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June / July 2017

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



## Edgewood recognized as a **Banner Community** for the third year in a row!



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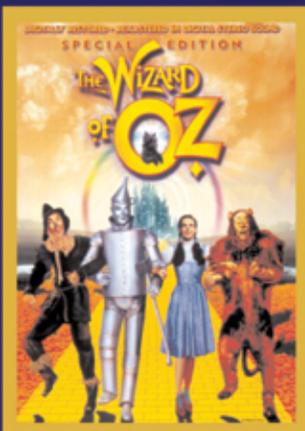
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*Council President Pat Schaefer and  
Borough Manager Julie Bastianini  
accept award from ALOM  
representatives.*

The Banner Community Program recognizes communities committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. "Local government is considered by many to be the most important form of government because of its direct impact on the daily lives of residents. The job of being a local government officials, whether elected or appointed, has become an increasingly complex occupation," said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "The Banner Community Program designation is a public recognition of the efforts that these government officials take on behalf of its residents and businesses each day."

We are proud to once again have Edgewood Borough recognized as a Banner Community for 2017.

## Movie Night *At Koenig Field* ★ *At Dusk* ★ ★ ★



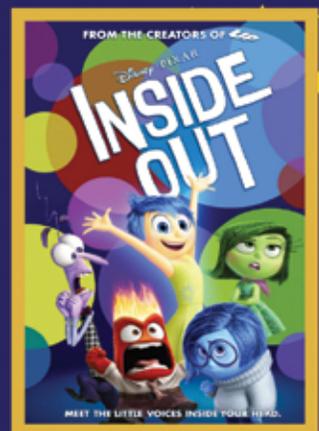
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June 12



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July 10



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## Republic Services Collects Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste in Edgewood

**Your hazardous waste and e-waste can now be safely collected by calling this toll-free number: 1-800-464-2120. Data destruction is assured.**

Look through your home for hazardous items that need to be discarded—everything from batteries and paint to computers and chemicals—and feel secure that Republic Services will safely handle these items, protecting both you and the environment.

Residents who call will be asked to describe the items to be collected. They will be told how to package their household hazardous waste (HHW) in a special HHW Kit, which will be sent to residents. (Electronics do not need to be packaged.) Each kit includes a collection date, a 42-gallon clear plastic bag, and detailed instructions on how to package the items to be collected safely and securely. Both HHW and e-waste must be kept in a secure location, NOT at the curb, until collected.

On the day of collection, Republic Services will arrive at your home to collect the HHW packaged items and/or electronics to be taken for recycling or disposal.

### Acceptable HHW and e-waste (5 gallons or less):

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- Paint thinners, Gasoline, Solvents
- Oil, Petroleum-based lubricants
- Ethylene Glycol, Antifreeze
- Pesticides, Herbicides
- Aerosols
- Mercury, Mercury Debris
- Light Bulbs—Fluorescents, Compact Fluorescents (CFL), High-Intensity
- Discharge (HID) Lamps
- Batteries—Lead Acid, Alkaline, NiCad
- Pool Chemicals
- Cleaners—Acidic & Basic
- Resins and Epoxy
- E-Waste—TVs, Computers, Monitors, VCR and DVD Players, Printers, Fax Machines, Cable Boxes, Gaming Equipment and similar electronic waste

### Unacceptable HHW and e-waste:

- Radioactive Compounds
- Smoke Detectors
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Tires
- Asbestos
- PCs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls)
- Pharmaceuticals/Controlled Substances
- Biological/Infectious Wastes
- Medical Sharps (Call or visit Republic Services online for details for methods of disposing Medical Sharps)
- Fire Extinguishers

*If any of the unacceptable items are placed for collection, a large Republic Services sticker will be placed on those items, explaining why they could not be collected. To make a collection date appointment, call 1-800-464-2120 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may leave a message at all other times. Or email:*

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## Pets On Point

When Kat Chancellor's first location for her pet grooming salon in Point Breeze fell through, it was a blessing in disguise. She kept the name "Pets on Point" but opened up shop on Edgewood Avenue, just down the street from her own home. Her storefront is stylishly decorated in a signature purple and yellow, and is clean, bright and welcoming to both pets and their humans. Pets on Point has been open for one year, and Kat has nothing but wonderful things to say about her Edgewood neighborhood and clientele.

Kat is an artist and animal lover with 6 dogs, 3 cats, 1 lizard and a rescued Flemish Giant Rabbit named Cinnabon. Kat combined all of her interests—business, art and animals—by working towards opening her own grooming salon for many years. Kat has completed both a Grooming Certificate and a Certificate of Training (so she can also train dogs as well) and also has a background in business management. Her shop is meticulously thought out, from green Bio-Groom bathing products, to self-raising tables, a wash tub with a ramp to keep nervous animals calm and scald-guard to protect them from overly hot water. "Safety is priority number 1. Period," she says.



New clients can call to discuss their pet's needs and options. Pricing is dependent on the needs, size and temperament of the animal, but are also very affordable. It's best to call and discuss in person with Kat—and be sure you have an up-to-date rabies vaccination and have the documentation from the vet. For dogs, a Bordetella shot is also recommended as it's a preventative measure against kennel cough. Again, safety is a top priority, and Kat is very serious about keeping all the animals in her care safe and healthy.

Kat is a longtime resident of Pittsburgh's East End, having grown up in Squirrel Hill and Wilksburg areas. "I love how Pittsburgh is such a melting pot" she says, and also loves the combina-

tion of urban living as well as the closeness of rural farm life. She hopes one day to run a farm with a no-kill dog shelter.

But for now, Kat is happy to be a part of the thriving Edgewood pet community, and excited about the opening of the Dickson Park Dog Run. "There are a LOT of Pet People in Edgewood and it's great to be a part of that energy" she says.

Kat says it's been a long journey to opening her own business, but we hope it will be a longer journey as a part of our neighborhood landscape. Edgewood's pets and people are happy to have her caring and cost-effective services in our borough!

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# Police Report

## POLICE ACTIVITY

2016-17 Feb. Mar.

**Total Calls for Service 1040 940**

Complaints Received .....325 .. 382  
Accidents Investigated.....6 ..... 5

**Part I Crimes 4 9**

Robbery, Burglary.....0 ..... 1  
Motor Vehicle Theft.....0 ..... 0  
Shoplifting .....0 ..... 4  
Assault.....1 ..... 0  
Arson .....0 ..... 0  
Other Thefts.....3 ..... 2

**Part II Crimes 9 13**

Liquor Laws.....1 ..... 0  
Vandalism/Mischief.....2 ..... 1  
Narcotics Offenses.....1 ..... 1  
Weapons Offense.....0 ..... 0  
Sex Offense.....0 ..... 0  
Disorderly Conduct.....2 ..... 5  
Other Crimes.....3 ..... 6

**Arrests 10 16**

Adult Arrests.....10 ..... 15  
Juvenile Arrests .....0 ..... 1

**Officer's Activity**

Traffic Stops.....87 ..... 60  
Traffic Citations.....40 ..... 32  
Non-traffic Citations.....3 ..... 8  
DUI .....0 ..... 0  
False Alarms .....12 ..... 6  
Medicals .....5 ..... 2  
Suspicious Person.....5 ..... 4  
Public Nuisance Complaints ...3 ..... 1

### Friendly Reminder:

Please remember to pick up after your pets in our neighborhood. Not only is it a kindness to your neighbors, but picking up your dog's doo can keep our water sources clean!

Edgewood Borough does have an Ordinance regarding "pet nuisance"—so please be sure to take your animal to approved locations and clean up after them.

You can find the Borough Ordinance on our website [www.Edgewood.pgh.PA.US](http://www.Edgewood.pgh.PA.US). You can find the complete Ordinance under § 84-1: Nuisances.

### Click It or Ticket

As motorists take to the roads this summer, Edgewood police are urging everyone to buckle up. Beginning May 15, 2017, law enforcement officials will be out in full force, taking part in the 2017 national *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.

As we kick-off the busy summer driving season, it is critical that everyone buckles up every time they go out, day and night—no excuses. Our officers are prepared to ticket anyone who is not wearing their seat belt, including drivers that have neglected to properly buckle their children.—Click It or Ticket.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 9,874 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2015 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. And unbelted fatalities are more prevalent at night than during the daytime: 51 percent of those killed in 2015 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were unbelted at the time of the crash.

Seat belts save thousands of lives every year, but far too many motorists are still not buckling up, especially at night when the risk of getting in a crash is even greater. We want to make this the safest summer possible. Buckling up is not optional; it's the difference between life and death in a crash. That's why we're out here enforcing the law. Click it or Ticket, every time, day or night.

From 1975 through 2015, seat belts have saved an estimated 344,447 lives nationwide. So while this year's *Click It or Ticket* enforcement mobilization runs from May 22—June 4, officers will continue to save lives by enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

For more on the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).



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# Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

## GUIDANCE ON OUTDOOR FIRES

**Important! Outdoor fires not complying with these requirements shall be ordered extinguished, and can result in fines and the issuance of a citation.**

### Chimineas, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, and Portable Outdoor Fire Pits

Allowed provided all the following conditions are met:

1. The device is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. The device's designed fuel loading is not exceeded.
3. Rubbish or yard waste is not burned.
4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
5. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand, ie a garden hose, fire extinguisher with minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.
6. For non-residential occupancies and apartment buildings having three or more units, the device must be at least 15 feet away from structures and combustible materials.

### Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires)

Allowed provided all the following conditions are met:

1. The fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter, and 2 feet or less in height.
2. Rubbish or yard waste is not burned.
3. The fire is at least 15 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
4. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (high winds or extremely dry weather).
5. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
6. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand, ie a garden hose, fire extinguisher with minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.

### Burn Barrels

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Rubbish or yard waste is not being burned.
2. The fire is at least 25 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
3. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (high winds or extremely dry weather).
4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
5. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand, ie a garden hose, fire extinguisher with minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.

### Bonfires and Open Burning

Outdoor fires having a fuel area greater than 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height are not allowed unless permits are obtained from the Allegheny County Health Department.

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# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Brinton Road Clean Up:

**Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. 12 p.m.**

Brinton Road is one of the main gateways to our community. That's why each year we schedule a clean-up day and invite volunteers to help us keep the neighborhood looking wonderful!

Please help us do our part in our cooperative agreement with Braddock Hills and Edgewood DPW. Each organization makes sure our neighborhood corridor is free of debris for two months of the year. Garbage bags, gloves, vests and snacks will be provided for everyone who volunteers. Adults only at this clean-up, as this area is too busy to keep children safe while helping.

Refer to our website, [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) for more details. Any questions or suggestions? Email us at [cleanup@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:cleanup@edgewoodfoundation.org)

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## Get Involved with the Edgewood Foundation!

The Edgewood Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the cultural, social and educational environment of Edgewood life for all residents. We're looking for volunteers to get involved with our events and board activities!

Meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. on the upper level of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. No meeting is held in July. Our meetings are open to the public, so feel free to stop by! Our volunteer Board of Directors typically consists of nine residents: the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, a representative from the Borough Council and seven members-at-large.

The Foundation encourages participation from all residents and groups in the Borough of Edgewood and we're always looking for community residents that share our love for Edgewood and have time to volunteer. Please feel free to visit our website at [edgewoodfoundation.org](http://edgewoodfoundation.org) to learn more about our activities and CONTACT US at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org) about how your ideas will further our goals!

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## Summer Fun with the ESO

To cap a star spangled season, the Edgewood Symphony is proud to return to Bach, Beethoven Brunch on Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 am. Bring your own brunch (or buy bagels and coffee on site), soak up some sunshine and enjoy some familiar tunes! Bach Beethoven and Brunch has been a favorite free summer activity in Pittsburgh for years, taking place in Mellon Park in Squirrel Hill. Check out <http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/bach-beethoven-brunch> for more details!

And as always, the ESO looks forward to kicking off the fireworks at Edgewood Community Day on Saturday, August 26. This awesome concert literally ends with a bang! Let the kids dance and enjoy some fun classical music before watching the best fireworks of the summer in your own backyard!

Be sure to check [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org) for updates on the ESO's upcoming 2017-2018 season, which will include Beethoven's 4th Symphony and an extra special celebration commemorating the ESO's 30th birthday at Carnegie Music Hall!

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## Post Office

We are asking our customers to extend their efforts and help the United States Postal Service with "National Dog Bite Prevention Year."

Pet owners' efforts are critical when you consider the number of Postal Service employees attacked by dogs last year reached 6,75. Within the 15218 Post Office, there have been six instances of dog attacks since the beginning of the year.

### Please remember these critical points:

- If a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows. Please keep your family pet secured.
- Parents should remind their children and other family members not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the letter carrier handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.
- The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority. If a letter carrier feels threatened by a dog, or if a dog is loose or unleashed, the owner may be asked to pick up mail at the Post Office until the letter carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner's neighbors also may be asked to pick up their mail at the area's Post Office.

We are asking that you please help ensure the safety of all of our citizens. Together, we can safeguard all from unnecessary and potentially devastating dog attacks. Thank you for your help with this very important issue!

## Nine Mile Run Watershed Association

### NMRWA Street Tree Survey

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association's planning effort for the watershed's trees is in full swing. A significant project within the Watershed Forest Master Plan is collecting street tree data, and NMRWA is utilizing a professional contractor this summer to collect this information. The data gathered will be immediately used to help inform the plan's goals and recommendations. Equally as important, we want to hear how residents feel about the trees in their neighborhoods. Look for NMRWA staff surveying residents at various watershed events this summer!

## First Presbyterian Church



**Camp SOS** is Back for a **Second Summer of Service on June 19-23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Send your young person, and a friend to experience a structured activity, discussion, recreation/game and a service project every day! We are planning on DOING mission projects. There is no cost for registration, and a lunch & snack will be provided.

## Community Cookout

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
**Wednesdays, JUNE 7 and JULY 5 from 6-8 p.m.**

Come to the side lawn of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. The food is varied and delicious, the fellowship even better!

## Strawberry Festival

**Wednesday, June 21, 6-8 p.m.**

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood looks forward to sharing food, fellowship, and lots of strawberries with your family and your friends.

## F.R.O.G.S. (Friends, Reading and Other Great Stuff!)

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is looking for new tadpoles for our After-School program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-6 p.m. beginning September 2017. FROGS provide snacks, homework and reading time, crafts, games and outdoor play, activities, dinner. Students are walked from Edgewood Elementary School at the dismissal time. Parents make arrangements for the children to be picked-up at the church at 6 p.m. Registration is required. Kindergarten through third grade. Tuition is \$25 per month. For information or to register: contact Judy Mysels at [frogs@fpcedgewood.org](mailto:frogs@fpcedgewood.org) or phone 412/241-4613

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## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

### Yoga in the Park

Sign up for Sunday morning or Thursday evening (or both!) Yoga in the Park at Koenig Field!

We are proud to have Carrie MacDonald leading Sunday mornings and Cathy Reifer leading Thursday evenings beginning this June. Both sessions welcome yoga practitioners of all levels of experience, and a variety of ages. Participants must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult.

Both sessions are six weeks. Pre-register for \$50 or drop in for \$15 per class. Pre-registration can save you over 40%! Make checks payable to the instructor of the session of your choice. Pre-registration ends on Wednesday, June 7. Registration forms are available on our website and in the Borough Office. Drop-ins should be sure to arrive 15 minutes early to the session to register.

Sunday session begin June 18. Thursday session begins June 22.

Call 412-242-4824 or email [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com) with any questions! We're very excited to begin this new program in Edgewood!

### Edgewood Soccer

Edgewood Soccer registration will begin Wednesday, July 5 and close on Monday, August 14. We will accept late registrations until Friday August 18 with a \$10.00 late fee.

Registration forms will be available after July 5 on our website: [www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us), and in the Borough Office at 2 Race Street. Registration fee is \$60 until August 13 and \$70 from August 14-18 for late registrants. Boys and girls ages 4-14 are welcome to participate.

We are very proud of our Soccer League, and all of our players have a great time every year. We hope to help the autumn soccer tradition grow stronger each season!

Please note: This year there will be a \$10.00 late fee for registrations received after Monday, August 14.



### Edgewood Softball and TBall

Edgewood Softball and TBall are now currently swinging away at Koenig Field!

We are so honored and blessed to have Coach Kip Bryant celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> year coaching our beloved Softball team! Softball would not be what it is without Coach Kip, and our Softball team is always full of joy and team spirit. Coach Kip is an educator and mentor by nature, and we are so proud to have him coach generations of young ladies in Edgewood. Thank you so much, Coach Kip!

### Edgewood Basketball

Some of the names of our coaches were cut off in the last newsletter issue, so we wanted to be sure to thank all of our Basketball coaches for their work during the 2017 season.



### Thank you, Ted Tragard and all the Coaches of Edgewood Basketball 2017!

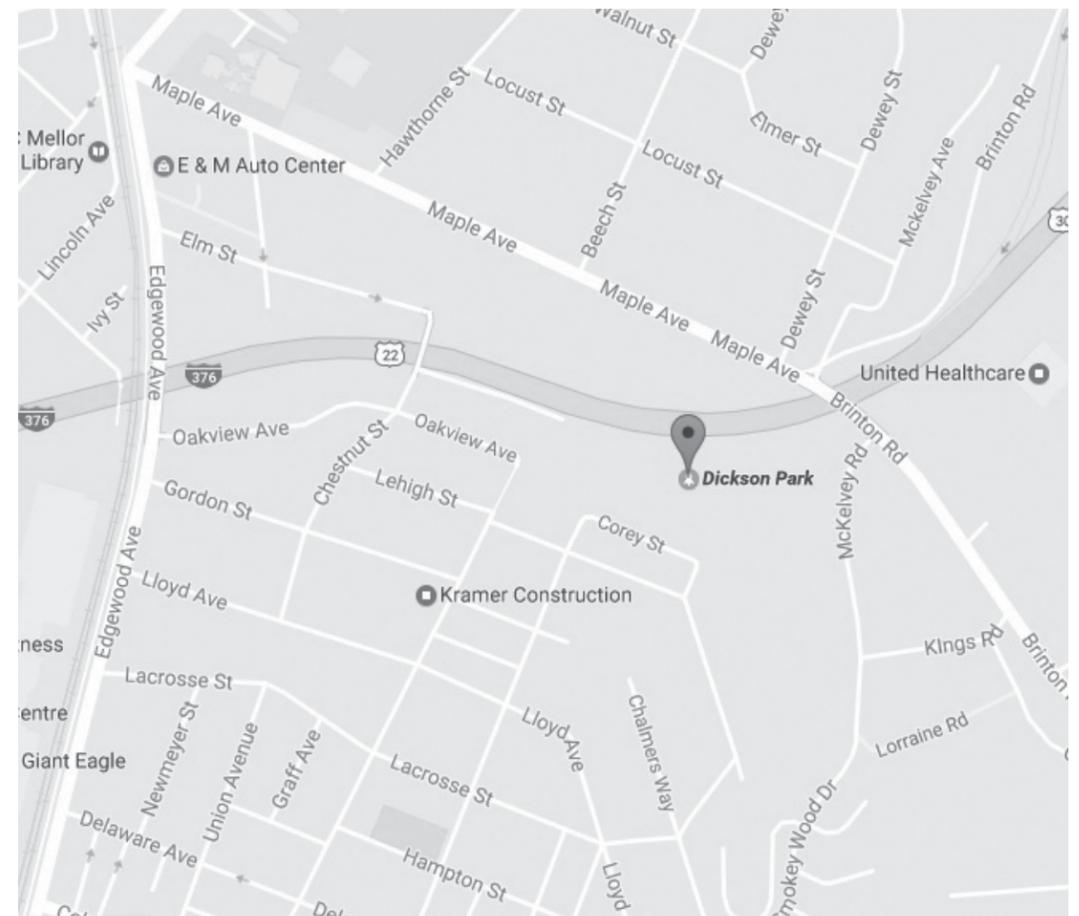
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### Dickson Park Dog Run Update

The Borough has been hard at work this winter making preparations for a dog run in Dickson Park. We are very excited about this new recreational offering, and have heard from many residents who are eager to use the dog run with their pups. We hope to add to this park in the coming years, but want to get the dog run open as soon as possible, so fencing will be installed this summer for the area.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, donations can be made to Edgewood Borough and sent to 2 Race Street Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

Stay tuned for more information about the changes coming for Dickson Park!



For those who might not be familiar with Dickson Park, it is located at the top of Oakview Avenue, which can be seen on the map.

Please be sure to check out this park! It's walkable from many areas in the borough.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Nights this year should be a very exciting time! Below are the titles and dates for our four Movie Nights:

- June 12 — THE WIZARD OF OZ
- June 26 — DESPICABLE ME
- July 10 — MONSTERS, INC.
- July 24 — INSIDE OUT

All movies are held at Koenig Field at Dusk. Parent or Guardian must accompany children. Movies are shown free of charge. Watch for email or Facebook updates in case of cancellation for inclement weather.



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**Adult Programs**

**Special events**

**Power of One**

Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m. A film exploring the impact of Rachel Carsons work. Rachel Carson is widely regarded as one of the 100 most influential people of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Join us for a special screening of this award winning documentary about the life and influence of Rachel Carson, and discussion with the filmmaker, Patti DeMarco, after the event. Please call the library to register for this event at 412-731-0909.

**Poetry Reading**

Saturday July 8, 3 p.m. Five extraordinary poets, one venue. We are thrilled to invite you to a public reading of the work of Robert Flanning, author of five poetry collections and creator of Well-spring Literary Series and four local poets including Charlie Brice, Jason Irwin, Jen Ashbum and Judy Brice. Event is free and open to the public. Please join us.

**Mobile Printing**

CCM patrons are now able to send print documents from any smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop to library printers. Printing includes email attachments, picture, and websites. Costs for the prints are \$.20 for a black and white copy and \$.50 for a color copy. Instructions for accessing the printing service are on the library's website.

**Ongoing programs for Adults**

*The following programs will meet in the Edgewood Board Room unless otherwise noted.*

**Drop Dead Book Club** Wednesday June 7 at 7 p.m. *Sleepyhead*. Will not meet in July.

**Edgewood Toastmasters** Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Back Room Quilters** Every Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. Bring lunch and a project.

**Knitters and Crocheters** Wednesdays, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26 at 7 p.m. Bring a project.

**Mahjong** Ever want to learn to play Mahong? Here's your chance with a new program offered at CCM on Tuesdays from noon to 3pm. You'll learn the official rules, how to set the game up, and how to play. All cards and tiles will be provided. Classes are free. Please call the library to register.

**Children's Programs at CCM**

**Special Events:**

**Summer Reading Kick Off**  
 Monday June 5 at 6 p.m. come kick off our Summer Reading program. This is an all ages event.

**Teen Summer Reading Kick Off**  
 Tuesday, June 6 at 5 p.m. teens join us for a make your own sundae event.

**Summer Series Programs:**

**Summer Science Spectacular.**  
**Ages 5 - 8** Join us for a hands on science program each Wednesday at 1:30 all summer long. Program starts Wednesday June 7. Please register online for this program.

**Design It. Ages 8-12** We provide the challenge, you provide the design. Each week we will use our engineering skills to create a different project. Program runs weekly on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Please register online for this program.

**Drop-In Saturday Crafts.** All ages welcome. Stop by the children's room for a family-friendly craft every Saturday this summer, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Weekly Programs:**

**Family Storytime. Ages 0-5** Join us for stories, crafts, music and more—all with an emphasis on early literacy! No registration needed. Just drop in! For your convenience we offer these story hours:

- Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at Forest Hills Library
- Tuesdays and Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at Edgewood Library
- Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at Churchill Borough Building

**Growing Readers. Ages 4-5** A special story time for those kids who are beginning to develop their own reading skills. We focus on emerging reader skills through the lens of play. No registration needed. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Baby Lapsit. Ages 0-18 months.** Join us for nursery rhymes, stories and songs for our youngest learners! Fridays 11:30 a.m.

**Creative Movement. Ages 2-6.** A unique mix of dance and yoga moves with lots of music and fun props! Come get your move on! This is a parent led program—If it must be cancelled at the last minute, we will post it to our Facebook page. Fridays 10 a.m. No registration needed.

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# Protecting Water Quality from **URBAN RUNOFF**

## Clean Water Is Everybody's Business

In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

### How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality Increased Runoff

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall

The most recent National Water Quality Inventory reports that runoff from urbanized areas is the leading source of water quality impairments to surveyed estuaries and the third-largest source of impairments to surveyed lakes.

### Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size?

and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops, and parking lots, which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life.

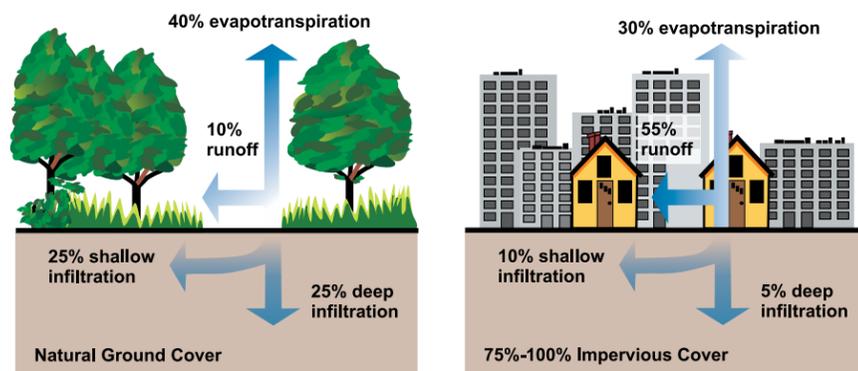
The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

### Increased Pollutant Loads

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.



Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. As little as 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed can result in stream degradation.

### Managing Urban Runoff What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected

and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

### Controlling Impacts from New Development

Developers and city planners should attempt to control the volume of runoff from new development by using low impact development, structural controls, and pollution prevention strategies. Low impact development includes measures that conserve natural areas (particularly sensitive hydrologic areas like riparian buffers and infiltrable soils); reduce development impacts; and reduce site runoff rates by maximizing surface roughness, infiltration opportunities, and flow paths.

### Controlling Impacts from Existing Development

Controlling runoff from existing urban areas is often more costly than controlling runoff from new developments. Economic efficiencies are often realized through approaches that target "hot spots" of runoff pollution or have multiple benefits, such as high-efficiency street sweeping (which addresses aesthetics, road safety,

and water quality). Urban planners and others responsible for managing urban and suburban areas can first identify and implement pollution prevention strategies and examine source control opportunities. They should seek out priority pollutant reduction opportunities, then protect natural areas that help control runoff, and finally begin ecological restoration and retrofit activities to clean up degraded water bodies. Local governments are encouraged to take lead roles in public education efforts through public signage, storm drain marking, pollution prevention outreach campaigns, and partnerships with citizen groups and businesses. Citizens can help prioritize the clean-up strategies, volunteer to become involved in restoration efforts, and mark storm drains with approved "don't dump" messages.



### Related Publications

#### Turn Your Home into a Stormwater Pollution Solution!

[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

This web site links to an EPA homeowner's guide to healthy habits for clean water that provides tips for better vehicle and garage care, lawn and garden techniques, home improvement, pet care, and more.

#### National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas

[www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm](http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm)

This technical guidance and reference document is useful to local, state, and tribal managers in implementing management programs for polluted runoff. Contains information on the best available, economically achievable means of reducing pollution of surface waters and groundwater from urban areas.

#### Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Resources

[www.epa.gov/owm/onsite](http://www.epa.gov/owm/onsite)

This web site contains the latest brochures and other resources from EPA for managing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) such as conventional septic systems and alternative decentralized systems. These resources provide basic information to help individual homeowners, as well as detailed, up-to-date technical guidance of interest to local and state health departments.

#### Low Impact Development Center

[www.lowimpactdevelopment.org](http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org)

This center provides information on protecting the environment and water resources through integrated site design techniques that are intended to replicate preexisting hydrologic site conditions.

#### Stormwater Manager's Resource Center (SMRC)

[www.stormwatercenter.net](http://www.stormwatercenter.net)

Created and maintained by the Center for Watershed Protection, this resource center is designed specifically for stormwater practitioners, local government officials, and others that need technical assistance on stormwater management issues.

#### Strategies: Community Responses to Runoff Pollution

[www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/stoinx.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/stoinx.asp)

The Natural Resources Defense Council developed this interactive web document to explore some of the most effective strategies that communities are using around the nation to control urban runoff pollution. The document is also available in print form and as an interactive CD-ROM.

#### For More Information

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Nonpoint Source Control Branch (4503T)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### JUNE

**Council Meetings:** 5 & 19, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Recycling:** 6 & 20

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

**Movies in the Park:** 12 & 26

### JULY

**Council Meetings:** 3 & 17, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 5, 11, 18 & 25

**Recycling:** 5 & 18

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

**Movies in the Park:** 10 & 24

**Borough Offices Closed:** 4

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## A note from the real estate tax collector...

Bills for the 2017 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Taxes were mailed out on April 1st. If you are responsible for paying the tax yourself and have not yet received your bill please call my office at 412-731-0200 to receive a copy. Remember that as a homeowner you are responsible for paying your taxes whether you receive a bill or not! The bills for the Borough Real Estate Taxes are mailed in the beginning of April and the Woodland Hills School District Real Estate tax bills are mailed out in July!

When you pay your taxes please double check to make sure you are paying the correct amount, that the written amount matches the numerical amount on the check and that you have signed and dated your check! If your check is returned for errors or missing information and you do not return it with the correct information by the appropriate due dates, you will be charged into the next period. Your check must be correct and postmarked by May 31st to receive the 2% discount. It must be correct and postmarked by July 31st to pay at the face amount. If you utilize your bank's online bill payment services, please allow enough lag time so your payment is received by the due date. Anything not post marked by July 31st will be charged penalty and interest. If you send your payment by mail or drop it off after hours and want a receipt please include a self-addressed stamp envelope.

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