

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2019 Budget Highlights

The borough budget represents a plan for immediate and long term operations across municipal departments. Borough staff and councilmembers worked to create a balanced budget that meets the needs of residents and ensures long term financial stability. A public budget workshop meeting was held on November 17th during which Borough Council reviewed the draft budget prepared by the Borough Manager and members of the General Government Committee. Council discussed the borough's needs for 2019 and beyond and offered input on expenditures and capital projects. At the conclusion of the workshop, council scheduled a public hearing for December 3rd to receive public comment on the proposed 2019 budget.

The 2019 General Fund Budget was approved by a unanimous vote of Council on December 3, 2018. The balanced budget shows revenues and expenses totaling \$3,480,685.

Edgewood Borough Council approved a balanced budget without raising taxes. The 2019 property tax rate stays the same at 7.185 mills. Property taxes are the largest revenue source for the Borough generating \$1,845,216 in 2019. The second largest revenue source is the Earned Income Tax. This is a 1% tax on gross wages, net profits and other income earned by Borough residents. The 1% tax is split between the Borough (0.5%) and the School District (0.5%). Current and delinquent earned income tax revenue is expected to be \$725,000 in 2019.

Public safety and infrastructure improvements are a main focus of the Borough's expenditures. \$400,000 is budgeted for roadway resurfacing in 2019. Resurfacing and repairing Borough roads remains a priority for Council in 2019.

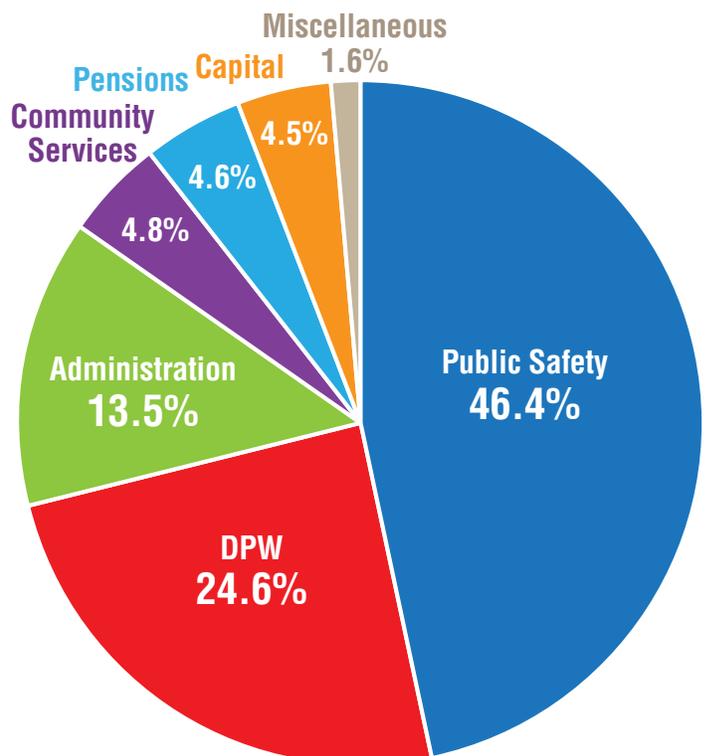
The police department's budget includes the purchase of another Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. Department vehicles run on a near 24/7 rotation and accumulate wear and tear much faster than other fleet vehicles. On average, a police vehicle lasts anywhere from a year to three before major repairs are needed.

The budget also includes funds for the replacement of the traffic light at Maple and East Swissvale Avenues. The borough received a Green Light Go Grant from PennDOT to update signals and pedestrian accessibility at this critical intersection.

Lastly, the Borough's pension obligation in 2019 is \$160,779. The Borough is legally required to contribute this sum to the police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long term viability.

To view the full 2019 budget, visit www.edgewoodboro.com. A copy is also available for review in the Borough Building and C.C. Mellor Library.

2019 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



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Budget Highlights (Continued from page 1)

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH 2018 BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

| Revenues | 2018 Budget | 2019 Budget | % of Revenues 2018 Budget |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Property Tax | 1,838,300 | 1,845,216 | 53.01% |
| Local Tax Enabling Act (Income Tax) | 809,500 | 852,000 | 24.48% |
| Business Licenses/Permits | 73,800 | 92,550 | 2.66% |
| Non-Bus Licenses/Permits | 74,650 | 97,750 | 2.81% |
| Fines (Vehicle Code/Ordinance) | 69,050 | 62,650 | 1.80% |
| Koenig Field/Train Station Rent | 18,000 | 19,000 | 0.55% |
| Interest Earnings | 2,080 | 1,540 | 0.04% |
| State Capital and Operating Grants | 5,000 | 4,000 | 0.11% |
| State Shared Revenue | 122,454 | 123,242 | 3.54% |
| Allegheny Co. RAD Tax | 88,000 | 100,000 | 2.87% |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 14,477 | 10,027 | 0.29% |
| Newsletter Advertising | 7,010 | 7,010 | 0.20% |
| Recreation | 24,100 | 16,800 | 0.48% |
| Contributions & Donations (Pensions, Crossing Guards, etc.) | 170,800 | 200,900 | 5.77% |
| Sale of Fixed Assets | 2,200 | 2,000 | 0.06% |
| Refunds of Prior Year Exp.(Dividends) | 54,000 | 46,000 | 1.32% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 3,373,421 | 3,480,685 | 100.00% |
| Expenditures | 2018 Budget | 2019 Budget | % of Expenditures 2018 Budget |
| Legislative Body/Dues | 9,250 | 17,000 | 0.49% |
| Administration | 230,550 | 227,913 | 6.55% |
| Tax Collection | 29,135 | 21,882 | 0.63% |
| Legal | 48,600 | 48,600 | 1.40% |
| Workers Comp./Insurance | 133,292 | 137,475 | 3.95% |
| Newsletter | 15,585 | 15,588 | 0.45% |
| Police | 1,260,313 | 1,310,619 | 37.65% |
| Traffic Safety(Crossing Guards,Lights) | 197,575 | 140,146 | 4.03% |
| Communications (Police and Fire) | 43,710 | 52,550 | 1.51% |
| Fire | 112,299 | 110,293 | 3.17% |
| Public Works Administration | 231,315 | 246,885 | 7.09% |
| Street Maintenance | 522,600 | 516,600 | 14.84% |
| Snow & Ice Removal | 20,000 | 21,254 | 0.61% |
| Public Works Vehicles | 81,300 | 72,800 | 2.09% |
| Facility Maintenance | 110,701 | 158,201 | 4.55% |
| Building, Planning & Zoning Fees | 33,500 | 50,500 | 1.45% |
| Shade Trees | 42,000 | 45,000 | 1.29% |
| Recreation | 19,150 | 14,600 | 0.42% |
| Library Contribution | 38,500 | 38,500 | 1.11% |
| Parks & Playgrounds | 16,100 | 52,500 | 1.51% |
| Community Day | 15,500 | 15,500 | 0.45% |
| Pension Contributions | 157,466 | 160,779 | 4.62% |
| Eastern Area Prehospital Donation | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.04% |
| Refunds | 3,480 | 4,000 | 0.11% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 3,373,421 | 3,480,685 | 100.00% |

SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Dr. Debbie Pakler
Psychic Medium—Psychotherapist Office

I last spoke with Dr. Debbie Pakler in October of 2017. She had just opened her Psychic Medium—Psychotherapist office on South Braddock Avenue after practicing for 20 years in Swissvale. I had the chance to catch up with her to see how the year had treated her following her move, and how business was humming along in Edgewood for our one and only Psychic Medium.

Dr. Debbie's business has been booming! Her client list is growing, her event schedule is expanding, and she will be teaching at Lily Dale in 2019. Lily Dale is an international retreat destination in upstate New York for psychic mediums worldwide. "Edgewood is a wonderful place to do business!" Dr. Debbie beams.

Dr. Debbie credits her location on S. Braddock with some of her success, but she is also very dedicated and heartfelt in the work she does. Dr. Debbie truly believes in the power of connecting with one's spiritual self, and the importance of meditation for improving one's emotional state. "I would recommend everyone just find a moment each and every day to take a breath, even if it's just for a moment," she says, to improve mental health and clarity.

If you're hesitant to speak with Dr. Debbie, she says she's just like talking with any other person. She bases her practice on putting things in a positive light and learning lessons even from the most challenging struggles. She wants to help people find purpose in order to enhance their lives, and find comfort by connecting with the spiritual world. Her background includes being a certified psychic medium and spiritual counselor with training from the Arthur Ford International School of Mediumship and Arthur Findlay College. She is also a Licensed Social Worker and has a Masters of Social Work, and is a certified grief counselor. All of this background coalesces into therapeutic psychic readings that can provide people with insights and new directions in their lives. A large portion of her focus is in grief counseling and connecting with those who have passed on.

You can drop in to her two message circles, which are discussion groups held twice monthly at her office on the second Thursday and the third Wednesday of each month. There is a \$20 fee to participate and includes guided meditation, sharing messages, discussion and a group activity. Dr. Debbie will also be starting a book club in February and a Metaphysical Ministry event the second Sunday of each month beginning in March. Dr. Debbie's website has an up-to-date calendar of events. Dr. Debbie believes in growth and enhancing one's life—and her business is certainly finding ways to grow in Edgewood!

"It's a nice place to be—people are very welcoming" Dr. Debbie says of the neighborhood. Though some of her clients are Edgewoodians, she does consultations and discussions by phone with people from all over the Pittsburgh area and nationally. She loves her location on South Braddock Avenue because she is able to send her clients to local coffee shops and boutiques nearby.

Lastly, I wouldn't leave a Psychic Medium's office without asking about her intuitions for 2019! Dr. Debbie says that 2019 will be full of growth and expansions, with a lot of opportunities on the horizon. I hope that's true for Edgewood, for Dr. Debbie, and for all our local businesses!



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A Message from Borough Council

Be that neighbor...

- Who clears their sidewalks of branches, snow and ice and goes a little further when they know their neighbors are out of town.
- Who employs young people with the initiative to show up with shovels, even if they can do it themselves.
- Who continues to clean up after their dogs in winter because walking space is limited for others.
- Who helps keep watch on their street and calls 911 if they are concerned that "something doesn't seem quite right". (More burglaries occur during the day this time of year!)
- Who makes sure not to leave packages, computers, purses or briefcases in their cars and locks their cars every time they leave.
- Who takes their pets in when the weather is cold.
- Who always checks and extinguishes candles before leaving the house, going to bed.
- Who checks their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and furnaces. And reminds others to do that too.
- Who gives gifts of time and talents to their neighborhood and lets those who do know their efforts are appreciated.

Edgewood Recycles

2019 Edgewood Recycling Requirements:

Republic Services asks that all recyclables be empty, clean, and dry. This means that all containers must be completely free of food, grease, or liquids. When in doubt, throw it out.

For 2019, Edgewood residents can recycle flattened cardboard, paper, newsprint and mail; cleaned metal and aluminum cans; cleaned #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and clamshells; and clear or colored glass bottles. Clamshells for produce or fruits made of #1 or #2 plastic that can be rinsed clean can be recycled. Small containers (travel sized) can be recycled but must be clean. Please discard ALL containers that cannot be rinsed clean. A dirty container can contaminate the recycling stream rendering it unrecyclable.

All items should be placed loose in a recycling bin. Do not bag recyclables, they will be treated as refuse and landfilled.

Plastics #3-#7 are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. Many common items made of plastic or metal including children's toys, household appliances and furnishings, and flatware should be discarded as trash. More examples include clothes hangers, plastic bags and wrappers, scrap metal and aluminum foil. These items are not recyclable and clog the sorting machines.

Take out containers are not recyclable. Any container made of Styrofoam, laminated paper, or plastic, even if it's #1 or #2, contaminated with food waste should be discarded as trash. Cardboard pizza boxes are not recyclable. Drinking straws, stirrers, and plastic utensils are not recyclable.



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Applicants Sought for 2019 Mel Douglass Scholarships

The Mel Douglass Scholarships, presented to high school seniors for outstanding volunteer community service, will be awarded again this spring. One senior from Edgewood will win the Mel Douglass Scholarship. The value of this scholarship is now \$10,000. Depending on candidate applications, several \$1,000 honorable mention scholarships will also likely be awarded. This unique scholarship program which exclusively recognizes and rewards our borough's young leaders, is a tradition that helps to make Edgewood a special place.

The goal of this program is to honor and sustain the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass by benefitting 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. Before he passed in a 1994 airplane accident, Mel served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. 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 community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded scholarships every year since 2008. Eleven Mel Douglass Scholarships and 44 honorable mention scholarships have been earned. Jenna Hebert, one of our 2012 winners, was named a 2016 Rhodes Scholar. Many of our other scholarship recipients have graduated from college and are leading successful lives while continuing to serve others.

The 2019 scholarships will be announced and presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch on May 5. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply.

To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 6 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood, PA, 15218 or 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 6 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 make a financial contribution to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at 412-371-0278 or freydk@gmail.com.

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|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Calls for Service | 881 | 733 |
| Complaints Received | 292 | 290 |
| Accidents Investigated | 8 | 13 |
| Part I Crimes | 5 | 3 |
| Robbery, Burglary | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft..... | 0 | 0 |
| Shoplifting | 1 | 1 |
| Assault..... | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 |
| Other Thefts..... | 4 | 2 |
| Part II Crimes | 6 | 12 |
| Liquor Laws..... | 1 | 1 |
| Vandalism/Mischief..... | 0 | 0 |
| Narcotics Offenses..... | 0 | 0 |
| Weapons Offense..... | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offense..... | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct..... | 3 | 2 |
| Other Crimes..... | 2 | 5 |
| Arrests | 7 | 8 |
| Adult Arrests..... | 7 | 8 |
| Juvenile Arrests | 0 | 0 |
| Officer's Activity | | |
| Traffic Stops..... | 61 | 73 |
| Traffic Citations | 15 | 6 |
| Non-traffic Citations..... | 4 | 3 |
| DUI | 1 | 4 |
| False Alarms | 8 | 6 |
| Medicals | 5 | 4 |
| Suspicious Person..... | 3 | 8 |
| Public Nuisance Complaints... | 4 | 7 |

Police Report

Overnight Parking Rules

As many of our residents and visitors are well aware, a parking permit is needed to park on a public roadway in Edgewood Borough between 3 to 5 a.m. We hope that all residents have already purchased a permit by now if they plan to park on the street. A parking permit can be purchased at the Edgewood Borough building between 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. The cost for a yearly on street parking pass is \$20. A visitor pass can also be purchased for \$20.00. To purchase an on street parking permit, you must provide the vehicle registration, proof of insurance, as well as proof of residency.

Once you purchase a permit sticker, please adhere it to THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE BACK WINDOW. The permit is to be placed on the OUTSIDE of the window so that it can be visible at night. Most sport utility vehicles are equipped with factory tinted rear windows. Our officers will NOT be able to see your permit if you place it on the inside of your window. This will result in you receiving a parking ticket. Officers check every vehicle in Edgewood Borough and are not responsible if you receive a parking ticket due to your permit not being in the correct location. Once an officer has written a parking ticket and walks up to your vehicle, it is too late if he/she notices a permit or visitors permit lying on the dashboard. Only the Chief of Police can void a parking ticket once it has been written, NOT the officer. The visitor pass/permit is made to hang on your rear view mirror. Officers understand that there are a small percentage of vehicles that this will not work on. Officers suggest utilizing a rubber band to temporarily attach it to the mirror so that it is visible. Once again, if the officer does not see a permit on your BACK window or a permit on your rear view mirror, you will receive a parking ticket.

On the parking ticket, there is a box that can be checked that reads, "Prohibited truck parking midnight to 6 a.m." This section refers to commercial vehicles, trailers, and similar equipment. No vehicle may be parked on an Edgewood Borough street that is used in the furtherance of a business. This would be vehicles that have advertising on them, ladder racks, tool boxes, buses, ect. This section also applies to work trailers, recreational type trailers, boats, ect. These types of trailers are not permitted to be left on the roadways, or left overnight while still attached to the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding parking permits, or if you can park a certain vehicle on the street, please call 412-242-9994.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Edgewood Foundation

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, February 23 from 6-11 p.m.
The Edgewood Progressive Dinner is a great way to meet new neighbors and spend time catching up with old friends. This event is held every year in February. You start at one home for appetizers, switch groups to move to another house for dinner, and then rejoin the larger neighborhood for dessert and cocktails.

The Annual Evening's Agenda

- 6 p.m. Appetizers with groups of approximately 50 people
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with groups of 8-12 people
- 9 p.m. Dessert & Cocktails with the entire group

Look for our sign up form on our website: www.edgewoodfoundation.org and on the last page of this newsletter. Have any questions about our next Progressive Dinner? Email us at progressivedinner@edgewoodfoundation.org

High School Senior Brunch

May 5 at the Edgewood Community House "The Club!"

We would like to invite all Edgewood residents that will be graduating in 2019 to the Annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch,

We are gathering names and addresses so we can complete the invitation list. If you know a senior please let us know.

We do not want to miss anyone, as the schools can no longer give us names due to privacy laws. The Mel Douglas scholarships are given out and every graduate has an opportunity to be awarded college funds. We are also looking for other interested parents to help with this event.

Send an email to seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org or leave us a message at 412-897-4296.

New Ideas are Welcome!

Please keep the traditional activities of Edgewood happening and help fund new ones too! Donate to the Edgewood Foundation. If you have an idea for an event in Edgewood, please email us at info@edgewoodfoundation.org. We have our annual retreat in January to set our budget and events and would like to include some new ideas for 2019!

The ESO brings back Rhapsody in Brew and more Beethoven



The ESO is excited to host the second annual Rhapsody in Brew on February 9 at Spirit in Lawrenceville! This annual home brew competition and all around fun party allows guests to sample lots of cool beers from local brewers and features local rock band Abacus Jones. Proceeds benefit the Edgewood Symphony! This event sold out in advance last year, so be sure to get your tickets now at www.edgewoodsymphony.org!

Back to the music, the ESO's spring concerts feature some real show-stoppers! Enjoy some of your favorite classical works and revel in the talents of some very special musicians. Both concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Agnes and Joseph Katz Performing Arts Center at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh in Squirrel Hill.

March 9—Continuing a focus on Beethoven, this program features Beethoven's Violin Concerto and world renowned violinist, Monique Mead. Beethoven's only violin concerto is a tour de force for violinists and is one of the best known works for violin. The program is rounded out with Antonin Dvorak's expressive Seventh Symphony and the evocative symphonic poem, In the Steppes of Central Asia, by the romantic Russian composer, Alexander Borodin.

May 11—This concert will be a classical music experience to remember! Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto with soloist Amy Simpson, Schumann's Third Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin Waltz combine to create a powerful finale for the ESO's 31st Season.

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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Edgewood Basketball

Basketball is going strong this season. Many thanks to our Basketball Coordinator, Ted Tragard, for leading this league to greatness! We are also grateful to Edgewood Primary for use of their gym for so many nights and weekends this winter. This league has really become star-quality under the leadership of Mr. Tragard!

Also, a great big round of applause for the parents and volunteers who have Coached and Assistant Coached for our teams this year: you all rock!

Thank you to:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
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| Rob Gonzalez | Al Sanders |
| Darrell Jefferson | Ted Tragard |
| Timothy Jenkins | Frankie Tragard |

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball plays Thursday nights at Edgewood Primary School Gym starting November 1, but enrollment is ongoing, and play lasts until mid-March. If you have any questions about

the program, please call George Fuller at 412-247-1472. This sport will still register via paper forms, which are available on our website (Edgewood.pgh.pa.us) and in the Borough Office at 2 Race Street.

Tai Chi

Be on the lookout for Tai Chi in the park, held indoors at Koenig Field House! Sessions will be advertised on our facebook page: facebook.com/EdgewoodBoroughCommunityEvents.

Feel free to drop in to this class Mondays from 7:30-8:30pm January 7 through February 25 at the Koenig Field House at the corner of Greendale and Race Streets.

Be sure to arrive 15 minutes early to complete your registration form if you are dropping in. This class is for adults 18 and over.

Be sure to wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing. If you have any questions, contact Jessica at office@edgewoodboro.com or 412-242-4824. We hope you'll enjoy this peaceful time to center yourself!

About the Instructor: Jon Wilson is the Assistant Instructor at Steel Dragon Martial Arts in Lawrenceville. He teaches an after-school Kung Fu program at Reserve Primary School in Shaler as well as ongoing classes at Shepherd Wellness in Bloomfield. He trains and teaches in several different styles of Kung Fu including: Wu Style

Tai Chi, Ying Jow Kuen, Bagua Zhang, and Xing-Yi Quan. In 2012, he became the Senior Disciple of Chris Young under the Yin Cheng Gong Fa lineage.

Become a Sponsor

Edgewood Youth Sports provide year-round programs for children in Edgewood and surrounding communities. Our programs include Basketball, Baseball, TBall, Softball and Soccer. Approximately 300 children participate in our programming every year, which is aimed at keeping fit, teamwork, and cooperation. Our families come back to participate in our leagues because we strive to focus on the fun and power of interactive play. Our leagues are popular, but also infused with love and dedication from our coaches, families and participants. Edgewood Youth Sports are a big part of what makes our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.

Your sponsorship will make it possible for Edgewood to run these popular leagues while making it affordable for every family in our region. Team sports not only teach children the importance of responsibility and working together, but bring our whole community together. We would love to have you as a part of our team.

If you would like to Sponsor Edgewood sports, visit our website: Edgewood.pgh.pa.us/BecomeASponsor. Your donation will help Edgewood Sports continue to help our kids grow, learn and develop!



Special Events

Book Sale

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's annual book sale promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find plenty to choose from among the thousands of books, movies, audiobooks, music CDs, and more. Everything is at bargain prices!

The weekend will kick off with a preview party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m., hosted by the library's community groups. This is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of food, drink and conversation.

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 are the main sale days. Monday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 19 are bag sale days. Bring your own bag or get one at the sale.

Sale Hours:

Friday, March 15—6-9 p.m. (Preview Party)
 Saturday, March 16—9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday, March 17—9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Monday, March 18—9 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 19—9 a.m.-12 p.m.

I love the book sale! How can I help?

Looking to lend a hand with this year's book sale? There are many ways you can help CCM have a successful sale:

DONATE. Doing some spring cleaning? We're happy to include your unwanted books, movies and music in the sale so they can find new homes! Your donated items allow us to raise funds for new library materials.

Due to the volume of materials CCM has received this year, we will NOT be accepting book donations between March 1 and March 31. If you would like to donate books to the sale, please drop them off before March 1. Donations may be made at CCM Edgewood only. Before donating, please read CCM's donations guide on our website—there are some items we cannot accept.

VOLUNTEER. An event of this size requires many helping hands! We will need volunteers to help set up for the sale and clean up afterwards. If you're interested in volunteering, sign up at CCM Edgewood or email Erin Pierce at piercee@einetwork.net.

SHARE. Let your friends and family know about the book sale! Follow CCM on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and share our event and posts about the book sale. Take some flyers and post them in your neighborhood. Tell your neighbor, your barista, your mailman, your Uber driver... help us get the word out about this great event!

SHOP. Shop the sale on any of the five sale days. Come on Saturday and Sunday to get the best selection or wait until Monday and Tuesday to get a bargain at the bag sale! Attend the preview party on Friday night and enjoy refreshments and socialization while getting the first look at what's available at the sale.

Programs at CCM Edgewood

The following programs will be held at CCM Edgewood Library with the exception of Music and Movement which will be held at the Churchill Borough Building

For adults

Board Game Night—Second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Ready to move on from Monopoly? We will be featuring a new strategy-based game every month and will have old favorites on hand as well.

For teens

Breakout Box—Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m. You've heard of escaping the room, but what about breaking IN? What's in the breakout box? Put on that problem-solving hat and see if you can crack the code! Please register online for this program.

Murder Mystery Night—Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Think YOU have the smarts to figure out whodunit? Join the list of suspects to gather clues, question your friends, and discover who did the dastardly deed! Please register online for this program.

For children and families

Family Storytime—Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-5. Come share books, songs, rhymes and stories all geared toward early literacy skills.

Kindergarten Readiness—Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages 4-6. Join us for songs, stories, games and activities designed to develop skills to ease the transition to kindergarten.

Baby Lapsit—Fridays, 11:30 a.m. Ages 0-18 months. Stories, nursery rhymes and books for babies.

Music and Movement—Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Churchill Borough Building Ages 0-5. Sing, dance, wiggle, and shake

with us every week at this active story time! We'll share a story, sing songs, practice rhythm and movements, and dance.

Homeschool Book Club—Second Fridays.

Chapter chat: at 2 p.m.

Novel Ideas: at 3 p.m.

Homeschool students, join our new book club starting this fall! Our Chapter Chat readers will try a new first chapter book series every month, while Novel Ideas will tackle middle grade reads. Books available at the children's desk or at the previous month's meeting.

Superhero Month—Saturdays in February at 10:30 a.m. Bring the whole super family—We'll have a new activity every Saturday. Making paper costumes, completing super strength and agility training, and more!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover—Saturday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. Ever wonder what happens at the library after you leave? Drop a stuffed animal friend off at the library on Thursday or Friday, then stop by for a special story time on Saturday to hear about their adventures and pick them up!

Family Gardening—Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. What will your garden grow this year? Stop by for a fun introduction to gardening with kids, and a chance to plant your own seeds to take home! We'll smell, taste, and touch different herbs and explore how to deter pests from the garden. Come grow with us! Please register online for this program.

Book Clubs

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming book selections. Copies of this month's book are available at the library location where the book club meets.

Edgewood CCM Library at 7 p.m.

Century Book Club Third Wednesdays

Under-40 Book Club Fourth Wednesdays

Drop Dead Book Club First Wednesdays

CCM Forest Hills Library at 1 p.m.

Fourth Tuesdays Book Club

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Online program registration is at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com.

For adult programming, contact Megan Zagorski at zagorskim@einetwork.net.

For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at tobiasze2@einetwork.net.

Follow us on Facebook to find out about neighborhood events, and happenings with local organizations!

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Contact Jessica at the Borough Office with any questions at 412-242-4824 or office@edgewoodboro.com.

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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 4 & 19, 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

Refuse: 7, 14, 21, 28

Recycling: 14 & 28

Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday @ C.C. Mellor Library

Edgewood Foundation

Progressive Dinner: 23, 6-11 p.m.

Borough Office closed: 18

MARCH

Council Meetings: 4 & 18, 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

Refuse: 7, 14, 21, 28

Recycling: 14, 28

Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday @ C.C. Mellor Library



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 23

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 February the scouts will attend 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.

Boys who are interested in joining the Troop can attend our meetings every Monday night at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

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Email:..... manager@edgewoodboro.com

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Lee Miller..... 412-242-4824

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Maureen Smith 412-731-0200

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2018 delinquent Woodland Hills School tax has been turned over to Jordan Tax Service in January unless you are paying in installments. The first installment had to be paid by October 1, 2018, the second one was January 31, 2019. The 3rd installment must be paid by March 31. If you have any questions call my office at 412-731-0200. My hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The 2018 Edgewood Real Estate delinquent tax was sent to PAMS in January, 2019. The 2019 millage rate has not changed from last year. If you don't receive your bill by the second week of April please contact my office. If you have changed mortgage companies or are now responsible for paying your taxes you need to notify John Weinstein's office at 412-350-4100 as well as my office. Beginning April 1 my office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank you,
Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

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2019 Edgewood Borough Waste Collection and Curbside Recycling Schedule

 Holiday - Collection Delayed 1 Day Due to Holiday

 Recycling and Waste Collection

 Waste Collection

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Solid waste will be collected every Thursday. Recycling will be picked up on the same day as your solid waste on the shaded weeks. All holidays are highlighted in orange. Please note that collection days will be delayed one day because of the holidays.

Any questions regarding collection days, container deliveries, repairs and replacements or bulk pickups can be communicated by calling our Customer Service Department at 800.464.2120, by emailing customerfirst4264@republicservices.com or by visiting RepublicServices.com.