, afternoon, and evening slots available. Space is limited, so call the library in Edgewood after January 2 to make an appointment.

### We're getting ready for the ANNUAL BOOK SALE

We have a year-round volunteer opportunity to help prepare the books and audio visual materials for the sale. We're looking for someone to take charge of sorting the donations for the highly successful annual sale. This is a rewarding and fun volunteer position for someone who enjoys books:

- Choose your own hours. Usually two-three hours per week are required, depending on the amount of material donated.
- Position involves sorting, boxing, and stacking donated books, DVDs, CDs, etc.

- You may work alone, share the job, or bring a helper.
- You must be able to lift, carry and stack boxes of books.
- A one-hour training is all you need to get started.

Talk with Sally about the details or email [bogies@einetwork.net](mailto:bogies@einetwork.net).

We collect items all year for our Annual Book Sale, which will run from March 20 to 24, 2015. If you have saleable items such as books for adults or children and audiovisual items such as DVDs, books or music on CD, we'd love to add them to the sale. Please no magazines, encyclopedias, VHS tapes or cassettes. You can drop materials off during regular library hours in Edgewood. If you would like a letter for tax purposes, please let a staff member know. Be sure to mark your calendars for the sale. We have lots of great buys.

### Book Clubs

We've been approached by residents to form an evening book club to discuss contemporary literature. Join us at the inaugural meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. in the Library Board Room. We'll work on selecting titles to be discussed at the monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend that evening, let Sally know so you can be put on the contact list.

The **Drop Dead Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the Library Board Room to discuss Martin Cruz Smith's *Tatiana*. In January, the group will change their meeting dates to the first Wednesday of the month. January's meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. The title has yet to be determined.

The **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Club** meets at the Forest Hills Library at 1 p.m. to

have lively discussion of recent fiction and non-fiction books. On Tuesday, December 23 the group will discuss David Baldacci's *The Christmas Train*. In December, the group will select titles for 2015, and the first meeting is on January 27.

### Join one of the Community Groups that meet weekly at the Library in Edgewood

- **Knitting and Crochet Group** is a new group with meetings scheduled for the third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. Bring projects that you are working on, or pick up patterns for items that can be donated to people in need.
- **Clutterer's Anonymous**—Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- **Toastmasters**—Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- **Backroom Quilters**—Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m.

### Weeding Magazines

Library staff members are sorting through the magazine collection and disposing of older years of some magazines. Ask at either the adult or children's circulation desks to see what is available. You may have two years' worth of magazines.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, December 24: Closed  
 Thursday, December 25: Closed  
 Friday, December 26: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 27: 9 am -4 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 28: Closed  
 Monday, December 29: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 30: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 31: Closed  
 Thursday, January 1: Closed  
 Friday, January 2: normal hours resume

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### Family Story Time

Early Literacy is important for developing lifelong readers. Come share a storytime with your little ones to develop early literacy skills. For kids and their caregivers.

- Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - Forest Hills Library
- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - C.C. Mellor Library Edgewood
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - C.C. Mellor Library Edgewood
- Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - Churchill Borough Building
- Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - Baby Lapsit C.C. Mellor Library Edgewood

**Growing Readers** is a fantastic new program for children learning their first reading skills. Funded by a Target grant, Growing Readers focuses on beginning reader skills through the lens of play. Recommended for children ages 3-5.

- Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. C. C. Mellor Library, Edgewood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Wilkins Township Recreation Building, 110 Pefferer Road

*Programs held at the Library in Edgewood. Please register for most: 412-731-0909*

### Kid Yoga!

Preschoolers. Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Join a local yoga guru for kid yoga in the library! No registration necessary.

### Eco-Geeks

5-8 year olds. Second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Explore the world of nature with local experts. Please register.

### Crazy 8's.

K-2. Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Join our Crazy Math Club where you build stuff, run, jump, make music and make a mess! A totally NEW kind of club for math. Please register.

### Mother Daughter Bookclub

8-12 year old girls and their special grown-ups can share books together at 10:30 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month starting in January. Please register.

### Gingerbread Houses

A great way for families to come together is to create together. We'll supply the materials—you supply the creativity! Wednesday, December 3 from 6-8 p.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Please register.

### Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

Saturday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Mrs. Claus will read a few Christmas tales and share a pancake breakfast with children. Please register.

### Almost Camp Out!

A family event. Friday, January 9 at 7-8:30 p.m. Missing the warm nights of summer? We are hosting an ALMOST Camp Out. Wear your pajamas and come to the library after hours for fort building, campfire stories and s'mores! No actual camping occurring; we will send you home to sleep. Please register.

### Block Parties!

A great time for you and your 3 - 8 year olds to come and build! Block parties will be held: Monday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.

### Teen Trivia Night!

What better way to while away those long January nights...come to a trivia night at the library! We will hold them every Thursday in January at 6 p.m.

## A note from the tax collector...

It's hard to believe it's almost the end of the year! The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector around the 15th of December. Past due reminders were sent out in October.

The Woodland Hills School tax is now due at penalty. School tax bills were mailed out July 1. If you are paying in installments, the third installment is due by February 28. If you forgot to make your 2nd installment please remember to add the 10% penalty.

Thank you again for all the prayers, cards and well wishes with the passing of my husband Rich. This has been a "taxing" year!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Thank you,  
Maureen Smith,  
Tax Collector



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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### DECEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 1 & 15,  
7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 4, 11, 18 & 26

**Recycling:** 11 & 26

#### Story Time:

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays; and 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, @ C.C. Mellor  
Library

#### Boy Scouts:

Mondays 7pm @ FPCE

#### Toastmasters:

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. @ C.C. Mellor  
Library

#### Light Up Edgewood Night:

5, 7 p.m.

### JANUARY

**Council Meetings:** 5 & 20  
7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 2, 8, 15, 22 & 29

**Recycling:** 2, 15 & 29

#### Story Time:

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## On the Edge...

### The Edgewood Reading and Planting Program

It was started in 2002 by Maple Avenue neighbor Mrea Csorba, with support from the Edgewood Garden Club. It was launched as a monthly, in-class reading program on ecological topics for students of Edgewood Elementary School. The group's planting program works to maintain and beautify the beds around the school.

The program is now in its twelfth year and has grown from 2 volunteers reading to two 3rd grade classrooms...to a committee of six readers serving 8 classrooms involving a total of 200 students monthly.

With the help of the School's Grounds crew, Edgewood neighbors, and school volunteers, the group now maintains four gardens including the fabulous daffodil display leading up to the school doors in the spring. An End-of-Year field trip with an educational program closes out the year. Each class is presented with a book. These classroom gifts, supported by the Edgewood Garden club, reinforce grade-appropriate studies in environmental ecology, math or science.



November 29 to December 21

Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday: 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday: 12-8 p.m.

## 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 fill it out when you have some news to share in the Edgewood Newsletter. Photos welcome.

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### Borough Office Information

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### Borough Manager

Julie Bastianini..... 412-242-4824

Email:..... [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com)

Public Works..... 412-242-2410

### Code Enforcement

Allen Ayres..... 412-242-4824

Email:..... [inspections@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:inspections@edgewoodboro.com)

Mon. and Fri. .... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Tax Office

Maureen Smith ..... 412-731-0200

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - noon

### Wage Taxes

Keystone Collections ..... 724-978-0300

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Emergency ..... 911

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Robert C. Payne ..... 412-242-4824, ext. 112

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In keeping with its annual tradition, the Edgewood Fire Department is pleased to make luminaria available to Borough residents. The lighting of the luminaria at curbside brings back memories of a time when nearly every home in Edgewood participated in this wonderful event. This year the tradition takes on added significance as we use the event to remember friends, family and our military personnel who are not able to make it home for the holidays.

As in the past, we ask that the luminaria be lit at approximately 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. If you purchase your kit(s) from the Fire Department you will receive 10 paper bags, 10 candles and approximately 10 pounds of sand. Please keep in mind that the luminaria should be placed 3 to 5 feet apart, so you may need more than one kit. If you have questions please call 412-242-9994.

Kits are \$10 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Dept. During December you may also purchase kits at the Borough Building Monday through Friday until 9 p.m., or on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon if you prefer.

If you are unable to pick up your kits, we will deliver them to you.

As always, we thank you for participating in this magical event and we wish you...

*All The Best of the Holiday Season!*

## Luminaria Order Form

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ kit(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check box if you would like delivery.



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*Please consider purchasing luminaria to support the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department and be a part of this neighborhood tradition! Order form on page 15.*



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