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2015 Budget Highlights

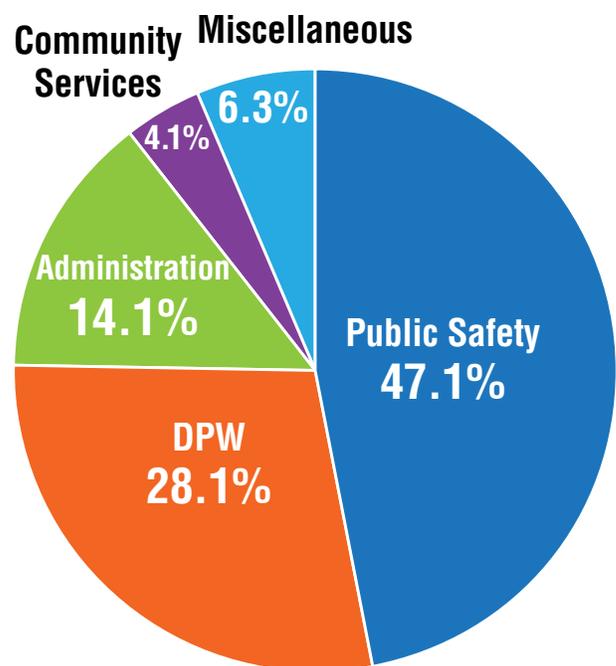
Street paving and infrastructure repairs planned for 2015.

- The 2015 General Fund Budget was approved by a unanimous vote of Council on December 15, 2014. The 2015 Budget estimates revenues and expenses at \$3,183,230.
- The real estate property tax millage for 2015 will be 7.15.
- In order to jump-start the borough's road paving program, a loan of \$1 million was secured in 2014. This money was spent on the road paving that took place in 2014. The loan payments in 2015 will be \$114,500.
- To continue the repairs needed to our borough roads, \$401,500 is budgeted to pave roads again in 2015. This work will be part of a long-term roadway improvement plan, where roads will be paved each year to avoid having to incur debt to pave roads in the future. A roadway study was conducted by the Borough's engineers, and Borough roads were ranked by condition from worst to best. The long term roadway improvement plan will follow this study of the roads to systematically repave the Borough's roads.
- Borough Council listened to the residents' requests for improvements to Dickson Park and support for the library. \$10,000 is allocated to update the Borough's Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and \$38,500 is budgeted as a donation to the C.C. Mellor Library.
- As has been widely reported, the price of road salt increased approximately 35% per ton this year. In 2015 \$35,000 is budgeted for purchasing road salt.
- The salt storage facility is in poor condition, and in order to protect the Borough's investment in road salt, a new facility is budgeted in 2015. \$15,000 is budgeted for this expense.

- Health care premiums for the Borough's employees are expected to increase 10% in 2015, but final numbers are not yet known at the time of this newsletter's printing.
- Due to the wear and tear of use 365 days a year, the Borough's vehicle fleet needs some replacements. A new police vehicle will be purchased in 2015 for \$36,500 and \$28,000 is budgeted for a new pick-up truck for the public works department.
- The Borough's pension obligation continues to increase, and in 2015 the Borough will pay \$176,453 toward this obligation.

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2015 Approved General Budget Expenditures



Budget Highlights (Continued from page 1)

These and other rising costs, including the EPA mandated sewer repairs, have increased the cost of governance. While Edgewood Borough Council created the 2015 budget with much care and with much thought about the needs of our community, an increase in the property tax millage was still necessary. The boiler system in the Borough Building, for instance, has frequent leaks and requires regular maintenance. Likewise, we anticipate more mandated sewer repair work to both the sanitary and storm sewer systems. We are hopeful the tax increase will position the Borough well for these future expenses.

The many things that make Edgewood the neighborhood we love were considered in this budget. This includes safe and cared for streets, green trees, well-tended parks, community building activities, partnerships with other communities that bring cost effective solutions to infrastructure needs; the maintaining of dedicated Borough personnel, as well as a Volunteer Fire Department and Library.

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH 2015 BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

Revenues	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	% of Revenues 2014 Budget
Property Tax	1,520,000	1,825,000	57.33%
Local Tax Enabling Act (Income Tax)	653,000	740,000	23.25%
Business Licenses/Permits	70,250	71,725	2.25%
Non-Bus Licenses/Permits	55,800	56,450	1.78%
Fines (Vehicle Code/Ordinance)	65,000	63,000	1.99%
Koenig Field/Train Station Rent	19,000	18,000	0.56%
Interest Earnings	0	129	0.01%
State Capital and Operating Grants	0	6,000	0.19%
State Shared Revenue	88,811	97,479	3.06%
Allegheny Co. RAD Tax	75,000	80,000	2.51%
Miscellaneous Revenue	9,000	12,565	0.39%
Newsletter Advertising	5,500	4,500	0.14%
Recreation/Playground Grants	94,800	13,700	0.43%
Contributions & Donations (Pensions, Crossing Guards, etc.)	177,548	169,682	5.33%
Refunds of Prior Year Exp.(Dividends)	23,000	25,000	0.78%
Fund Balance Forwarded	83,886	0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,940,595	3,183,230	100.00%
Expenditures	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	% of Expenditures 2014 Budget
Legislative Body/Dues	6,300	6,300	0.20%
Administration	290,982	232,625	7.31%
Tax Collection	20,852	19,752	0.62%
Legal	37,400	35,400	1.11%
Workers Comp./Insurance	168,789	155,500	4.88%
Newsletter	14,200	14,500	0.45%
Police	1,150,369	1,233,506	38.75%
Traffic Safety(Crossing Guards,Lights)	118,750	113,750	3.57%
Communications (Police and Fire)	71,747	52,910	1.66%
Fire	97,323	98,800	3.10%
Public Works Administration	187,473	205,805	6.47%
Street Maintenance	114,550	516,000	16.21%
Snow & Ice Removal	30,000	35,000	1.10%
Public Works Vehicles	79,500	77,758	2.44%
Facility Maintenance	182,701	67,701	2.13%
Building, Planning & Zoning Fees	22,120	15,620	0.49%
Parks & Shade Trees	43,500	43,500	1.37%
Recreation/New Playground	129,150	23,150	0.73%
Library Contribution	40,000	38,500	1.21%
Community Day/Misc.	11,000	12,000	0.39%
Debt Interest	121,889	183,153	5.75%
Refunds	2,000	2,000	0.06%
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SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

The Law Offices of Kathleen D. Schneider, Attorney at Law, Certified Public Accountant

Kathleen Schneider has been working as an Attorney and Certified Public Accountant out of her Edgewood Neighborhood office since 1988. "It will be 23 years in March" she said proudly, from her cozy office on Braddock Avenue. "I love Edgewood. It feels good to be here". Ms. Schneider's practice focuses on family issues, stemming from her intensive and well-rounded background. With the Federal Reserve Bank and Mellon Bank on her resume, she has a notably impressive foundation in tax law. "We do a lot of tax work" she says, listing tax preparation, consulting, and representation for IRS issues. In addition, she and her small staff of lawyers and accountants prepare wills, trust funds, estate planning, living wills, as well as representing adoptions. "My favorite days are adoption days", she says with a smile.



Ms. Schneider is also a proponent of Collaborative Divorce, and is a founding member of CLASP, the Collaborative Law Association of Southwest Pennsylvania. "Collaborative Divorce is a less expensive and emotionally healthier way" to divide assets. Ms. Schneider speaks with genuine concern for the people she assists. Collaborative Divorce keeps people out of a courtroom, making it less costly and less emotionally draining.



Though she is whip-smart and a self-described "tough boss", she speaks of legal issues in terms of the individuals facing tough problems. Chatting with Kathleen Schneider is like talking with a good friend or a counselor, as well as a strong legal advocate. As she puts it—"I'm a people person".

Ms. Schneider talks with great pride of her hardworking staff, and of the Borough of Edgewood. What seems like a fearsome legal issue would be a much easier problem to solve with Kathleen Schneider on your side.

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POLICE ACTIVITY
2014 Oct. Nov.

 **Police Report**

Friendly Reminders from the Edgewood Police Department

Total Calls for Service

Complaints Received435 .. 365
Accidents Investigated.....12 14

Part I Crimes

Robbery, Burglary.....0 1
Motor Vehicle Theft.....1 1
Shoplifting6 4
Assault.....0 1
Arson.....0 0
Other Thefts.....7 8

Part II Crimes

Liquor Laws2 3
Vandalism/Mischief.....0 3
Narcotics Offenses.....3 0
Weapons Offense.....0 0
Sex Offense.....0 0
Disorderly Conduct.....3 2
Other Crimes.....3 1

Arrests

Adult Arrests.....21 7
Juvenile Arrests0 0

Officer's Activity

Traffic Stops.....99 58
Traffic Citations.....49 17
Non-traffic Citations.....8 4
DUI3 1
False Alarms10 14
Medicals5 9
Suspicious Person.....6 9
Public Nuisance Complaints.... 1 0

HOUSE NUMBERS

It is vitally important that every resident within the Borough of Edgewood display their house number.

Emergency Services need to be able to identify home addresses quickly and efficiently. Many homes in our neighborhood may skip numbers from house to house. Searching for house numbers costs valuable time in the event of an emergency.

When selecting house number placards, Officers recommend the following:

1. Reflective numbers ensure that the address is visible in both day and night.
2. Place your numbers in a visible location from the road, in both day and night.
3. If your house is not visible from the road, a decorative planter, rock or yard decoration stating your house number would do a great job.

Every second counts in an emergency. Visible house numbers help us reach you more quickly.

Please be safe, and report and suspicious incident to 911 immediately.

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Emergency Calls for 2014

Fires.....79
Over pressure, overheat, without fire...4
Rescue and EMS..... 235
Hazardous Conditions (no fire).....75
Service Calls.....36
Good Intent Calls.....36
False Alarms.....86
Severe Weather Calls5
Special Incidents.....12
Totals.....568

Awards given to members at the December EVFD meeting

Member with most calls: **Jim Ireland**
Junior Firefighter of the year: **Austin Cale**
Firefighter of the year: **Joe Montgomery**

Officers for 2015

President: **Ben Reynolds**
Vice President: **Steven Halle**
Secretary: **Anthony Piccola**
Treasurer: **Joe Montgomery**
Chief: **Steven Halle**
Assistant Chief: **Ben Reynolds**
Captain: **Jared Amos**
Lieutenants: **Fred Caprio**
Paul Nye
Doug Greer
Garret Wagner

Meet Your New EVFD Volunteer



LAYMONT PAYNE

How long have you been a firefighter?
6 years.

Why do you want to be firefighter in Edgewood?
Because I love my community and brothers.

What is something people would be supposed to know about you?
I enjoy walks and bike rides throughout the Edgewood and Nine Mile Run.

Any future plans?
Become an Emergency Medical Technician and become a career firefighter in the city of Pittsburgh.

Need help planning a birthday?

Call the fire department and let us bring the fire engine to you. The firefighters will give the children hands-on fun with many of the tools that we use during emergency calls. They can also try on firefighting gear and get in the engine. We will even pose for pictures. All of the children will receive helmets and educational materials during our visit. Please call us at 412-242-9994.

Carbon Monoxide

It is recommended that every home have at least one smoke and carbon monoxide detector to keep you and your family safe. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that can make you sick and even cause death. It is toxic to humans when encountered in concentrations above about 35 parts per million. If your carbon monoxide detector or smoke alarm activates, please don't ignore it. Call 911 from a safe area and evacuate the home. Please do not open the windows or doors. Let the fire department investigate the detector activation.

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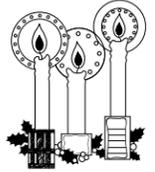
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Thank You!

The Edgewood VFD would like to thank everyone who purchased luminaria from us to light up the borough on Christmas Eve. This is a tradition that has brightened Edgewood for years.



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Mel Douglass Scholarships to Be Awarded Again

Are you a high school senior with community service or volunteering experience? Then you have the opportunity to earn a scholarship from the Mel Douglass Fund! The primary scholarship is \$6,000, paid in \$1,500 installments during college as long as several academic standards are met. Honorable mention scholarships of \$500 are also available. This unique program to recognize and reward our young leaders for serving others helps make Edgewood a special place.

The mission of the Mel Douglass Fund is to honor Mel's legacy by benefiting young people in Edgewood. Mel grew up here, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Mel actively volunteered in multiple community service roles in Edgewood, ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon, before he passed in an airplane accident in 1994. These facts only hint at Mel's true legacy, which is the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, unquenchable spirit, and deep commitment to serving others.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded these scholarships every year since 2008 to sustain Mel's legacy and his love for Edgewood. Our first three groups of winners have graduated from college and launched careers. Seven Mel Douglass Scholarships and 30 honorable mention scholarships have been awarded to date.

The 2015 scholarships will be announced and presented in May at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible. To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 11, 2015 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or email to freydk@gmail.com:

- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Your high school plus the college or university you plan to attend.
- A summary of your community service achievements and your perspective on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.
- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. This will be the only time before the April 11 deadline this information will appear in the newsletter. You can also find an application form at meldouglassfund.org. If you have questions or would like to contribute to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at 412-371-0278 or freydk@gmail.com.

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Join us!

Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
Katz Performing Arts Center Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh.

Be sure to save the date for: **Perfect Pitch! A Celebration of Music and Sports**, will include a "play-by-play" commentary and an interactive program full of local sports flavor featuring the best of Beethoven, Sousa and even the *Pennsylvania Polka!* This special concert will be fun for the whole family. Sunday, May 3, 4 p.m. at the Carnegie Music Hall

Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information.

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BOY SCOUTS



The scouts would like to thank everyone who came out and purchased a tree at our annual Christmas Tree Sale this past December. We had very good community support and sold out all of our trees! The scouts use the money raised from the Christmas Tree Sale to fund their many activities. For example, in January the scouts attended the Laurel Highlands Council's Klondike Derby. In the Klondike Derby each patrol of scouts must push their sled, laden with supplies, around a course, proceeding from station to station. At each station the scouts are tested on their outdoor and first aid skills by completing different tasks. The scouts are awarded points based on their ability to complete the task, and the time it takes them. It's a fun way to practice and maintain their skills in the winter months.

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association

Winter Maintenance Tips

De-icing salt is a necessity for most homeowners for their sidewalks and driveways. This can be damaging to trees, buds, twigs, and leaves of the trees if not done carefully.

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You can protect your trees from excessive damage by applying only as much salt as is needed to break up snow and ice for shovel removal. Additionally, sweeping up excess salt, covering the foliage with burlap, and flushing the soil with fresh water after the last freeze or before bud break in the spring are great ways to minimize damage. There are some alternatives to sodium chloride (which is most harmful to plants). Liquid forms of calcium or magnesium chloride are not only less harmful to plants, but also are more effective down to 5°F.

The winter dormant season is also a great time to have your trees pruned. Pruning trees between October and March eliminates the risk of disease transfer or contraction as well as damage to understory annual plants and flowers. With the absence of leaves, it is easier for arborists to identify the best pruning cuts. Finally, to answer a common pruning question: yes, a well-trained arborist can identify most one inch or larger dead branches even in the winter.

To learn more about topics like this as well as trees in general, consider becoming a *Tree Tender* in 2015. If interested, please contact Jared at 412-371-8779x116 or Jared@ninemilerun.org.

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The 20th Annual Progressive Dinner

Saturday, February 28, 6 to 11 p.m.

The Edgewood Foundation is pleased to announce that the 20th Annual Edgewood Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28.

This Edgewood tradition is a wonderful event where residents get to visit their neighbors and have a wonderful meal together. The sign-up form is included on page 13 in this issue of the newsletter. The sooner you sign up, the more likely it is that you'll get your first choice of jobs for the evening.

We are always in need of host homes for 8 to 14 people, so please consider setting your table for guests this year. The main dish is provided by a caterer. Guests will provide salad, bread, and wine. Hosts of appetizer parties should be comfortable hosting between 30 and 50 people.

This event is one of our adult-only events, in order to get to know new neighbors and to catch up with old friends. The evening starts at one of the appetizer parties where you can mingle with around 45 people for 1-1/2 hours. Then, we move on to dinner at one of the many homes hosting dinner for 8 to 14 people. The evening ends with everyone gathering for desserts at yet another location.

All guests are contacted the week before the event to confirm their appetizer location and their assigned job for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you on February 28!

Please email any questions to info@edgewoodfoundation.org

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Welcome New Board Members and New President:

The Foundation would like to welcome our new board members; Arianna Mason, Matthew Divelbiss, Jean Davin and Jim Sismour.

Our continuing board members and their positions are

Angel Lehrian: President
Amy Andrews-Hooks: Vice President
Rob Felter: Treasurer
Robin Price: Secretary

Senior Brunch

The Edgewood Foundation is looking for all of Edgewood's graduating seniors. We are holding our annual Senior Brunch on Sunday, May 3 at the Edgewood Club/Community House. This event is for all resident seniors, no matter what school you have attended. We need your help: Please email any names of seniors and their contact information to info@edgewoodfoundation.org. If you have neighborhood friends that are graduating, please include their names with yours! We have had a hard time in the past few years contacting everyone due to the schools not releasing personal information. Invitations and scholarship applications will be sent to all that contact us. The Mel Douglass scholarships are given out at this lovely event, don't miss your chance to be considered for college money!

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Limpert Award

The Edgewood Foundation is currently seeking nominations to honor a deserving Edgewood volunteer for this year's 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 Borough? The time to honor these local volunteers is now!

The 2015 Limpert Award recipient will be honored on November 14th at **this year's Wine & Chocolate Affaire, held at the Edgewood Club.**

Nominations for this prestigious award should be sent to: Edgewood Foundation, c/o Angel Lehrian, 325 Maple Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 or emailed to angel@lehrian.com. Include name, contact information and known volunteer history of the nominee in your submission.

Please note recipients cannot currently be a paid Borough employee or serving a current term on the board of the Edgewood Foundation. All nominations received by September 15, 2015 will be considered.

EDGEWOOD NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

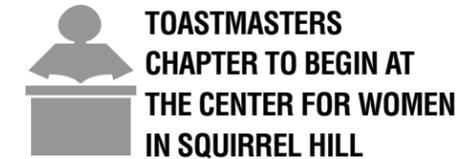
Each year, the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a reception for newcomers who have moved into the Borough in the preceding year. This event is our way of formally welcoming them into the neighborhood and to introduce them to, not only their other fellow newcomers, but also Borough officials and other involved 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 provided. The reception

allows newcomers the opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow residents, while also obtaining important information from each of the Borough offices and community groups. The newcomers are provided with a welcome packet of Borough information and many local businesses have information available as well. 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. The Newcomers' Reception will be on Thursday evening, May 14, 2015, starting at 6:00pm, so Save the Date! Invitations will be sent out in mid-April to all newcomers based upon available real estate transfer information. However, if you know a newcomer who did not receive an invitation or you are a newcomer interested in attending, please visit our website at www.edgewood-foundation.org for additional information and also feel free to RSVP to us at info@edgewoodfoundation.org. The event also has a Facebook page that can be accessed in the Event Details posted into the calendar on our website.

Earth Day Clean Up:

Saturday, April 18 (rain date April 25)
Once again the Edgewood Foundation will sponsor the annual Earth Day Clean Up of the Borough. Come one, come all (bring the kids, too) down to Koenig Field between 9 and 10 a.m. to enjoy light refreshments before setting off to help clean up/pick up trash around the neighborhoods. Work for as long as you wish—any amount of time is highly appreciated. Gloves, safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Rain date will be April 25. Mark your calendar and we'll see you in April!

TOASTMASTERS



The Center for Women will be the home of a new Toastmasters International club.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. The Center for Women is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping women re-enter the workforce and achieve economic independence and financial security after divorce, being widowed or being at home caring for their families.

Having a Toastmasters club hosted by The Center for Women will not only add to the many programs and services The Center offers, it will also open up new opportunities for women already successful in their careers to grow in their communication and leadership skills, and share their success with women just getting their careers off the ground.

Those interested in coming or who would like more information, please contact Becky Abrams at 412-421-4400 or email babrams@cfwpg.org.

Regent Square Civic Association

Regent Square Civic Association tax status designation change—now a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

The RSCA's tax status designation change has been approved by the IRS and we are now operating as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. The IRS application – Form 1023EZ – was filed electronically on November 19, 2014 by Crawford Ellenbogen, our accounting consultants. Although the review process is generally assumed to be 90 days, the RSCA received its confirmation letter from the IRS on November 28, 2014. Beginning on January 1, 2015, all membership fees and donations to the RSCA are tax deductible to the extent allowable under IRC Section 170—in our case the full value of fees or donations.

As part of the tax status filing we were also required to revise our corporation By-Laws to include language required by the IRS for 501 (C) 3 organizations. The changes were primarily revisions to existing sections of the By-Laws that re-defined our corporation as a "Community Improvement and Capacity Building S20 type organization (as set forth in the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities), and a new section related entirely to the dissolution of the organization. It is a requirement that any 501 (c) 3, upon dissolution, transfer its remaining funds to another 501 (c) 3, and we have identified the Wilkins

School Community Center as that organization.

We are pleased at this important tax status confirmation, which is the result of over six months of planning and work by our Board. Not only is it an opportunity to offer tax deductions to our membership in acknowledgement of their generous support, but our new tax status will also allow us to pursue grant money for community initiatives, potentially adding other venues for us to enhance the neighborhood and increase our value to the overall community as an organization.



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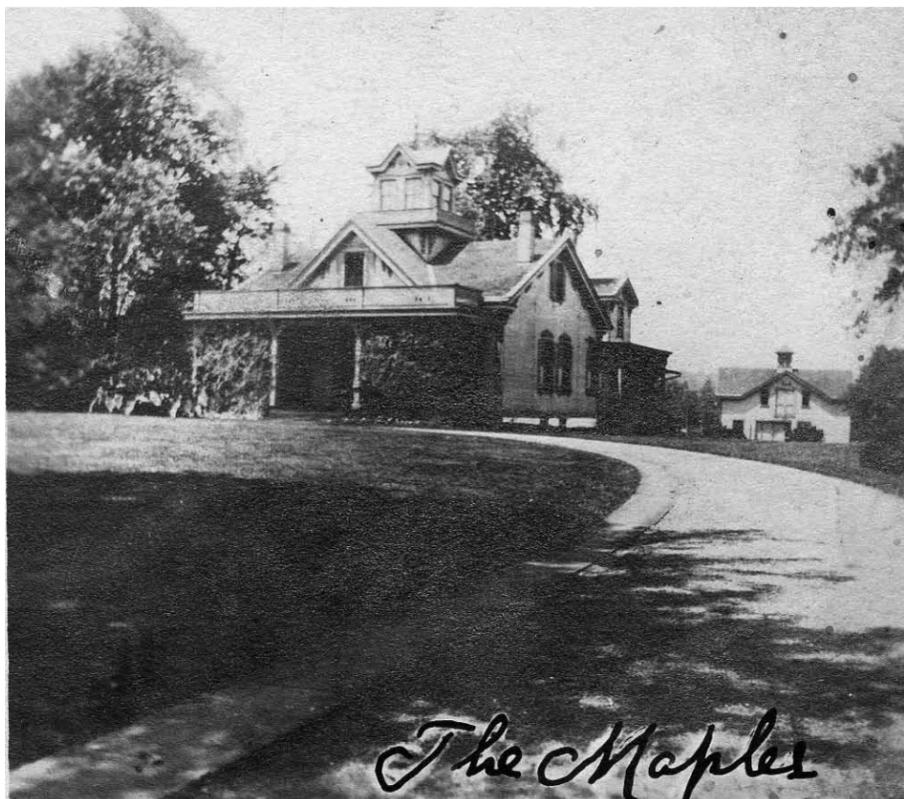
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Edgewood Historical Society

The September 17th meeting of the Edgewood Historical Society offered an interesting presentation by Olga Herbert, the executive director of Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor Museum. She spoke of the history of the Lincoln Highway and the effect it had on the local communities. We are lucky to have a local remnant of that early driving era on the corner of Maple Avenue and Edgewood Avenue - Gates service station. Owned and operated by Paul Gates, and now his son, Glen Gates, it no longer sells gas but continues as a service station many decades after it was built. The Edgewood PRR station was the first real mass transportation to Edgewood and serves as an example of Edgewood's early automobile transportation history.

Heinz History Center's Westinghouse Historian, Ed Reis, also gave a presentation to the Society, dressed in period costume as Mr. George Westinghouse. Ed gave an interesting speech about the Westinghouse brothers' presence in Edgewood and the industries they built that surrounded our community. Most of the large houses in Edgewood were built and occupied by Westinghouse executives.

Dues for 2015 are due by February 28th. For any photo-archival donations or 2015 membership information, please email price406@yahoo.com



124 W. Swissvale Ave. is known as the Gardner-Bailey house. It was given historic designation in 1984 by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. It was built around 1864 and has been lovingly restored and cared for by the current resident & daughter of the Bailey family, Susan Bailey. Her family moved into the house around the early 1940's

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Trustee Opening

The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House has openings for one Trustee on its Board. The Trustees are responsible for providing quality library service to residents of Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills, Churchill and Wilkins as well as maintaining its historic building in Edgewood.

The Board is particularly interested in receiving letters of interest from individuals who have a passion for literacy and learning, will act as an advocate for the library, will work to ensure adequate library funding, and will help with development of library policies as well as its strategic plan for library operations and building preservation. Applicants should be civic-minded, knowledgeable about the community they represent, and able to work with others to achieve common and sometimes challenging goals.

Applicants for the position must be at least 18 years old, a resident of Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills, Churchill or Wilkins, able to attend Six meetings a year, be active in library projects and events, and able to work as a liaison with the community. This is a two year volunteer position.

Letters of interest should be sent by March 31 to Christine Probert, President Board of Trustees, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, 1 Pennwood Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218.

DON'T MISS OUR BIG BOOK SALE...MARCH 20 THROUGH 24

Make plans to attend the *C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale*, which promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the nearly 10,000 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 *pre-view party* for area residents and their guests on **Friday, March 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.**, 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 scanners.

Weekend hours for the sale are **Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Books are \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and \$.50 for kids' books (5 for \$2). **Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days.** Fill a bag for \$6 (the Library provides the bags). Bag Sale hours are Monday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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.

Author Visit

Pittsburgh author J. J. Hensley will talk about his books *Resolve* and *Measure Twice* on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Living. Hensley, a former policeman and Secret Service agent, draws on his experience to write suspenseful insightful crime novels and thrillers. The Pittsburgh Marathon is the setting for *Resolve*. As Dr. Cyrus Keller lines up for the race, he knows that one of the

runners will be murdered because he will do it. In *Measure Twice* homicide detective Jackson Channing fights two battles, one with his alcoholism and the other with a cunning killer.

Both the Drop Dead Book Club and the 4th Tuesday Book Club selected *Resolve* for discussion. Come hear more about Hensley's law enforcement career and why he later became an author. There will be an opportunity to purchase books.

One Book One Community

Join us as we celebrate the thirteenth year of **One Book, One Community** with this year's featured book *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink.

On Monday, March 2, author Fink will be at Woodland Hills High School for a videoconference event for students county-wide. You can also participate via live streaming at the library in Edgewood between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. If you are interested, call the library at 412-731-0909 so we can reserve a computer for you.

Dr. Fink will be speaking on Monday evening at the Pittsburgh Arts and Lecture Series Program. The Library will be raffling two tickets for the program on Monday March 2. Stop by the library to enter.

The 4th Tuesday Book Club will discuss *Five Days at Memorial* on Tuesday March 24 at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library. Or you can join the discussion in Edgewood on Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. Copies of the book in a variety of formats will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.

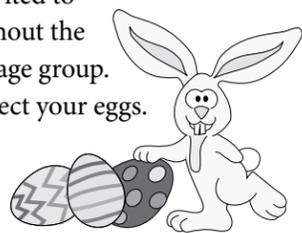
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Easter Egg Hunt

Edgewood Borough's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 28 at noon at Koenig Field.

All area children ages 10 and younger are invited to attend. Thousands of eggs will be hidden throughout the field for kids to find! The hunt will take place by age group.

Remember to bring a basket with you to collect your eggs. No registration necessary.



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Tax Preparation

Once again VITA and AARP volunteers will be on hand to help individuals with their federal and state income taxes as well as local wage taxes and rent rebate filings. The program is for senior citizens, individuals with limited income and uncomplicated returns. Volunteers are unable to handle estate or business taxes. Sessions are done by appointment in February and March. Appointments fill up quickly call the Adult desk at 412-731-0909 to make an appointment.

Check Out Our Programs for Adults

Unless otherwise noted groups meet in the Edgewood Board Room

Drop Dead Book Club

1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
February 4: *Expats* by Chris Pavone
March 4: *Visitation Street* by Ivy Pochoda
April 1: *The Dinosaur Feather* by Sissel-Jo Gazan

Edgewood Toastmasters

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Clutterers Anonymous

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Back Room Quilters

Every Thursday from noon to 3 p.m.
Bring lunch and a project.

Computer Classes

- Resumé help
Tuesday, February 10 at 1 p.m.
- Basic e-mail
Wednesday, February 18 at 11 a.m.
- Basic Internet
Wednesday, March 10 at 1 p.m.

Wednesday Night Knitters and Crocheters

February 18 and March 18 at 6:30pm

4th Tuesday Book Group

Meets at the Forest Hills Library on

Tuesday, February 24 to discuss *Resolve* by J. J. Hensley and on Tuesday March 24 to discuss *Five Days at Memorial* by Dr. Sheri Fink.

Wise Walk

Meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. for an hour long walk in Frick Park. The group meets in the parking lot at the base of Lancaster Avenue. If park trails are icy we'll meet at the top of Lancaster and walk in Regent Square.

Children's Events

Children's Choice Awards

It's time for 3-6 graders to start reading the eight books that have been selected as finalists in the 2015 Allegheny County Children's Choice awards. Students are asked to read as many of the books as they can and then cast their votes in April. The winner will be announced in May. Go to www.rcsclubhouse.org for a list and description of the nominees. This initiative is a collaboration between the Allegheny County Library Association and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and is designed to encourage 3-6 graders to read for fun beyond their classroom requirements.

Princess Tea

Ages 3-8 Saturday February 28 at 11 a.m. Come enjoy a fancy tea, princess dancing lesson, princess craft and stories with your favorite grown-up, and support children's programming at C.C. Mellor. There is a \$10 fee for this program. Please register. Spots fill fast.

Unless otherwise noted groups meet in the Fred Rodgers Children's Room

Story Times

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Children birth-5
- Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Baby Lap Sit

Growing Readers

A new program for children learning their first reading skills. Sponsored by a Target grant, Growing Readers focuses on beginning reader skills through the lens of play. We have scoured current best practices to bring you a story time based on early reading skills, followed by several activities to put it to practice. Recommended for children ages 3-5. Fred Rogers Children's Room Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Eco-Geeks

5-8year olds explore the world of nature with local experts on Saturday March 14. Topic: Protective Coloration. Register.

Crazy 8's

A math club for K-2 graders who build stuff, make music, run and jump and more on Saturdays February 21 (Flying Marshmallows), March 14 (Zip lines). Register.

Books and Brunch

A book club for 8-12 year old girls and their special grownup who come together to share books on Saturdays, February 14 and March 21 at 11 a.m. Pick your book up at the children's desk. Register.

Block Parties!

2-5 year olds can construct and build with our new collection of blocks on Saturdays, March 21, April, 18, and May 16

at 10 a.m. This play session builds skills in math and language cooperative play and language and school readiness. Register.

Read to Rover

Designed to build confidence and encourage early readers as they read out loud fo a four legged friend. Saturdays February 7 and March 28 at 10 a.m. Drop in.

Art Party!

Kids grades K-5 can experiment with different art mediums—clay, mosaics, sand art and more on Saturday March 7 at 10 a.m. Register.

Teen Reading Lounge.

Each month we will feature a different book—and loads of activities to go along with it. Final dates are still being decided so please check our website for details!

Both the libraries in Edgewood and in Forest Hills are closed Friday April 3.

2015 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

February 28, 2015 6pm– 11pm \$35 per person Advance Registration Only

RSVP by Friday, February 13

Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

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| ____ 1. Provide salad/bread for 12 guests | ____ 4. Host a dinner for 8-12 guests |
| ____ 2. Host an appetizer party for 45 guests | ____ 5. Provide dessert for 30-40 guests |
| ____ 3. Provide Appetizers for 30-40 guests | |

We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification one week in advance.

Guest 1: _____ Address: _____

Guest 2 _____ Cell: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vegetarian (#) ____ Allergies? _____ (We cannot accommodate all requests)

Please provide a **check payable to the Edgewood Foundation** for **\$35/per person**. Send check and RSVP form to Amy Hooks/Progressive Dinner 327 Locust St. Pittsburgh PA 15218 by Friday, February 13, 2015. All guests must be over the age of 21.

Stay in Touch with Edgewood Borough via CONSTANT CONTACT!

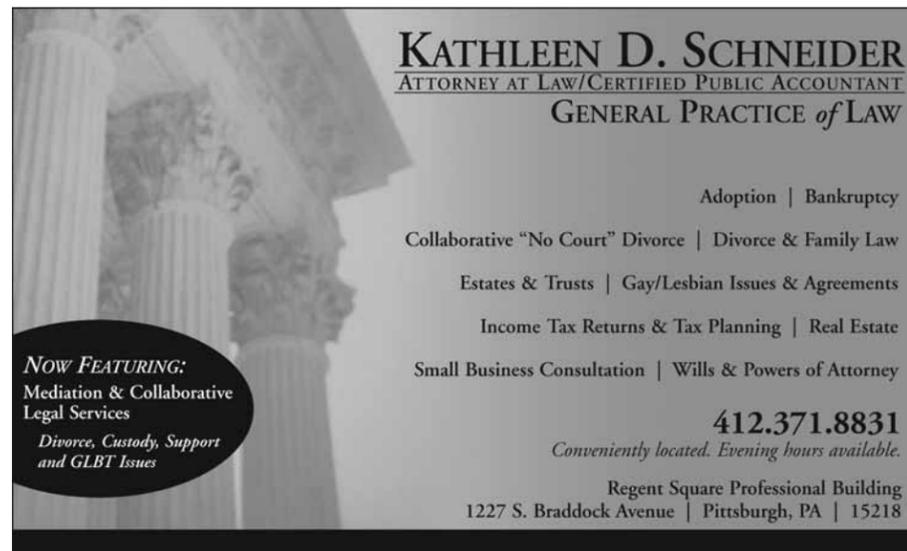
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- *Council News* (updates and minutes of council meetings)
- *Recycling* (updates or changes in the recycling program; leaf pick-up schedule)
- *General Interest* (Recreation sign-ups; Foundation events; free flu shots; street sweeping schedule)

Whenever new information is put up on the website regarding these items, you will receive an e-mail notification.

We hope you'll sign up for these emails as a way to stay connected to your Community, and help us better spread news and events to our residents.



A note from the tax collector...

Edgewood Borough Council has voted on a millage rate of 7.15 for 2015. Borough taxes will be mailed out the first week of April. Any unpaid 2014 borough tax will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector the first week of February. The third installment for the 2014 Woodland Hills School tax is due by March 2 as the deadline, February 28, is a Saturday. All delinquent 2014 school taxes will be turned over to the delinquent collector the end of March 2015.

If you have changed mortgages companies or are now paying your own taxes, please let me know so that your tax bill can be sent to the right address. This is your responsibility, not the mortgage company! If you have any questions please call 412-731-0200.

Thank you,
Maureen Smith,
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CALENDAR at a glance...

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 2 & 17,
7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

Refuse: 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycling: 5 & 19

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
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