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From The Manager's Desk

2023 Parking Permits

Residents are now able to enter their information and pay for an overnight parking permit online. Permits will be mailed to purchasers thereby eliminating the need to appear in person to buy a permit at the borough building. Resident and visitor parking passes go on sale Thursday, December 1, 2022. Passes can be purchased at www.edgewoodboro.com/parkingpermits.

Each driver with a vehicle registered in the Borough is able to purchase a Residential on-street parking pass. A Visitor's pass may also be purchased. Visitor passes may not be used on any vehicle registered within the Borough. The fees for on-street parking permits, as well as Borough off-street lots and recreational/commercial vehicles will be posted after council's budget meeting in mid-November.

Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots will be accepted starting on December 1, 2022. On December 12, 2022, permits will be issued based upon requests. A lottery will be held. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, no resident will be issued a second permit until all initial requests are processed.

Koenig Tennis/Pickleball Courts

The borough is in the process of rehabilitating the Koenig Field tennis courts for games of tennis and pickleball. A new retaining wall was constructed over the summer in preparation for resurfacing slated for mid-late October. Unfortunately, due to material and labor availability and a sixty-day weathering requirement for fresh asphalt, the acrylic playing surface won't be installed until early spring 2023. Although the project

is taking slightly longer than desired, participants and spectators will have four new benches to sit on thanks to the Edgewood Foundation once everything is complete.

Flu Vaccine Clinic Canceled

The Mon River Fleet Influenza Initiative has canceled their flu vaccine program for 2022. Eastern Area Prehospital Services or EAPS, the EMS agency that administers the flu vaccine program at Edgewood Borough has been unable to find another supplier for vaccines this year and the vaccination window is closing. Therefore, EAPS recommends anyone wanting a flu vaccine this year should seek one from a pharmacy or their doctor's office. Edgewood Borough and EAPS apologize for the inconvenience.



UpstreamPgh partners with Wilkinsburg libraries to create Nature Backpacks

This fall, look out for something new and exciting from UpstreamPgh at the Wilkinsburg libraries. The organization recently received grant funding from The Rita McGinley Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation and the Grable Foundation to create nature backpacks to be checked out at local libraries. Each backpack will have its own theme, and will have all sorts of fun materials that folks can use in self-guided nature exploration. Each library will have one backpack for each of the following four themes: trees, "nature in my neighborhood," birds, and insects.



These grab-and-go packs will allow people of all ages to engage with the environment around them in a flexible and meaningful way, as well as provide fun and educational bonding experiences for families. The goal of the nature backpack lending project is to foster appreciation for local ecosystems and empower learners to make positive changes in their neighborhoods.

We are launching the program with our tree-themed backpack which will have four different tree ID guides, arts & crafts materials, binoculars, a magnifying glass, a scavenger hunt, and a booklet with activities for folks of all ages. A list of companion books will also be available for patrons to peruse if they want to delve deeper into learning about trees.

Upstream believes that educating the public and encouraging lifelong learning will lead to a greater appreciation of the nature that is all around us. In turn, they hope that these simple backpacks will inspire people of all ages to protect and steward this beautiful place we call home.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD RESIDENT

Linda Fisher

We believe it is safe to say that Edgewood is a neighborhood with a special appreciation for music, as our own Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is ramping up for its latest season, with its new home base at the First Presbyterian Church in Edgewood. In light of that, we decided to spotlight one local musician and resident, Linda Fisher. Ms. Fisher will be a featured guest soloist at the first ESO concert at the JCC, Squirrel Hill this October. She normally plays as principal bassoonist with the Pittsburgh Opera, Ballet Theatre, Chamber Orchestra and Westmoreland Symphonies.

Ms. Fisher, who grew up in a small town in Oklahoma, attended the New England Conservatory in Boston and the Juilliard School in New York. She noted that her high school band director did not believe the bassoon was a good instrument for her. "But I loved the sound and the physicality of it, and literally started playing it on the sly at lunch and after school, till he let me take the instrument home."

When she first moved to the area, she lived in Wilksburg, and walked her dog into Edgewood. She admired the community assets in our neighborhood, like CC Mellor Memorial Library, and Koenig Field, plus our proximity to the Square. When her family started house hunting, her dream home went on the market. However, she was out of town, and her husband had to view it alone. They knew it was the one when he toured the home and found an entire brewery in the basement! Unfortunately, the brewery was not included with the sale, however, she noted that it went on to become the popular Pittsburgh East End brand! Ms. Fisher and her family have now lived in Edgewood for 16 years.

Ms. Fisher, who first played with the ESO in 2016, told us, "I am thrilled to be soloing with the ESO this October! Yet another incredible Edgewood jewel. Walter Morales and this orchestra are a rare find in their talent, community involvement and vision. It's amazing really, Edgewood should be so proud of this ensemble." The program being played is the one that was scheduled for the week that all performance venues closed in March of 2020. "It's lovely that we finally get to bring the program of two area composers to the JCC on October 22, for the season opener."

We hope you enjoyed learning a little more about one of your neighbors, as we did. We'll end with one last fun fact about Ms. Fisher. One of her former students happened to be a local artist, and Ms. Fisher's image can be found on the mural by the NE corner of the crosswalk in Regent Square. She is seen walking her black Scotty dog.



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PART I CRIMES JUN .. JUL .. YTD

Homicide.....	0	0	0
Rape.....	0	0	0
Robbery.....	0	0	1
Assaults (simple/aggravated).....	0	2	6
Burglary.....	0	0	0
Larceny/theft:.....			
Shoplifting.....	0	2	8
Other.....	4	1	10
Motor vehicle theft.....	0	0	1
Arson.....	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I.....	4	5	26

PART II CRIMES

Liquor laws.....	0	0	3
Vandalism/criminal mischief.....	2	4	6
Weapons offenses.....	0	0	0
Sex offenses.....	1	0	1
Narcotics offenses.....	0	0	0
DUI.....	3	0	8
Disorderly conduct.....	4	3	12
All other offenses.....	3	2	25
Total-PART II.....	13	9	55

GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)..... 17 .. 14 .. 81

Adult arrests.....	7	6	36
Juvenile arrests.....	0	0	1
Total arrests.....	7	6	37
Incidents/calls.....	289	290	2145
Animal complaints.....	0	2	4
Agency assist (Police & Fire).....	12	10	58

PART I CRIMES..... 4..... 5..... 26

PART II CRIMES..... 13..... 9..... 55

Domestic complaints.....	0	3	14
Juvenile contacts/complaints.....	1	0	4
Miscellaneous reports.....	289	222	1830
Police reports filed.....	69	68	447
False alarms.....	6	5	47
Public nuisance/disturbances.....	3	2	28
Suspicious person/incidents.....	12	5	53
Missing person.....	0	0	0
Medical assists.....	2	4	30
Traffic related:.....			
Fatal accidents.....	0	0	0
Reportable accidents.....	1	5	20
Non-reportable accidents.....	3	8	54
Traffic stops conducted.....	68	73	386
Traffic citations.....	49	45	201
Non-traffic citations.....	2	0	10
Parking tags.....	231	127	1012
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS.....	1061	889	6461

Edgewood Police Leads Community Engagement at Woodland Hills School District

On August 19th, in preparation to kick off the new school year, the Edgewood Borough Police Department and Superintendent Daniel Castagna hosted ALICE Training for Woodland Hills School District teachers and administrators. The curriculum was led by Chief Robert C. Payne and Sergeant Fred Livingston and opened with virtual remarks from former Columbine High School Principal, Frank DeAngelis.

The core purpose of ALICE Training is to train teachers and administrators, through a trauma-informed approach, how to respond to active shooter situations. The training included a theoretical component followed by mock scenarios that allowed participants to physically experience active shooter situations.

Edgewood Councilwoman Bhavini Patel attended the morning session. She shared her gratitude for the Edgewood Police Department and Woodland Hills School District for prioritizing the safety and care of our communities, "As we prepare for the new school year, public safety is a core component of ensuring our children, parents, and residents feel at home in Edgewood and our surrounding neighborhoods."



Chief Payne addresses teachers and staff of Woodland Hills School District.



Former Columbine High School Principal Frank DeAngelis shares his insights on school safety.



A teacher helps Sgt. Livingston show how some of the department's tactical gear is used.

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Edgewood Symphony Begins its 35th Season!

Having recently moved its offices to the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is embarking on its 2022-2023 Concert Season, *A Serenade to Music!*

This season will be one of the most inclusive seasons ever presented by the ESO, as it will include works of some of the great American composers of the 20th Century—Florence Price, Harry T. Burleigh, George Walker, John Adams, and Howard Hanson—as well as pieces spanning across many continents and styles by Manuel De Falla, Astor Piazzolla, Sergei Prokofiev, and Aaron Copland.

For its opening concert on Saturday October 22, at the JCC in Squirrel Hill, the ESO is collaborating with a remarkable group of local composers to showcase, and in one case give the world premiere of, the music of Pittsburgh's own Mark Fromm, R. James Whipple, Paul Critser, and Roger Zahab. Bassoonist Linda Morton Fisher is the featured soloist, as well as harpist Marissa Knaub Avon. The concert will also include Florence Price's beautiful Symphony No. 1.

For 35 years the ESO has provided great music to our community and we hope that you will plan to attend this exciting performance. Future concert dates are December 3 (at FPCE), March 11, and May 6. For details and tickets please visit our website www.edgewoodsymphony.org.



Limpert Award

Do you know someone who gives themselves selflessly to our community? Maybe someone you know has spent years volunteering in Edgewood. It's time to recognize those individuals with the community's Limpert Award. Email your nomination to Angel Lehrian at angel@lehrian.com by October 15. Tell us about the good your nominee has done for the community. Nominee must be a borough resident and can not be a current employee of the borough. Award will be given at this year's Wine & Chocolate event on November 19.

Edgewood Foundation Wine & Chocolate Affair

Saturday, November 19 • 7-10 p.m. at the Edgewood Clubhouse

Come and enjoy wine pairings with gourmet chocolate; try delicate desserts and savory appetizers while catching up with your friends from the neighborhood. Listen to the melodic sounds of a classic guitarist as you make new friends or bid on fabulous silent auction items. There is something for everyone at this year's event. If wine isn't your thing, we'll also have beer. If you prefer cheese to chocolate with your wine, we'll have that too.

Help us celebrate this year's Limpert Award winner, who will be announced at the event.

It's a wonderful event that brings your neighbors and friends together to raise money for your neighborhood, helping us provide events like Light-up Edgewood, and sponsor neighborhood improvements like the Memorial Park gazebo. Cost is \$50 per person.

Please join us! www.edgewoodfoundation.org/events for tickets or return the enclosed reservation form with your payment.

Please consider volunteering for the event or donating to the silent auction. Contact Angel Lehrian (event chair) at angel@lehrian.com.

Wine & Chocolate Affair

Saturday, November 19, Edgewood Clubhouse

Name _____ Number in Party _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone _____

Please return this form along with remittance of \$50 per person to:

Edgewood Foundation c/o Angel Lehrian
325 Maple Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Remember that you must be 21 years of age or older to attend this event.

FPCE Welcomes Jason Dauer as Next Pastor

At a congregational meeting held on September 11, 2022, the Pastor Nominating Committee presented its recommended candidate to be the next called Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. After the vote, the call was extended to and accepted by Jason Dauer. He officially begins in the office this week and will lead weekly Sunday worship beginning September 18. His ordination and installation service will be scheduled in the coming weeks so that he can officially become Rev. Dauer and perform all pastoral duties, including sacraments and moderating Session meetings.



About Jason...

Jason Dauer (he/him) is excited about what the Church is and what it is called to become. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Jason has always felt called to grow deep where he is planted and is excited about the ways in which God is moving in this region.

Jason earned his Master of Divinity with an emphasis in New Faith Communities from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2021. He received the John Watson Prize in New Testament Greek and the Jackson Hale Prize in Polity. During his second year at PTS, he received the Valentour Fellowship, allowing him to travel to South Africa, the Philippines, and Indonesia to learn about LGBTQ-affirming ministries from our Christian siblings in other countries. While at PTS, he served as the Student Pastor for Sanctuary Faith Community.

Over the past two years, Jason has been working to form Stonewall Abbey, a faith community that seeks to create holy, intentional places of connection for spiritual wanderers and outcasts. This community has gathered for a monthly bonfire to talk about spirituality and non-traditional saints of the Church. He also worked as the Office and Communications Coordinator for Wexford Presbyterian Church. Before seminary, Jason enjoyed serving up iced lattes and flat whites at the Franklin Park Starbucks and was the Director of Family Ministries at Perry Highway Lutheran Church.

Most of Jason's extended family live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, and his great-great-grandparents helped form Franklin Park Baptist Church, where Jason led youth Sunday services and took part in many years of church cookouts and Cub Scout meetings. It was at this church that his family instilled in him a love for music—playing in the bell choir, singing in the choir, and playing violin.

Jason is married to his husband David Falk, who works as a Senior Technical Product Manager for McDonald's. Although they met in Pittsburgh, they maintained a long-distance relationship while they completed their respective master's degrees, but they were able to visit each other regularly thanks to the overnight Amtrak train between Pittsburgh and Chicago. Together, David and Jason enjoy exploring local breweries, trying new board games, and playing with their cats Blake and Byron. They recently bought their first home in Morningside and look forward to many happy years in Pittsburgh.

Community Day Thank You

Edgewood Borough and the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of the people and organizations who helped make the 2022 Community Day a success!

A Serenade to Music

2022-2023 Season
Walter Morales, Music Director

Holiday Serenade
Richman, Respighi, Price, Ippolitov-Ivanov, Prokofiev, Rimsky Korsakov, Bass, Anderson

Romantic Serenade
Adams, Walker, Copland, Hanson

American Serenade
Fromm, Whipple, Critser, Zahab, Price

Serenata Nocturna
Chabrier, De Falla, Moncayo, Piazzolla, Ginastera

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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Fallfest (+Oktoberfest)

Saturday, October 15

Come down to Koenig Field for some fall-themed fun for the whole family! The afternoon will include, market vendors, grab 'n go crafts for kids, and hayrides around the neighborhood. Again this year, Fallfest will overlap with the Edgewood Foundation's Oktoberfest event! Fallfest takes place from 2-5 p.m. (last hayride departs at 4:40). Make sure to get your tickets for Oktoberfest, which runs from 3-6 p.m.!

Our musical friends Milepost6 will be back this year to perform an afternoon set to round out the day.

There is no entry fee for Fallfest activities. Oktoberfest access is by purchase of a ticket (please check with the Edgewood Foundation for more details: edgewoodfoundation.org).

Edgewood continues to follow CDC guidelines around Covid 19. Masks are recommended if local transmission levels are high. Please stay home if you are showing signs of illness.

Parade and Movie Night

Friday, October 21

Join C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Borough for a Halloween parade and seasonal movie outside! Meet us on Koenig Field at 6:30 for a parade around the field to show off your costume. Then settle in for a showing of "Coco" around 7 p.m. If the weather looks nasty, we'll cancel by 4 p.m. that day via email and social media. Planning to attend? Please register your family so we know how many to expect.

Registration can be found on the library's website, <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/> and Borough website, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, as well as on Facebook (@ccmellorlibrary; Edgewood Borough Community Events).

Trick or Treat

Trick-or-Treating in Edgewood Borough will occur on Monday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. Residents who do not want to participate should turn off their outside lights. Please continue to follow CDC guidelines for Covid and other illnesses.

Safety Tips:

- Be visible (use reflective tape, or glow sticks)
- Follow street safety laws; watch for traffic
- Go in groups
- Check costumes for user safety
- Avoid open flames
- Inspect treats; avoid homemade treats

Sports

Soccer

Thank you to our amazing Edgewood Soccer volunteer coaches who dedicated their time, and to all the families for their support to make this another great year for the kids!

Basketball

Youth Basketball

This league is for boys and girls in Kindergarten* through Grade 6 (*Kindergarteners should be age 6 as of the start of the season). You do not need to be an Edgewood resident to play. There will be up to 10 kids per team, with a maximum of 6 teams per Division. This is to allow adequate gym time for all teams, and the best experience for all participants. We will be resuming our draft this year. For those who have not participated in this league, the draft takes place on a Saturday, by age division, and is an opportunity to ensure that teams are evenly matched by skill level. This will take place in mid to late December.

The regular season begins in early January. All games and practices are held in the Edgewood STEAM Academy Gymnasium, 214 Maple Avenue. Practices will take place one weeknight evening each week. Games are held Saturday mornings, according to Division.

The fee for this league is \$60. T-shirts will be provided. Registration opens Monday, October 24 and ends Friday, December 2. Please use this link to register, which is also available on our webpage, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/340681>

We are still looking for volunteers, especially coaches! Basketball experience is not required, we just need good role models to help kids stay active and have fun! CLEARANCES ARE REQUIRED.

For questions, please call or email Abigail at the Borough Office at 412-242-4824, ext 217, office@edgewoodboro.com.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball meets Thursday evenings from 7-9pm at the Edgewood STEAM Academy Gymnasium, 214 Maple Ave, starting in early December and running through the end of March. The fee to participate is \$40 for the season. Registration is taken through Teamsnap, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/340682>

For questions about the league, please email Matt Dettore at matthewdettore@gmail.com. For questions related to registration, please email Abby at office@edgewoodboro.com, or call 412-242-4824, ext 217.



2022 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

OCT
24

Last day to register to vote in the election.

vote.pa.gov/Register

NOV
1

Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

NOV
8

Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by 8 PM.

vote.pa.gov/County

NOV
8

Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

vote.pa.gov/Polls

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EDGEWOOD POLLING LOCATIONS

District 1: Edgewood STEAM Academy (rear entrance), 241 Maple Avenue

Districts 2 & 3: Edgewood Borough Building, 2 Race Street

Back To School for Woodland Hills School Students

The Woodland Hills School District welcomed back students on Wednesday, August 24. As the school year progresses, there will be all kinds of opportunities for parents and community members to volunteer their time or participate in activities and events throughout the district. Volunteers are always welcome throughout the district, whether it's a one-time occasion or regular assistance. If you are interested in volunteering, please note that the district may require clearances in order for you to work around children. However, there are also situations where you can help out without needing to provide clearances. Guest readers, field trip chaperones, working concession stands, and much more don't require clearances—just your willingness to help!

For more information about volunteering in the district, please visit <https://www.whsd.net/parents/volunteers>.

To stay up to date on the latest news and events at Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy, follow the school on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/EdgewoodSTEAMAcademy/>.



Is your house spook-tacular at Halloween? Do ghosts, goblins and ghouls haunt your front yard? Show us what you got! Decorate your outdoor space for C.C. Mellor's inaugural neighborhood **Halloween Decorating Contest!** Whether you go spooky, silly, or scary, we want to see your best decorations for the season. Enter your house, window, or door and have your space ready for our expert judges by October 17! We'll add your spot to our map. Then, have your friends vote for you in the People's Choice Award October 21 through November 1. Find more details at ccmellorlibrary.org/halloweencontest.

Also coming in October, it's your chance to explore your roots with the help of an expert at our Family Tree Basics program. Learn the fundamentals of genealogy with this talk presented by local expert Marilyn Holt. She has over 36 years of experience as a genealogical librarian at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and is currently an instructor with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Pitts-

burgh. She has been lecturing on local and family history topics since 1988. This event will be held Tuesday, October 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There's no registration required.

Finally, join us on October 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, how they're connecting the Holocaust and antisemitism to the injustices of today, and how you can be involved. Dr. Lauren Apter Bairnsfeather, executive director, will speak about the various community partnerships and offerings the Center has and ways to get involved. Marcel L. Walker, Project Coordinator of CHUTZ-POW!, will introduce the Center's original comic book series that brings local survivor testimony to life. Attendees will learn more about the CHUTZ-POW! Superheroes of the Holocaust series and how they can get copies for themselves and into their local schools. Register for free at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/archives-in-action-an-evening-with-the-holocaust-center-of-pittsburgh-tickets-412073381577>.

Archives in Action: an Evening with the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh - [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Eventbrite-C.C. Mellor Memorial Library presents Archives in Action: an Evening with the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, October 12 at C C Mellor Memorial Library, Pittsburgh, PA. Find event and ticket information www.eventbrite.com.

As for our regular programming, we've got lots of great stuff going throughout the fall! From Baby Talk, Family Storytime and Pajama Storytime for our littlest patrons to Makerspace Mondays, After-school STEAM at Forest Hills, Homeschool Book Club, Tween Club and Teen Group for the older kids to Forest Hills Social Hour for older adults (plus our book clubs and community groups!) you'll find a little something for everyone. Check out the full schedule at ccmellorlibrary.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest!

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/programs-events/>.

For all the latest news follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [ccmellorlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ccmellorlibrary).

Boy Scout Troop 23 / Cub Scout Pack 23



Boy Scout Troop 23

Scouting (Troop 23) is open to boys age 11 through 18. If you're interested in learning more, please stop by one of our meetings. We meet Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.



Cub Scout Pack 23

Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 recruited at the recent Woodland Hills Community Day, Edgewood Community Day, and WPSD Block Party. Kids came to build and race LEGO cars and play lawn games. Come join the adventure! Meetings are Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

For more information, email edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com, call 412-223-7645, or check out Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 on Facebook.

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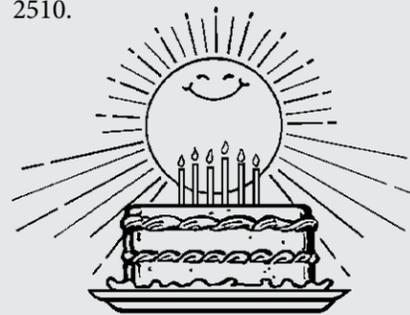
Submitted by Gary Spence

Please join us in wishing Louise Spence of Lehigh Street a very happy 95th birthday!

Louise has been an Edgewood resident for 50 years and has been a substitute teacher at Edgewood Elementary for several years back in the 70's and 80's.

The daughter of the late and beloved Len Anderson of the former Anderson Newspapers in Oakmont (which included The Wilksburg Gazette), Louise wrote a book in memory of her father and a copy of that book is available to read at Carnegie Library of Oakmont and at C.C. Mellor Library here in Edgewood. The name of the book is "Old Man Advancin - Country Editor".

Louise now resides part-time in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida to escape the (sometimes) treacherous winters up north. She can be reached by voice or text at 386-316-2510.



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- Headshots

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A Note from the Shade Tree Commitee

TREE ART SUBMISSION

A Tree Would Be A Wonderful Thing To Be

by John Kokales

"A tree would be a wonderful thing to be
 How far I could see if I were a tree
 How deep my roots
 How expansive my shade
 How strong my trunk
 That God hath made
 Full of life within and without
 Food for now and well beyond
 A home to muse for a wise old owl
 A seed to sew by wind or fowl
 Another tree another me
 Where none before had ever been
 A forest in time with leaves on high
 Full of colors laid against a clear blue sky
 Be me one or many
 A tree is a wonderful thing to be."

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Attention: **Tree Committee** (art submission)
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Try Native Plants!

by Allan Willinger, resident

Are you looking for a way to protect nature, be outside, learn something new, get some exercise and use some of your creativity? Try planting native plants in your yard. Plants native to Western Pennsylvania were meant to grow here, so they often need little care, and they provide necessary habitat and food for birds, bees and other insects that attract birds. The flowers are beautiful, such as Wood Poppy and Wild Geranium, as well as Common Milkweed that Monarch Butterfly larvae eat. Actually, Milkweed is the only plant they eat so they are essential to the Monarch Butterfly's survival. Once I examined what was growing in our yard, I was amazed at the plant variety—a mix of native and non-native plants. After our yard was certified by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's (ASWP) Certified Backyard Habitat (CBH) Program, I continued adding more native plants. There's a large variety of native plants to choose from—trees, shrubs, bushes, and ground cover. Some grow in our yard naturally so I encourage their growth by pulling out the other plants around them, so they spread. Some native plants friends gave me. And others I bought at ASWP's Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve on Dorseywood Road at their Spring sale. Then I took an ASWP zoom lecture on bees. The different kinds of bumble bees are identified by the black, brown, and yellow stripes on their abdomen—who knew? My wife and I attended an ASWP in-person lecture and walk about fireflies. Did you know that some glow in the form of the letter "J"? Exactly—who knew? Anyway, getting back to the topic. What piqued my curiosity was a Certified Backyard Habitat sign I saw in a Swissvale yard several blocks away. I called ASWP about it. We joined the ASWP, enrolled in the CBH Program and had our small yard evaluated. The ASWP evaluator identified many plants, suggested which native plants would do well, and sent us a very thorough report. In order to qualify for the certification, I needed to take two interesting evening zoom lectures on native plants and commit to installing a bird box. I am happy to say that chickadees occupied the bird box this Spring. ASWP's qualification criteria are flexible. There are a variety of requirements to choose from and non-native species are allowed. If you are interested in knowing more about the Certified Backyard habitat Program, please call 412-963-6100 or see aswp.org/pages/backyard-habitat-program. It is comforting to do my small part to preserve Western PA's native habitat. And so can you.

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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

OCTOBER

Council Meetings: 3 & 17, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 6, 13, 20, 27

Recycling: 6, 20

Oktoberfest/Fallfest: 15

Halloween Parade/Movie Night (Coco): 21

Trick or Treat Night: 31

NOVEMBER

Council Meetings: 7 & 21, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 25*

Recycling: 3, 17

Borough Office closed: 24

Wine and Chocolate: 19

**Delayed due to holiday.*

SHARE YOUR NEWS...

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Keep an eye out
in our next issue for these
“Holiday Happenings”
coming up in early December!

In the meantime, you can check the appropriate organization’s website for updates and additional details on these events and activities.

**CC Mellor Library’s
Arts & Crafts Fair
December 3**

[https://ccmellorlibrary.org/
programs-events/](https://ccmellorlibrary.org/programs-events/)

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December 3**

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2022 Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

(Begins tentatively 10/31/2022)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Garland Street	Chestnut Street	Allenby Avenue	Beech Street
Greendale Avenue	Coal Street	East End Avenue	Dewey Street
Harlow Street	E. Hutchinson Avenue	East End Ext.	Elmer Street
Ivy Street	E. Swissvale Avenue	Mifflin Avenue	Hawthorne Street
Laurel Street	Edgewood Avenue	Monongahela Alley	Locust Street
Lincoln Avenue	Elm Street	Sanders Street	Maple Avenue
McKay Street	Gordon Street	Savannah Avenue	McKelvey Avenue
Pennwood Avenue	LaCrosse Street	Short Race Street	Morris Street
Race Street	Lehigh Street	Trenton Avenue	Walnut Street
Seddon Road	Linden Avenue	Vine Street	
W. Swissvale Avenue	Lloyd Avenue	Washington Street	
	Love Place	W. Hutchinson Avenue	
	Oakview Avenue	Willow Place	
	Westmoreland Avenue		

Please Note: This is LEAF Collection ONLY—Do Not Include Yard Waste.

Please rake your LEAVES to the curb no sooner than the NIGHT BEFORE your pickup.

DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE STREET. They can block catch basins and be hazardous to motorists. PLEASE KEEP THEM ON THE CURB.

Collection is weather dependent. Heavy rain or snow weighs down the leaves making them harder to vacuum.

Additional time can be required if we experience several consecutive days of bad weather.

Crews strive to collect each street on the posted day but that is not always possible.