

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2020 Budget Highlights

The COVID-19 global pandemic caused many governments to rethink their spending priorities both in 2020. In the case of Edgewood Borough, the unknown impact on revenue led borough council and staff to control expenditures until the long-term impact became clear. Several large capital projects, including the annual paving program, were downsized or delayed until 2021. As a result, the borough finished FY 2020 with a significant surplus which was carried forward to balance the 2021 budget. Below is a summary of budgetary actions taken by borough council during these unprecedented times.

A draft 2021 budget was prepared by the borough manager and reviewed by the general government committee throughout September and October of 2020. Members of the borough council attended a budget workshop on November 14th to review the draft 2021 budget. Council approved a balanced budget without raising property taxes on December 7, 2020. The 2020 property tax rate remains 7.185 mills, unchanged since 2016. Property taxes are the largest revenue source for the Borough and are projected to generate \$1,796,000 in 2021. 2021 revenues and expenditures are projected to equal \$3,666,882.

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 equal \$645,000 in 2021. This is a decrease of \$125,000 from projected 2020 revenue and is the fault of uncertainty around wages of workers impacted by COVID-19 furloughs.

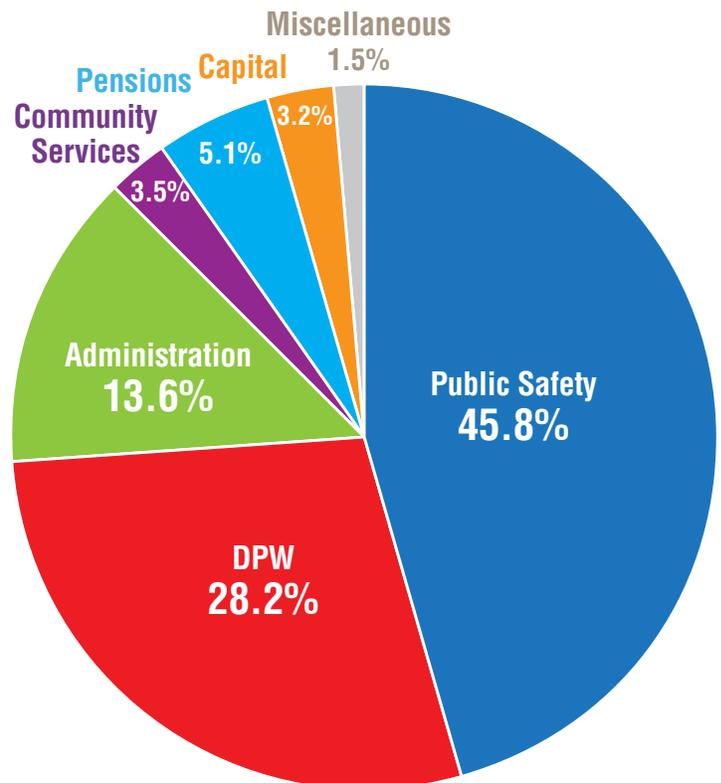
Capital improvements remain a priority in 2021 and this is reflected in the \$425,000 allocation set aside for road pav-

ing. Council decided to reduce this budgeted amount in 2020 to \$200,000 at the onset of the pandemic to control costs. This created a significant surplus going into 2021, of which \$146,000 will be used to fund repairs to a collapsing retaining wall in the Oakview Avenue off-street parking lot. An additional \$28,000 was set aside as a required match for a \$160,000 grant to rehabilitate the Laurel Street Tot Lot. The notice of award on this project is expected sometime in early April 2021.

Borough council fulfilled the CC Mellor Library's request for additional funding in 2021 by committing to a \$40,000

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2020 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



2020 Budget Highlights *Continued from page 1*

donation for operations. Council recognized the impact COVID-19 had on the library's other funding sources and generously filled the void as a service to the residents of Edgewood. A \$1,500 donation for Eastern Area Prehospital Services was also budgeted.

The \$1.4 million police department accounts for just under 39% of total general fund expenditures. The 2021 budget includes the hiring of a ninth full time police officer and the addition of one sergeants position. The addition of a full time officer (as opposed to several part time officers) and a designated sergeant on every shift will provide for greater accountability and professionalism within the department. Council also approved the purchase of another Ford Explorer Police Interceptor to replace a 2012 Dodge Charger.

Lastly, council authorized the purchase of body-worn cameras for every police officer in the department. This was not a budgeted acquisition but several tragic and controversial events in 2020 demonstrated the unprecedented need to equip borough police officers with these invaluable devices. Unfortunately, the department will not receive their order until late March or early April due to the nationwide demand for body-worn cameras. In the meantime, officers will be trained in their use and policies regarding evidence preservation.

The \$1 million public works department accounts for 28% of total general fund expenditures. The 2021 allocation includes the aforementioned \$425,000

road paving program and Oakview parking lot retaining wall replacement. It also includes wages for four employees and the replacement of 2008 pickup truck. The borough will purchase 200 tons of rock salt under a statewide cooperative purchasing contract totaling \$16,000. Council also approved a capital transfer of \$28,000 for future equipment replacement which includes a new leaf vacuum. Finally, matching funds for the traffic signal replacement at Race Street and Pennwood Avenue were not budget because PennDOT has paused all funding announcements due to the impact COVID-19 has had on their revenue stream. These funds will be included in the 2022 budget based on the PennDOT's guidance.

The borough's pension and debt obligations in 2021 amount to \$372,484. \$343,684 is paid from the general fund for pension obligations and borrowing costs. The Borough is legally required to contribute \$188,691 to its police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long term viability. The remaining \$161,993 is split between repayment of the \$1 million loan for road paving (\$114,600) and loans for the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Truck (\$40,393). The rescue truck will be paid off in 2022 and the road paving note will be satisfied in 2024.

The borough owes \$131,800 on 20-year loans taken out in 2005 to fund major sanitary sewer repairs on Race Street. Annual payments of \$28,800 against these loans are made from the borough's \$1.3 million sewer fund. The

primary source of revenue for this fund is the surcharge levied by the borough on every 1,000 gallons of water a resident consumes. The revenue raised by this surcharge can only be applied to expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the borough's sanitary sewer system. Council approved increasing the 2021 surcharge from \$4.70 to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons used to offset maintenance costs and system upgrades.

Residents will also notice that the cost for sewage treatment increased in 2021 but this reflects rate increases made by ALCOSAN which the borough cannot control. 100 percent of these funds are collected by the borough and remitted to ALCOSAN per our billing agreement with ALCOSAN. The borough is billed quarterly by ALCOSAN and must cover any delinquent resident and commercial accounts.

Overall, borough council adopted a budget that recognizes the ongoing drag on revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic but also provides essential services and capital spending without a need to borrow.

To view the full 2021 budget visit <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-annual-budget.htm>. A copy is also available for review at the CC Mellor Library.



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SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Le Mix

You've probably seen the adorable storefront while out for a stroll, perusing businesses on South Braddock Avenue. It includes an eclectic mix of antiques and vintage items from the 40's to the 70's. We're talking about Le Mix, and we spoke with David Knouse to find out a little more about this charming little shop. Just stepping inside can satisfy your urge to step back to simpler times, as you are surrounded in nostalgia. David, a former Vice President of Merchandise for Kauffmans department store, has always been drawn to the charm of vintage items, and



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has spent the last 19 years seeing out his dream of sharing that love with the local community, and visitors to the neighborhood. He chose Edgewood because it is a "nice, local community in a friendly part of the city."

In addition to on-trend Mid-Century pieces, you can occasionally find items from featured local artists. The store also offers goods for various seasons and celebrations year round and turns into a Christmas shop in December. With Valentine's Day just around the corner there will be cards and gifts available for loved ones and friends.

Mr. Knouse is thankful for the support he's gotten from his loyal customers who continue to place orders via telephone and the Internet. Although the pandemic has been difficult on his and all small businesses, he offers safe curbside pickup and has many items for sale on his Ebay site. He is looking forward to better times ahead and encourages everyone to shop local.



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Winter Weather Reminders

- Property owners are responsible for keeping their sidewalks free and clear of any ice and snow. Please clear your sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall.
- Please do not throw, cast, or plow snow into the public street. This creates a hazard for motorists and undermines the work of our public works department.
- When shoveling your driveway, stockpile the snow on the left side of your driveway opening when looking at your home from the street. This way the plow truck pushes the snow past your driveway rather than back into it.
- Do your part and be a good neighbor by checking in on the elderly and helping them keep their sidewalks clear.

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

EVFD 2020 Elected Officers:

Executive Board:

- Fire Chief: Jared Amos
- Assistant Chief: Ben Reynolds
- Captain: Dylan Amos
- Lieutenant 1: Nick Hudek
- Lieutenant 2: Jim Ireland

Line Officers:

- President: Steven Halle
- Vice President: Garrett Wagner
- Secretary: Lizzie McCreary
- Treasurer: Miraj Desai

Awards and Recognition

The following members of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department were recognized for exception service in 2020.

- Top Call Responder: Ben Reynolds
- Chief's Award: Miraj Desai
- Junior Firefighter of the Year: Clarice Sutton
- Firefighter of the Year: Jadon Nardo



Edgewood Police Department

Be A Responsible Neighbor

Prevention is everyone's responsibility. We are one neighborhood, one state, one nation and it is the responsibility of all to remain vigilant and to report suspicious behavior. One call can make a difference. One of the most important roles you have as a member of our community is to report suspicious activity. How do you determine what is suspicious activity? A suspicious activity is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of our neighborhood—an occurrence that is out of place and should not be happening in our neighborhood.

REMEMBER—If you observe something unusual or think something looks wrong, follow your instinct and report it. You WILL NOT get in trouble with the police—and you WILL be doing a service to your community! Consider the following activities as suspicious and call the police:

Reporting Suspicious Activity

- A person or vehicle stays in the same place for an unusual length of time.
- A parked car with the engine running—regardless of a person inside or not.
- A person behaves strangely or exhibits unusual movements, looks out of place, or is wandering aimlessly.
- A person concealing an object, carrying a weapon or suspicious bag.
- A person looking into cars, moving from car to car, and/or tries door handles.
- A person looking into windows of homes, or forcibly entering a car or home.
- A person running from a home for no apparent reason, especially at night.
- A person carrying/transporting unusual/valuable objects, day or night.
- A person sells/conducts business out of their car, van, truck, or other vehicle.
- A vehicle drives around your block frequently, slowing down, speeding up.

POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	OCT	NOV	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	2	1	6
Burglary	0	0	4
Larceny/theft:			
Shoplifting	0	0	13
Other	2	1	24
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	4
Arson	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I	4	2	53
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	2	0	2
Vandalism/criminal mischief	1	2	8
Weapons offenses	0	0	3
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	1	0	5
DUI	2	0	5
Disorderly conduct	4	2	37
All other offenses	3	5	43
Total-PART II	13	9	103
GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)	17	11	156
Adult arrests	7	7	54
Juvenile arrests	1	0	6
Total arrests	8	7	60
Incidents/calls	280	269	2881
Animal complaints	1	0	5
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	3	6	60
PART I CRIMES	4	2	53
PART II CRIMES	13	9	103
Domestic complaints	3	3	17
Juvenile contacts/complaints	1	1	5
Miscellaneous reports	229	223	2319
Police reports filed	51	46	562
False alarms	7	7	73
Public nuisance/disturbances	3	5	39
Suspicious person/incidents	1	3	45
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	1	1	30
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	1	2	18
Non-reportable accidents	5	8	72
Traffic stops conducted	40	45	638
Traffic citations	2	8	199
Non-traffic citations	2	8	17
Parking tags	182	0	1670
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS	837	654	8866

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Edgewood Recycles

Change to curbside pick-up recycling: Glass no longer accepted.

As of January 1, 2021, Republic Services is no longer accepting any glass with curbside Recycling Collection. Glass has the tendency to break during collection and contaminates other recyclables with fine shards of glass. Any contaminated items are forced to be rejected and sent to a landfill. To continue recycling glass items, Republic Services has stationed a large blue dumpster in the parking lot behind the Edgewood Borough building (2 Race Street), for items to be dropped off at residents' convenience. This bin is for GLASS COLLECTION ONLY and is located next to the paper collection bins. There is another bin next to the Public Works building for other recyclables, or acceptable items can continue to be collected with curbside pick-up.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please only bring your CLEAN glass recyclables, without lids, to place in the bin.

Other recycling information:

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.

Edgewood residents can recycle flattened cardboard, paper, newsprint and mail; cleaned metal and aluminum cans; cleaned #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and clamshells. 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 place any recyclables in plastic bags! Bags of recyclables will be treated as refuse and landfilled. Please keep all plastic bags out of the recycling stream.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste collections can be scheduled for pickup by calling Republic Services customer service at 800-464-2120. Appointments for HHW and E-Waste pickups must be scheduled; these items will not be collected with residential collection. Questions about service, bulk items, or container delivery should also be directed to the customer service line.



Tree Diseases

Edgewood has slowly been losing its tree canopy. Tree diseases are one reason among many for this unhappy occurrence.

Here are four diseases to watch out for and suggestions for protecting your trees.

1. Oak wilt is a disease which kills oaks and spreads rapidly among them. Symptoms are browning leaves in the upper canopy during summer. There is no cure for oak wilt. Prune oaks only when they are dormant: November-February. Although oak wilt is caused by a fungus, sap feeding beetles, attracted to new wounds on a tree can spread the fungus. Oak wilt can also spread to nearby oaks through their root systems. Infected oaks should be removed as quickly as possible.
2. Root rot and/or verticillium wilt affect hardwoods like maple and oak as well as decorative trees like crabapple and lilac. Treatment is tedious, expensive and often futile. These diseases enter the trees through injury to their roots or lower trunks. Care must be taken not to damage roots when planting or digging near your trees. Be careful too, when mowing or weed whacking around your trees, not to injure the trunk.
3. Fire Blight affects only trees in the rose family like fruit trees and hawthorn. It is a contagious bacterial disease prevalent during cool wet springs. It can result in the death of the tree in a single season. Symptoms are death and browning of new twig growth. Infected branches should be removed immediately to control the spread.
4. Hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA) is a rapidly spreading insect pest. Initial symptoms are white cottony masses usually located on the twigs of hemlocks and at the base of needles. Specialized arborists are able to successfully treat HWA. Untreated trees will die; unfortunately not before spreading their illness to other nearby hemlocks.



Keeping Masks Out of Our Stream

COVID-19 has changed our lives in countless ways, and it has also impacted the contents of our waterways. When it rains, stormwater carries any trash on the ground into the storm sewers and much of it washes directly into the Nine Mile Run stream.

Usually that trash is mostly plastic bags, pop bottles, and (in true Pittsburgh fashion) Turner's Tea cartons, but this year we've been seeing a large number of disposable masks and gloves in the stream. Volunteers at our Fall Stream Sweep helped remove gloves from the water, and detangled masks that got stuck in branches along the stream, but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Please make sure to dispose of your used masks, gloves, and disinfecting wipes in secure trash cans, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Together we can protect ourselves from COVID-19 and protect Nine Mile Run!



Mask litter is polluting Nine Mile Run, please do your part to help keep the stream clean.

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Senior Recognition Brunch: Information needed

Edgewood High School Seniors!
We're planning our annual Senior recognition Brunch and need your contact information! Please contact the Edgewood Foundation at: board@edgewoodfoundation.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Edgewood Symphony Orchestra

It has been a very tough year for music but we have been able to present Virtual Concerts on our ESO YouTube Channel this season and we would love to share them with the community.



A few weeks ago we posted highlights of the 2019 Holiday Concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

That concert was our last public performance before the start of the pandemic. The church was full and the music was joyful.

Included below is a link to Part 2 of our most recent Virtual Program featuring a World Premiere by a Pittsburgh composer, a famous holiday carol and some jazz by Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington.

Stay safe,

Mark Morales

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUcFLCHls_s

Stay tuned for our next virtual series release, coming up in March.

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is again opening its doors for in-person worship (along with recorded on-line worship available through Facebook and YouTube), Please refer to our website, www.fpcegewood.org for further details, including bible studies, prayer meetings, upcoming Lenten services.

SAVE THE DATE—The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 27 at the Edgewood Country Club.
Enjoy a beautiful day at one of the region's top golf courses. Invitations will be mailed in the coming weeks. Event updates will be posted to WPSD's Facebook page and wpsd.org. Have questions? Please contact Sarah Bartlebaugh at sbartlebaugh@wpsd.org.

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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Virtual Karate

NEW! Edgewood is offering two virtual Karate courses, via Zoom, starting Saturday, February 20. Master Joe Brague, Ph.D., a local Edgewood resident and director/instructor of Steel City Goshin Jutsu Karate will lead these exciting new classes. If you have ever had an interest in Karate, but are not sure about making the commitment towards reaching a belt status right now or you just want a new way to stay fit, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Courses are introductory, no prior experience is needed to participate, and will be held

via Zoom, so you can participate from the safety and comfort of home. A link will be provided through email prior to the class.

Courses will be offered for both youth and adults. Youth classes, for ages 8-15, will run from 9-10 a.m. Adult classes, for ages 16 and up, will run from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Each 8-week course takes place on Saturdays from February 20 through April 17 (there will be no classes on Saturday, April 3). Please register in advance via online form though Teamsnap: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/253918>

The cost for each course is \$80. Please note, payment should be submitted directly to Joe Brague and will not be accepted via the online registration form (checks can be made out to: "Steel City Goshin Jutsu Karate", Paypal and Venmo also accepted). Registration questions can be sent to office@edgewoodboro.com. For questions about the courses, please email joebrague@gmail.com and visit www.steelcitygoshinjutsukarate.com to see more information about the Dojo.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27 (rain date, Sunday, March 28)

Join us for our annual spring Egg Hunt at Koenig Field, Saturday, March 27! (Rain date will be Sunday, March 28). Bring your own bag or basket to collect treats and prizes. We are welcoming kids ages 1 (walkers)-10 to hunt for Easter Eggs. Come and enjoy our FREE Easter tradition!

To comply with social distancing, participating kids will be grouped into 3 timed hunts. Toddlers (1-2), Little Kids (3-6), and Big Kids (7-10).

Toddlers 1 p.m. Tennis Courts

Little Kids..... 1:25 p.m. Half Field (Playground Side)

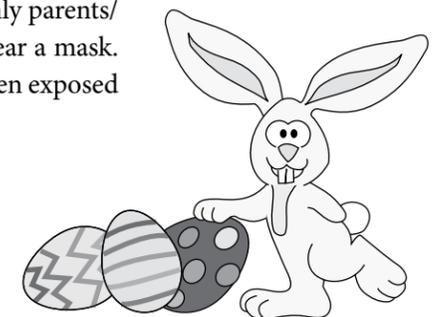
Big Kids..... 1:50 p.m. Half Field (Fieldhouse Side)

Each hunt should last approximately 15 minutes, with 10 minutes between to clear the field and line up for the next one. Once your child(ren) has participated, we ask you please leave the field promptly in order to keep crowd size to a minimum.

This event is subject to cancellation if PA Department of Health or other agency imposes gathering restrictions. Please limit those in attendance to only parents/caregivers with their child(ren). All participants and attendees must wear a mask. Please stay home if you are showing any signs of illness, have recently been exposed to, or are recovering from COVID-19 and are still symptomatic.

To allow us to best prepare for the number in attendance, please let us know in advance if you are planning to come by sending an email to office@edgewoodboro.com. Please include the following in your email: number of children participating (in each age group), number of non-participating attendees.

**If you have more than one child participating, and would like them to stay together, they may do so, as long as they are close to the age for the hunt they participate in (for example, if your children are 6 and 8, and they could both participate in the Big Kids Hunt).*



Library Services

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library will continue offering curbside-only service until further notice. At this time, the library does not have a date set to reopen the building to the public. Likewise, the library has no plans to stop curbside-only service unless directed by authorities to do so.

Patrons are encouraged to continue to place holds on items and call the library for contactless curbside pickup of those items. Library staff will be available to assist via phone (412-731-0909) Monday-Saturday 12-6 p.m.

The library's robust virtual program schedule will continue, and patrons always have access to downloadable e-resources.

There will be no income tax appointments at CCM in 2021

Unfortunately, AARP tax preparers will not be doing taxes at CCM in 2021. We regret that we are not able to provide this service for our patrons this year. For more tax preparation resources, call United Way at 211 or visit the AARP Tax Aide website.

Programs & Events

Register for all events (except book clubs) at <http://ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.org>. Our full events calendar can be found at www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Zoom Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

This winter, we're taking storytime online LIVE with a weekly Zoom program. Talk, sing, read, and play along with Ms. Erin on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Register at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.org to receive our Zoom link via email. Children of all ages and their caregivers welcome!

Teen Groups on Zoom

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

We always welcome new teens at group — feel free to pop in and hang out with us!

Email Allison at sennotta@einetwork.net for the log in information.

Teen Book Club on Zoom

Third Mondays at 4 p.m.

Email Allison at sennotta@einetwork.net for the log in information.

Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/teen-programs/> for upcoming book selections.

Start Listening to Podcasts on Zoom

Tuesday, February 16 at 6 p.m.

Are you curious about podcasts but don't know where to begin? This informational program will help you get started listening to all the great, free podcasts available online. We'll cover what devices you can use, the pros and cons of different podcast apps, and recommended great podcasts to listen to right away!

Register online for this program at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com.

DIY Happy Hour on Zoom

Tap into your creative side at the library's virtual DIY happy hour! We'll be making a different craft every other Tuesday. Learn new skills and meet new friends! No prior crafting experience necessary. Adults only, please.

Supply kits are available at CCM Edgewood the week leading up to the event. Supplies are limited, so call 412-731-0909 to put one on hold!

- January 12—Origami
- January 26—Macramé planter
- February 9—Friendship bracelet
- February 23—Shrink plastic keychain
- March 9—Clay bead necklace
- March 23—Lip balm

Board Games Online on Discord

Every other Saturday 7 p.m.

See upcoming program dates on the events calendar. Open to adults (18+) of all experience levels.

This program is a collaboration between C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Monroeville Library, Community Library of Allegheny Valley and Carnegie Library of Homestead.

How to attend this program: Email Megan at zagorskim@einetwork.net for the Discord server invite.

Conversation Salon on Zoom

Every other Monday at 10 a.m.

Do you enjoy stimulating conversation? Join us once a month as we gather together to discuss interesting topics and share ideas. Conversation salons are face-to-face discussions among people who are interested in sharing thoughts, information and opinions about the meaningful events of our own experiences, our community and the world at large.

Zoom Meeting ID: 941 3966 4932
Password: 502768

Knitting Group

Second & fourth Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Love yarn? Want to knit with others? Join us online for stitching and conversation!

Zoom Meeting ID: 204 142 753

Book Clubs

CCM's book clubs are meeting online via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome, no registration required.

Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/book-clubs/> for a list of upcoming meeting dates and book selections.

4th Tuesday Book Club on Zoom

Fourth Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Contact: Erin Pierce, piercee@einetwork.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 935 5373 2498
Password: 56657

Century Book Club on Zoom

Third Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Originally started to commemorate CCM's centennial in 2018, the Century Book club reads books from each decade of the 20th and 21st centuries in sequence. Past selections have been fiction, nonfiction, drama, short stories, children's literature, science fiction, mysteries, and more.

Contact: Megan Zagorski, zagorskim@einetwork.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 874 4205 8168
Passcode: 602439

Drop Dead Book Club on Zoom

First Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Since 2003, the Drop Dead Book Club has read a mystery every month. The atmosphere is informal. The group has a facilitator/record keeper but not a discussion leader. Books are chosen by consensus.

For a complete list of upcoming books and meeting dates, please visit the Drop Dead Book Club website.

Contact: Linda Herward, herward@pitt.edu

Zoom Meeting ID: 564 732 823

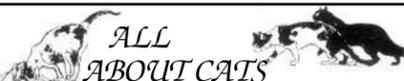


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Eagle Scout Project to Benefit the Community of Edgewood

Happy Healthy New Year! Thank you to all who have contributed towards my Eagle Project! During the Christmas season I sold poinsettias and holly to raise funds towards the gazebo. Over the last few months numerous brick orders have been placed as well as donations on my GoFundMe page. I am getting super excited about construction starting this spring! I am humbled by the outpouring and generosity for this project. I am over half way towards the goal and I am sincerely grateful! Please consider ordering a brick and/or donating towards the gazebo. Bricks are a terrific way to honor a Veteran or someone special, provide a positive message to the community, or promote your business. We received many orders over the holidays that were gifts for friends or family! These are a great gift that will not be re-gifted. This gazebo will be a grand addition to Memorial Park providing a covered gathering location for years to come, all thanks to you, the Edgewood Community!



Thank you,

Eddie Lockman

Life Scout, Scout Troop 23

Your engraved inscription must follow the following directions. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. The bricks can be engraved with upper or lowercase letters.

You can order a 4" x 8" brick with up to 3 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$50.

You can order an 8" x 8" brick with up to 6 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$125.00

Please return information and your check payable to:

**Edgewood Foundaton c/o Wayne Dean
710 Walnut Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount paid _____

To learn more about my project please visit my YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/kc2uvaAJvqc>.

If you know anyone that would like to support my efforts, please share the information with them. Questions: Please email: noreenlockman@yahoo.com or call/text: 724-920-4281.

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Applicants Sought for 2021 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, available to our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. One senior from Edgewood will win the Mel Douglass Scholarship. The value of this scholarship is \$10,000. Honorable mention scholarships, increased in value this year from \$1,000 to \$1,500, are also available. This unique scholarship program, available only to Edgewood residents, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The mission of this program is to benefit Edgewood students while honoring and sustaining the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass. 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 Mel passed in a 1994 airplane accident, he served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. Mel will always be remembered for the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, his unquenchable spirit, and his deep commitment to community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded multiple scholarships every year since 2008. During that time, Edgewood students have earned thirteen Mel Douglass Scholarships and fifty-eight honorable mention scholarships. Jenna Hebert, a 2012 winner, was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2016. Many other recipients have graduated from college and are leading successful lives and continuing to serve others.

Our scholarships have traditionally been announced and presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch. 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 17 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 volunteer 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 17 deadline that 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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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 1 & 16*, 7:30 p.m. held virtually via GoToMeeting

*Due to Borough holiday.

Refuse: 4, 11, 18, 25

Recycling: 11, 25

Borough Office closed: 15

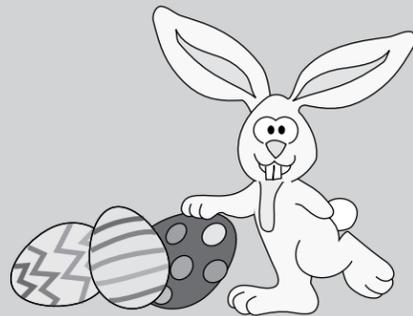
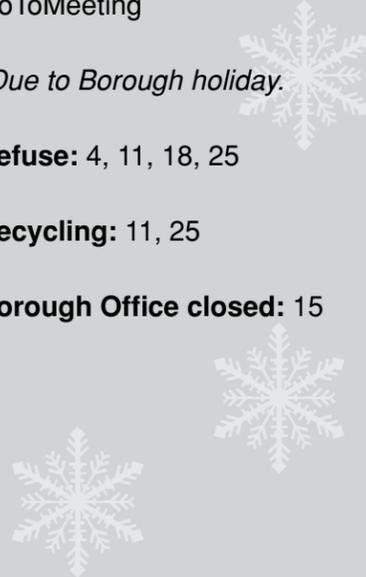
MARCH

Council Meetings: 1 & 15, 7:30 p.m.; held virtually via GoToMeeting

Refuse: 4, 11, 18, 25

Recycling: 11, 25

Easter Egg Hunt: 27, starting at 1 p.m. @ Koenig Field



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Pittsburgh, PA 15218

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2020 unpaid Borough of Edgewood real estate taxes were turned over to PA Municipal Services for delinquent collections. The 2021 Millage rate remains unchanged at 7.185 Mills. The 2021 Borough tax shall be mailed out on April 1st. **If for any reason you need to update your mailing address, please contact Jordan Tax Service, Inc. at 724-731-2311 and also the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at 412-350-4100 to ensure receipt of your tax bill.** We will include the 2021 on site collection hours for each tax when they are mailed.

The 2020 unpaid Woodland Hills School District real estate taxes have been turned over to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. for delinquent collections unless you have selected the Installment Option. The second installment payment was due January 31, 2020 and the final payment is due March 31, 2021.





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