

EDGEWOOD

December / January 2015-16

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD

**Friday, December 4 at 7pm 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 bring a bright holiday to less fortunate children.

See Page 6 for details.

The Edgewood Newsletter would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos about your family, organization or neighborhood during 2015.

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





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 2016 will be available at the Borough Building beginning December 1, 2015.

Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots will be accepted starting on December 1, 2015. On December 14, 2015, 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 Permit \$20 per year (\$10 after June 30, 2016)*

Visitor Permit \$20 per year (\$10 after June 30, 2016)*

Borough Parking Lot Fees \$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

Important Information about Garbage and Recycling Collection:

We are excited to announce that Republic Services will be the new solid waste and recycling hauler for Edgewood Borough beginning in 2016. Please keep an eye out for information that Republic Services will be mailing directly to your home. Republic will bill residents directly for this service. Please note that collection day in Edgewood Borough will be changing to FRIDAYS. However, due to the New Year's Day holiday, the first day of Republic's Service in the Borough will be Saturday, January 2. Any general questions can be answered by Republic's Customer Service Representatives at 1-800-464-2120 or 412-429-2600 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of 210 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1"-2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Meet your Edgewood Fire Fighter



JOSHUA BYRD

Why did you join the Edgewood VFD?

I wanted to take the opportunity to learn more about being a firefighter.

What is one phrase that would best describe you?

At the station, I am known as Randall.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

I am just a chill and laid back, caring person.

What is your current position at the fire department?

Firefighter

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Career Firefighter.

Go Bucs!

Fire Department members Richmond Nye, Joanne and Steven Halle were guests of Invisible Fence at a Pirates game. The fire department was presented pet oxygen and CPR masks. The masks will be placed on the rescue truck and utilized if the need arises.



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Police Report

The holidays are a time when thieves and con artists are frequently on the prowl. Here are some tips from the Edgewood Police Department to help keep your home, your car, your possessions, and your family safe.

Keeping Your Home Safe

- We all want our homes to reflect the joy of the season, but avoid displaying gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you're not home to receive them.
- Packages left on porches or doorsteps are "easy picking" for thieves. It also draws unwanted attention to your home.
- Consider simple outside decorations. Elaborate or large lawn pieces are often stolen right out of the lawn.
- Be sure not to obscure the view from your windows. You need a clear view of your property.
- Always lock your home's doors and windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.
- Compact or dispose of packaging discreetly. Often criminals will spot something you've discarded and can target you for their next burglary or theft.

- When leaving town, have a trusted friend or neighbor take care of your home. Never cancel general deliveries such as mail, newspapers, and other services when leaving town or going on vacation.
- Notify your local police precinct when you're planning an extended absence. They can issue a vacation watch or directed patrol for your home.

Keeping Your Neighborhood Safe

- First, share these tips with your neighbors. Establish a network with your neighbors and make a plan for mutual protection and notification.
- Get your Neighborhood Watch group together and go caroling. Visit the elderly and others in your area that may be isolated during the holidays.

Staying Safe While Shopping

- Always lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car. Load your packages before departing, not at the next destination.
- Shop with at least one partner. Have your car or house key in your hand as you approach the door. If attacked use those keys as weapons!
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Avoid street vendors—many times these hucksters are selling stolen or unlicensed merchandise.
- Plan your trips. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones. This will cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you'll be encumbered with, and it will make your shopping less stressful.
- Walk everywhere with a sense of purpose—show you are calm, confident and know where you are going.
- Park in well-lit areas that will be well-lit when you return.

Keeping Your Credit and Identity Safe

- If you write checks, use only the necessary information, name, address, phone number. Never give your social security number.
- Safeguard your credit cards and checks as you do cash. Do not leave them in jacket pockets or sitting out in restaurants, stores or hotel rooms.

- Keep your purse or wallet on you. Shoulder straps should cross your body, not dangling from your shoulder. Do not lay them in a shopping basket. Be sure they are closed securely.
- Make a list of all your credit cards, debit cards and checks with account numbers. Keep the list in a secure place at home.
- Notify issuers immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Take your time when making a purchase. Be sure you collect your license, credit card, or check book and your receipt.
- Keep your receipts and reconcile your statement. Promptly report any discrepancies to the issuer.
- Consider Direct Deposit of your payroll or benefit checks; it's safe and convenient and prevents the theft of your checks.

ABOVE ALL, IF YOU ARE VICTIMIZED, REPORT IT TO POLICE IMMEDIATELY.

POLICE ACTIVITY

2015 Aug. Sept.

Total Calls for Service 1125 1250
 Complaints Received412 .. 402
 Accidents Investigated.....15 6

Part I Crimes 10 12
 Robbery, Burglary.....0 0
 Motor Vehicle Theft.....0 1
 Shoplifting8 4
 Assault.....0 1
 Arson.....0 0
 Other Thefts.....2 5

Part II Crimes 16 14
 Liquor Laws.....0 0
 Vandalism/Mischief.....1 3
 Narcotics Offenses.....1 1
 Weapons Offense.....0 0
 Sex Offense.....0 0
 Disorderly Conduct.....9 2
 Other Crimes.....3 7

Arrests 22 9
 Adult Arrests.....18 5
 Juvenile Arrests4 4

Officer's Activity
 Traffic Stops.....126 .. 113
 Traffic Citations.....46 50
 Non-traffic Citations.....11 7
 DUI2 1
 False Alarms9 9
 Medicals3 4
 Suspicious Person.....11 12
 Public Nuisance Complaints...2..... 0

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Tip of the Month

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



Connie Black Winner of the 2015 Limpert Award

The Edgewood Foundation is proud to announce Connie Black as this year's recipient of the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service. The award was established to recognize an Edgewood resident who has contributed to making our community a desirable place to live, and improving the life of those who live here.

Connie, who has lived in the Borough for 40 years, might be called a renaissance volunteer. She has worked tirelessly in a variety of roles, from leadership—by serving on Borough Council, the C.C. Mellor Library Board and as an Elder and Deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood (FPCE), to “roll-up-your-sleeves” work on numerous community organizations.

Before retiring, Connie worked at the VA with their Drug and Alcohol Program, and raised her son, Christopher, a successful restaurateur who lives with his family in Portland, Oregon.

When it comes to nitty gritty work, Connie is exemplary in her efforts. Over the years she has delivered Meals on Wheels, organized and cooked for Civic Club and Cot Club, and worked on Borough projects such as The Edgewood 5K, bulb planting and Earth Day clean-up. She has collected newspapers from friends and neighbors—first, before Edgewood had curbside pick-up, she took them for recycling, and now delivers them to animal shelters for use in the kennels. She also is a member of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association and



Connie Black

works regularly with other volunteers to remove trash from Nine Mile Run.

In recent years, Connie's two biggest commitments have been to FPCE's afterschool program, FROGS, and the Library's annual book sale. The FROGS Program began 13 years ago to provide a safe place for elementary school children to have fun, make friends, read and play. Connie was an inaugural volunteer with the program. Since then, twice a week during the school year, as well as many summers, she has spent at least three hours a day helping young children with homework, reading, playing games, and preparing healthy snacks and meals. These children from our schools and our community have enjoyed the nurturing and care of “Mrs. Connie Black,” as she is fondly known to her Dewey St. neighbor children.

As a loyal volunteer for C.C. Mellor Library's Annual Book Sale, Connie is involved daily, from start to finish. Her efforts begin with helping arrange the thousands of books before the sale to breaking down and repacking the

remaining books after the four day sale has ended. And during the event she assists with sales, information, and fast-paced customer service. As library staffer Amy Brazell pointed out, “The sale is not possible without the work of volunteers like Connie.”

When asked to comment on this award, Connie deflected any praise. She believes that when you see something that needs to be done, you do it. She said, “I am just one of many who keep this Borough strong.”

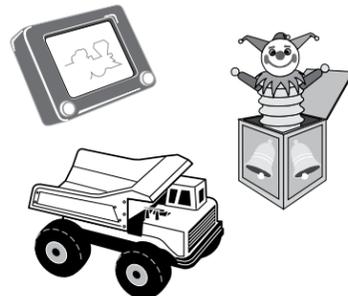
Light Up Edgewood December 4 at 7 p.m.

Memorial Park

Please join your neighbors to Light Up Edgewood on December 4! Santa will kick off the festivities by lighting up our neighborhood tree and then children of all ages are invited to the Edgewood Club for refreshments and a chance to mix and mingle with friends and neighbors.

We're continuing our traditional “Toys for Tots” Toy Drive again this year. Toys will be collected at the Edgewood Club. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or two!

If you are unable to make a donation at the Edgewood Club that evening, please email us at lightupedgewood@edgewoodfoundation.org to arrange an alternate drop-off.



The Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner

The Edgewood Foundation is pleased to announce that the Annual Edgewood Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 6-11 p.m.

This Edgewood tradition is a wonderful event where residents visit with their neighbors and have a lovely meal together. (See sign-up form below.) The sooner you sign up, the more likely it is that you'll get your first choice of jobs for the evening.

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.

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 either a salad and bread, appetizers, desserts or wine. Hosts of appetizer parties should be comfortable hosting between 30 and 50 people.

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 27, 2016!

Please email any questions to progressivedinner@edgewoodfoundation.org

2016 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

February 27, 6-11pm \$35 per person RSVP by February 12.
Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

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

Please provide the best contact info. for the week before the event.
We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification.

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/person. Send check and RSVP to Amy Hooks/Progressive Dinner (327 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218).



BOYS SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 23 Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Koenig Field, Edgewood
November 28 to December 20
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
5-9 p.m.

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

Sunday: 12-8 p.m.

The Troop 23 Christmas tree sale begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 28) and runs until Sunday, December 20, at Koenig Field in Edgewood. Regular hours will be 5 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).

EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Make a Holiday Tradition with the ESO



Experience the comfort and joy of the holidays with this annual holiday concert, featuring the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra and the Renaissance City Choirs. The holidays come home with a fresh and inspiring celebration for this joyous season! A long time family tradition in Edgewood, this sparkling concert features classical Christmas and holiday favorites. A fun program for the entire family that truly rings in the holiday season!

Comfort and Joy! Holiday Concert
December 5 at 7:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Britten, Zahab & Shostakovich
March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Katz Auditorium, Pittsburgh JCC
Guest soloist Hanna Levinson joins the ESO for Britten's poignant *Lachrymae* and Zahab's inspiring *Angelic Consort*. Shostakovich's stirring *Fifth Symphony* mingles tragedy and triumph for an unforgettable finale.

Bach, Beethoven & Respighi
May 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Katz Auditorium, Pittsburgh JCC
This stunning program highlights the virtuosity of the ESO in Bach's brilliant *Second Brandenburg Concerto* and Beethoven's youthful *First Symphony*. The season concludes with Respighi's magnificent *Pines of Rome*.

Stay tuned to the ESO for the next five years to hear all nine of Beethoven's amazing symphonies.

Check out www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information and make sure to save the dates for upcoming concerts in the new year.

EDGEWOOD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service
December 24 at 8 p.m.

This service moves from prophetic expectation to awestruck wonder as we celebrate the Savior's birth with song and scripture. We'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and conclude singing Silent Night in a sanctuary illuminated only by candlelight. Join us for this beautiful and meaningful service.

FPCE Deacon Food Pantry

Available for people in our community who are in need. Call the Church Office at 412-241-4613. Leave contact information and a Deacon will call back when the food can be picked up. Our pantry is kept full by local donations, Boy Scout food drive, Shadyside Academy food drive and church members.

BLOCKS (Believing Little Ones Can Know and Serve)

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce a new program for the younger members of our community. BLOCKS will meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. Through this program, we aim to present a well-developed and age-appropriate opportunity based on the needs and interests of our youngest members and friends. Thematically centered on "building blocks," we will work to build the foundations for Christian beliefs and practices through play, story time, songs and crafts. BLOCKS is open to children ages 6 months to kindergarten. An adult caregiver must accompany the child. Please email Emily Lilly EmilySLilly@gmail.com with questions or to register.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Fair Trade Marketplace at ECS Environmental Charter School (Upper School)
829 Milton Avenue, Regent Square
December 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
December 6, noon-4 p.m.

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!

For more info: https://www.facebook.com/FairTradeMarketplace_marketplace@ecspco.org, 412-247-7970 x014

REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

RSCA Celebrates 35 Great Years in the Square

On Saturday, October 3, RSCA hosted a 35th Anniversary party to celebrate its founding in 1980. More than 75 neighbors joined in the festivities. Though Mother Nature was not entirely cooperative, bringing rain and cold temperatures so early in October, the party carried on in the basement of the Wilkins School Community Center. (Special thanks to Patty Doody and the Board of the WSCC for all of their assistance and support in planning this event!) As the rain clouds passed, kids took the party outside to the WSCC playground while adults ventured out to enjoy the delicious offerings from local favorite, Blowfish BBQ.

Providing great music throughout the party was John Gresh's Gris-Gris, a fantastic local band with 5 musicians (that can often be found playing at NoLa on the Square on Friday evenings!) Rebecca Chioda, of Rebecca Chioda Face Painting, and Marcia Liggett, of Amber's Amazing Animal Balloons, brought loads of fun for kids (and adults) in attendance with their creativity. RSCA would also like to thank the Swissvale Police for joining the festivities to share stickers and coloring books for kids.

Finally, RSCA would like to thank YOU, the community members that make Regent Square a fantastic neighborhood to live, work, and play in! Here's to the next 35 great years of community involvement and civic engagement.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A historical marker stands at the corner of South Braddock and Greendale Avenues marking the life and accomplishments of Jane Grey Swisshelm—a journalist, publisher, abolitionist and women's rights advocate. December marks the 200th anniversary of her birth. Please join the Edgewood Historical Society at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 14, at the Edgewood Club for a birthday party celebrating the notable former resident.

Born on Dec. 6, 1815, in Pittsburgh, Jane Grey Cannon later lived in Wilkinsburg and then in what is now Edgewood after marrying farmer James Swisshelm—the family after which Swissvale is named. She first encountered slavery while living briefly in Louisville, Ky., later worked as an army nurse in the Civil War and befriended Mary Todd Lincoln.

Mrs. Swisshelm founded newspapers in Pittsburgh, Minnesota and Washington, D.C., where she worked for the federal government during the administration of President Andrew Johnson. In 1881, she published an autobiography. Jane Grey Swisshelm died July 22, 1884, and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery. Pittsburgh's Swisshelm Park neighborhood is named in her honor.

The Edgewood Historical Society is always looking to add to its collection of photographs, postcards, maps and other documents related to the borough's history. If you have something that you would like to share, please contact Jerry Price at price406@yahoo.com.



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Who can solve the mystery of where the town cannon went?





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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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Pittsburgh Mandolin Orchestra Holiday Concert

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Free-will offering dinner after the concert All welcome!

ADMISSION CHARGE:

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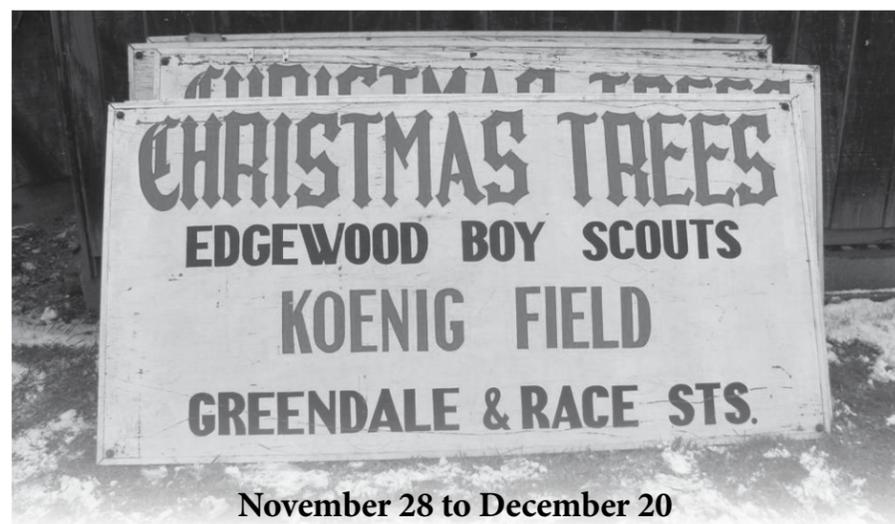
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SPECIAL THANKS

To the Edgewood Towne Centre Giant Eagle Produce Department

The Borough of Edgewood would like to extend a sincere note of thanks to Barry Fisher and the produce department at Giant Eagle for all their help with our Fall Festival crafts! Barry was very knowledgeable, friendly and helpful with lots of advice and tips! Thank you, Barry, and everyone in the produce department!



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Saturday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • Sunday: 12-8 p.m.



EDGEWOOD SPORTS REPORT

Edgewood Soccer 2015

Edgewood Soccer had an incredible 2015 season! With a whopping 156 players, it was our largest league to date. We are all very proud of our growing league – from the players who show true sportsmanship to parents who volunteer their time and efforts, and, of course, the coaches who offer their dedication and mentorship to run this league.

Thank you, Coaches! We truly appreciate your hard work and the encouragement you passed on to your players.

Randall Bartlett.....	6-7 Royal	Patrick Miller	4-5 Black
David Boyles	8-9 Black	Richard Reilly	6-7 Red & 8-9 White
Phil Crichlow	10-14 Purple	Chris Remaley	6-7 Green
Ryan Daley	8-9 Black	Robert Reppe	10-14 Gold
Shirley Kidney	6-7 Black	Dave Schaarsmith...	4-5 Purple & 8-9 Black
Craig Kodman	6-7 Red & 8-9 White	Michael Tuite	6-7 Black
Eric Kossis	4-5 Red	Javier Vazquez.....	4-5 Royal
Derek Leben.....	4-5 Red	Peter Wardrip.....	6-7 Royal
Jeff McCarroll	4-5 Purple	Brian Werner	6-7 Green
Mike Meyer	10-14 Black	James Wynn	10-14 Purple
Gregg Michaels.....	4-5 Black		

Edgewood Basketball 2016

Basketball "Draft" Day is Wednesday, December 16.

Please arrive at the following times according to age group:

6 p.m. for ages 6-8 • 7 p.m. for ages 9-11 • 8 p.m. for ages 12-14

Please be sure to register on time!

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Most lawn and garden merchandise are products that are sold to control disease, fertilize, or kill some sort of pest. Although these products may keep the lawn green, many have been shown to have adverse effects on human and animal health, in addition to causing damage to the environment. Pesticide-free lawns limit exposure to potentially harmful toxins and are a safe way for children, adults and pets to enjoy the outdoors. Women for a Healthy Environment offers "pesticide free" signs for \$10. You may obtain them at www.womenforahealthyenvironment.org or call Lois Winslow at 412-241-6749.



Join your friends and neighbors in monthly readings on nature to children in kindergarten to 3rd grade of the Edgewood Primary School.

Welcome to the new teachers at Edgewood Primary from all of us involved in the Reading and Planting program with the school. Our program is in its 12th year. We read in 35 minute modules monthly to school children in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade. This year we are reading to 5 classrooms but would like to raise that number up to our usual 6 – 8 classrooms. If you have an interest in reading about nature to children in kindergarten through 3rd grade, and have an hour (or two!) once a month, please contact Mrea Csorba mrc25@pitt.edu. Join us in a collaborative venture with a young generation of school children in exploring our natural world!

Edgewood Holiday Sale

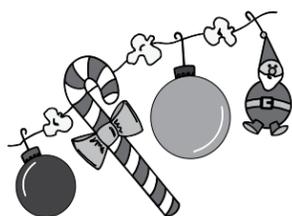
Shop Locally and Benefit 2 Organizations

The C. C. Mellor Library and the Edgewood Fire Department have teamed up so that you can do one-stop shopping at the Edgewood Holiday Sale on Saturday, December 5 and Sunday December 6 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.

CCM has taken over the Edgewood Garden Club's greens sale and is offering wreaths, garlands, a variety of poinsettias, orchids, and hand tied bows for sale. Greens should be preordered. The order form is available on the library's website, www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Luminaria kits which benefit the Edgewood Fire Department can also be purchased for \$10 each. Kits can be purchased at the Borough Building at 2 Race Street. Kits include 10 bags, sand and ten candles and can be used on Christmas Eve.

Each of the vendors in the sale has donated an item for a raffle which will be conducted from December 5 through December 20. Tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 7, \$10 for 20. Buy them at the sale or in the Fred Rogers Children's Room. Winners will be drawn by Mrs.



Claus at the Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Wilkins School Community Center is also holding their Holiday Gift Shop on the same weekend. At the WCSS sale you'll find more handcrafted items from local artists. Sale hours are Friday December 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. with an Open House from 7-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 am-6 pm.

Check out what's happening in the Community with a local calendar of events available in the library or at www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Programs for Adults

Lifeline Screening

On Tuesday, December 15, Lifeline Screening will conduct preventive health screenings by appointment only in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening

of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

CCM: Your Fitness Partner

C.C. Mellor Library has recently partnered with Allegheny County's new health program Live Well Allegheny, embracing the concept of living well which includes physical health, mental wellness, personal and community safety, prevention and preparedness, and much more. In addition to our large current collection of print and online materials on health and fitness, CCM offers these three weekly programs to improve one's health.

Mind Body Adult Exercise

Join us on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. for exercises that include easy dance moves, Pilates-based stretching and strength building, and yoga inspired movement. The classes will help you improve core strength and overall flexibility, tune up your cardiovascular system, reduce stress, improve posture, and feel better. The cost is \$5 per class or \$25 for 6 sessions. Please wear comfortable loose stretchy clothing, athletic footwear or sturdy rubber soled shoes, and bring a thick mat. The program runs through December 9 and is led by Edgewood resident Rebecca Taksel. Call the Library to register or email rebeccataksel@hotmail.com.

Wisewalk Continues

Even though most of the leaves have fallen and the temperatures have dropped a bit the hearty *Wisewalkers of CCM* continue their Tuesday and Thursday walks in Frick Park's Fern Hollow.

Walkers meet in the parking lot at the base of Lancaster Avenue at 9 a.m. for a one-hour walk. New walkers receive a t-shirt and a pedometer. Join them!

Creative Movement

This parent-led program is offered every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Children to age six participate in bend and stretching exercises, learn yoga positions, and have great fun. No sign up is necessary, just drop in for this half hour.

Downton Abbey Tea

To help kick off the fifth season of Downton Abbey, the Friends of the Library is hosting a Tea as a fundraiser for programs. We'll be serving a typical English tea on Saturday, January 23 at 1 p.m. 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 talk about the upcoming season, have a short program and enjoy each other's company. Cost for the event is \$20. Reserve your spot by calling the library.

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 (412-731-0909) after January 2 to make an appointment.

Speck Air quality Monitors Available for Loan

CMU has made Speck, which is a personal air pollution monitor available for check out at public libraries in Allegheny County. Borrowers may borrow the wi-fi driven device to monitor the quality of the indoor air in the home. The data can then be uploaded into your computer and kept solely for your use. To reserve a Speck go to the library catalog and type in Speck and your library card information. The device will be sent to CCM for pickup.

Memorial Gifts

The library has received gifts to honor the memories of Bob Cunningham, Jim Starr and Anna McGhee.

Book Clubs

The **Drop Dead Book Club** will meet at 7 p.m. in the board room in Edgewood on the first Wednesday of each month.

- December 2 – *Jane and the Unpleasantness at Scargrove Manor* by Stephanie Barron.

- January 6 – Title to be determined.

The **4th Tuesday Book Club** meets at the Forest Hills Library at 1 p.m. to have lively discussion of recent fiction and non-fiction books.

- December 22 – *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

In December the group will select titles for 2016. The first meeting of the year will be January 26.

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 p.m. Bring projects that you are working on or pick up patterns for items that can be donated to people in need. The group is working on a Pop des Fleurs project. Look for bright floral works adorning our gardens over the winter.

- Clutterer's Anonymous** Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

- Toastmasters** Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.

- Backroom Quilters** Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m.

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Weeding Magazines Available!

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 2 years' worth of magazines.

Programs for Kids

Family Story Time

Early Literacy in a fun environment geared to kids age birth through five and their caregivers. No registration necessary.

- 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

Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for a story hour geared towards children learning their first reading skills. We have scoured current best practices to bring you a storytime full of activities and hands on projects to help build the skills needed for reading.

Programs held at the Library in Edgewood. Please register on-line at www.ccmellorlibrary.org for most.

Kid Yoga! Preschoolers. Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Join a local yoga guru for kid's yoga in the library! No registration necessary.

Gingerbread Houses A great way for families to come together is to create together. On Wednesday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m., make a gingerbread house to take home. Fee is \$5 per family. Registration Required.

Messy Art Madness Kids 5-10 can make homemade holiday gifts for the season on Saturday December 5 at 11 a.m. We'll get messy and we'll make art. Registration Required.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus Mrs. Claus is back by popular demand to read stories and share a pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 19 at 11 a.m. Registration Required.

Almost Camp Out! A family event. Friday, January 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. Missing the warm nights of summer? Wear your pajamas and come to the library after hours for a fun "camp out". Registration Required.

Eco-Geeks. A nature program for 5-8 year olds on Saturday, January 9 at 11 a.m. This month we learn about Fish, Dolphins and Whales. Registration Required.

Crazy 8's. A Math Club for kids K-2 on Saturday, January 9 at 10 a.m. We will be having a Winter Beach Ball Party that you won't want to miss.

Balloon Blowout Balloon science, balloon games...balloon craziness on Friday, January 23 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for kids ages 5-10.

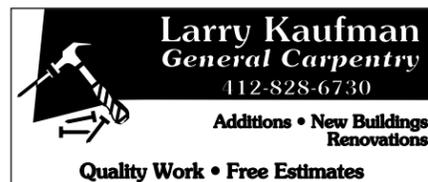
Mother Daughter Bookclub 8-12 year old girls and their special grown-ups, come share books together. 10:30 a.m. 3rd Saturday of each month starting in January. Registration Required.

Read it. Make it. Take it. An afterhours program for teens in which a local artist presents an altered book art project. We'll also be discussing books and eat pizza on Friday, January 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. Check the website or facebook for the book title.

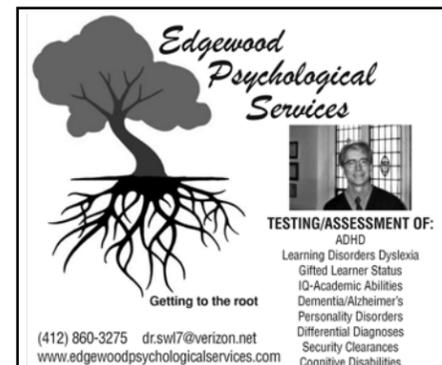
Holiday Hours

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

Normal hours will resume on Saturday, January 2.



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HOLIDAYS 2016

January 1 New Year's Day
 May 30 Memorial Day
 July 4 Independence Day

September 5 Labor Day
 November 24 Thanksgiving
 December 25 Christmas

- Recycle pick-up day
- Recycle pick-up due to holiday
- Holiday — If holiday falls on or after Monday, trash and recycling are delayed by 1 day.

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The Woodland Hills school tax is due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The third installment is due February 28, 2016. No new coupons will be sent out for the third installment. If you have any questions please feel free to call my office at 412-731-0200.

Thank you,
Maureen Smith,
Tax Collector



CALENDAR *at a glance...*

DECEMBER

Council Meetings: 7 & 21, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Recycling: 10 & 24

Light up Edgewood: 4, 7 pm @ Memorial Park

Boy Scouts: Mondays 7pm @ FPCE

Boy Scouts Christmas Tree Sale: Through December 20

Toastmasters: Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C.C. Mellor Library

Story Time: 10:30am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ C.C. Mellor Library

JANUARY

Council Meetings: 4 & 19, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 2, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Recycling: 8 & 22

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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. Again, 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 once again \$10 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. 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. to noon.

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: _____

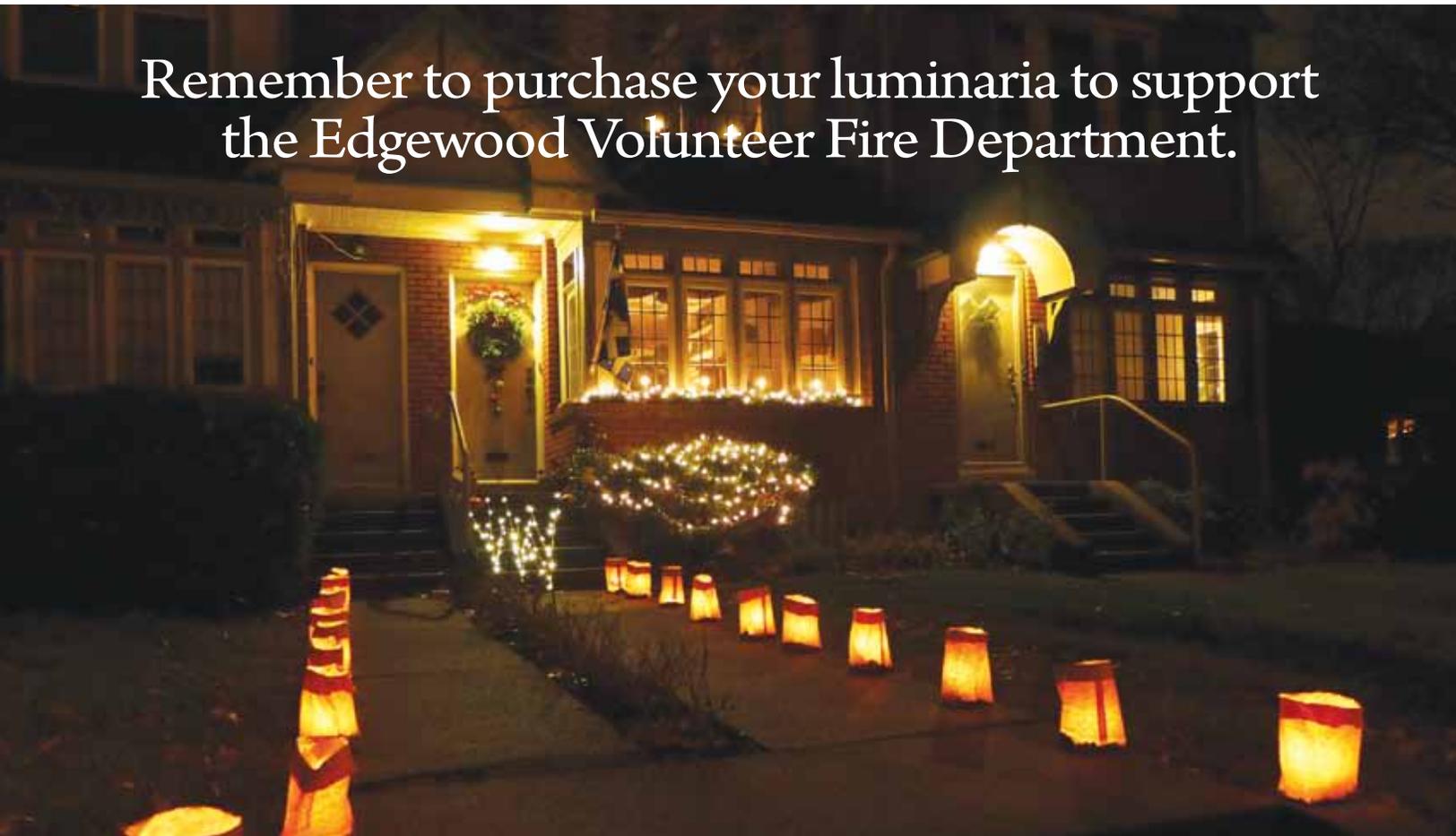


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