

EDGEWOOD

December / January 2023-24

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

The Borough of Edgewood would like to thank the residents and organizations who submitted articles and photos in 2023.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season full of joy and love!

Happy Holidays

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From The Manager's Desk

2024 Parking Permits

Resident on-street and visitor on-street parking permits go on sale Monday December 4, 2023. Permits can be purchased online at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-parkingpermits>. Permits purchased online are mailed to the buyer. On-street resident and visitor permits cost \$35 each. Off-street borough parking lot permits cost \$100. Recreational vehicle parking at the borough building is no longer available due to space constraints.

Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots on Ivy Street, Laurel Street, Oakview Avenue, and Willow Place will be accepted at the borough building or by mail starting on December 4, 2023. Permits will be issued based upon requests starting December 18, 2023. 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.

Plastic Bag Ordinance

Edgewood Borough Council voted unanimously at its November 4th meeting to prohibit the use and distribution of single use plastic bags at commercial establishments. Starting in early February 2024, retailers are prohibited from providing single use plastic bags for the purpose of carrying goods away from the establishment. Retailers may instead provide customers with recycled paper bags or reusable bags. Customers are of course encouraged to bring their own

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reusable bags whenever possible. This legislative action is very similar to plastic bag bans enacted by the City of Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania communities looking to curb plastic waste.

Trash Day Change

Trash and Recycling will be collected in Edgewood on Monday starting January 8, 2024. The last collection in 2023 is a trash and recycling collection scheduled for Friday, December 29 due to Christmas on Monday. The first collection in January will be trash only and it will be on Friday January 5 due to New Year's Day falling on Monday that week.

Republic Services will return to Edgewood on Monday January 8 following the new collection schedule to collect both trash and recycling.

Snow Maps Tool Still Available

Over the past year we have featured a unique tool designed to help residents identify deficiencies in their home's attic insulation. Homeowners can clearly see attic heat loss occurring in their homes through a process combining custom aerial photography with Google Maps. This project, referred to as "Snow Maps," remains available to residents interested in viewing their homes. The map is accessible online at: <https://tinyurl.com/mv6dmzud>.

Those interested in learning ways to better insulate their homes or who have specific questions about energy efficiency can send an email to office@edgewoodboro.com and we will connect you with our local knowledge expert.

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ANNUAL LUMINARIA SALE

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Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
& Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

at the Borough Building front desk or message them on Facebook,
at Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Luminaria are to be lit and placed outside on Christmas Eve
for a beautiful community display.

\$15 each
(10 candles, 10 bags & sand)



Cash or check
will be accepted

See order form on page 12.

Here comes Santa Clause!

Santa will be returning this year for a drive around the neighborhood on a fire truck. Normally this event takes place in mid-December, but this year it will coincide with other holiday happenings on Saturday December 2, in anticipation of



Light Up Edgewood. He'll begin his trip at 2 p.m.!

In addition to making the rounds on the truck, there will be a special appearance at Koenig Field! Be sure to stick around to see him help light the tree and get pictures at Light Up Edgewood. So make a day of it, and see Santa as you enjoy all of the holiday activities in town!

See page 6 for more information on Light Up Night!

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Sundays, December 3 & 9
12-7 p.m.
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 23/ CUB SCOUT PACK 23

Come get your tree, and
support Scouting in your
neighborhood!

Please check the Scout (Edgewood
Cub Scout Pack 23) and Borough
(Edgewood Borough Community
Events) Facebook pages for updates.

Boy Scout Troop 23 is open to
boys ages 11 through 18. If you're
interested in learning more, please
stop by one of our meetings. We
meet Monday nights at 7 p.m. at
the First Presbyterian Church of
Edgewood.

Cub Scout Pack 23 Pack 23 is
always welcoming new members
to join the fun! 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. Cub
Scouts is open to boys and girls in
Kindergarten through 5th Grade.



Edgewood Borough Police Department



Twenty-seven kids from local elementary schools were outfitted with coats, hats, and gloves at the Waterfront Target. Participating kids represented the following schools: Edgewood STEAM Academy, Turtle Creek STEAM Academy and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. This event was organized by Sgt. Fred Livingston and the Edgewood Borough Police, with help from the Pennsylvania State Police, the Allegheny County Police, and the Homestead Police Department.

Target management provided beverages and snacks from Starbucks for everyone in attendance.



Special thanks to Senator Jay Costa, Giant Eagle (ETC) Teamsters local 205, and the Edgewood Club for their support in making 'Shop With A Cop' a wonderful experience for the kids.



*Building Relationships,
One Cup at a Time*

Please join us for our first ever 'Coffee With A Cop!' at the Edgewood Club Saturday, January 13 from 9-11 a.m. Residents can come have a conversation and meet their police officers over a cup of coffee catered by Pittsburgh Coffee. Light refreshments will be provided, compliments of Edgewood Town Center Giant Eagle.

No reservations required. Questions can be referred to Sgt. Livingston.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



The Edgewood Foundation presents

Light Up Night, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
6:30-8:30 P.M.

Join the Edgewood Foundation for their annual 'Light up Edgewood' event! First meet up with your neighbors at Memorial Park to see Santa light up the tree at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy some special live performances! Then enjoy a walking tour on Maple Avenue with movies, refreshments and more.

Don't forget to bring a toy to donate to the Toys for Tots drive.

Contact Edgewood Foundation at lightupnight@edgewoodfoundation.org.



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Progressive Dinner • Saturday, February 24, 2024!

For nearly 30 years, The Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner has been a great way to meet new neighbors and spend time catching up with old friends. You start in one home for appetizers, switch to a smaller group at another house for dinner, and then all attendees gather for dessert and cocktails at the end of the evening. All guests must be over the age of 21.

Schedule

- 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

Tickets: Adults (21+) \$45 per person

Event and ticket information can be found on the Upcoming Events page of our website: www.edgewoodfoundation.org



2024 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, February 24, 6-11 p.m. \$45 per person
RSVP by February 16.

Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

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

We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification one week in advance.

Guest 1: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

Guest 2: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

Guest #1 email required: _____

Vegetarian (#) _____ Allergies? _____

(We cannot accommodate all requests)

Please pay online at Edgewoodfoundation.org or by check made out to **Edgewood Foundation** by February 16, 2024.

RETURN FORM/CHECK to 2 RACE STREET, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 (Borough Building).

All guests must be age 21 or over to attend.

EDGEWOOD RECREATION Winter Futsal

Futsal is open to boys and girls, ages 8-12. The league will meet for games one weekday evening during the winter months (dates/times are TBD). To allow for the best experience for all participating, registration will be limited to 20 players. The fee for this sport is \$20. Registration will take place through Teamsnap, starting January 2, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/407323>.

This information, along with any updates through the season, will also be available on our webpage, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help coach!

If interested, or for any questions about the league, please contact Abigail at office@edgewoodboro.com. or by phone at 412-242-4824, ext 217.

SPONSORSHIP

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor. Edgewood Continues our tradition of offering youth sports leagues to children in our area, and we are dedicated to keeping registration costs for families low, while still maintaining our field and equipment. Our sponsors make it possible to maintain safe, new equipment for our players, and keep registration fees reasonable. Thank you for your support!

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Songs of Lights and Nights

Please join your Edgewood Symphony Orchestra on December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood for their annual holiday concert.

For details and tickets please visit the ESO website www.edgewoodsymphony.org.

Soup with St. Nick

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood continues their free community meals on the first Wednesday of the month in December with a twist—bring the kids to hear the story of Saint Nicholas, visit with him, and have some homemade soups and breads for family dinner. Join them on Wednesday, December 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the Gathering Place around the back of the church. All are welcome!

Additional services and performances at FPCE

- Vocal Confluence Holiday Show—December 9 at 7:30 p.m. and December 10 at 3 p.m.
- Choir performance—December 17
- December 24 services:
Family Worship and Puppet Show at 11 a.m.
Candlelight Service/Communion at 8 p.m.
- Carol Sing-A-Long (Lessons and Carols)—December 31 at 11 a.m.

See our website for further information: www.fpcedgewood.org



Edgewood Borough's Youth Soccer league had the opportunity to participate in some scrimmages this fall with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Mighty Mites.



EDGEWOOD RECYCLES

Christmas Tree Recycling

For updates on the Allegheny County annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program for the 2023/24 holiday season, please check their website: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/christmas-tree-recycling-program.aspx>

Tree recycling normally takes place at all nine park locations (Boyce, Deer Lakes, Harrison Hills, Hartwood Acres, Round Hill, Settlers Cabin, White Oak, and North and South Parks). Trees are recycled and turned into mulch to be used at the parks. All lights, decorations, tinsel, and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

String Light Recycling

Not sure what to do with those broken, or no longer needed strings of lights after the holidays? There are several ways to get rid of them responsibly. If lights are still in good working condition, you can pass them along to a friend or neighbor; or use a local community social media group or website (ie, Facebook community groups, or your local Buy Nothing group). You can also check area thrift stores to see if they are accepting used but working lights and decorations. Many hardware stores have programs to recycle non-working lights (please consult your local hardware stores to see if they are participating, and for details), and there are several websites where you can mail your broken or unwanted lights. Some may even offer a discount on a future purchase. Republic Services asks you dispose of any unwanted lights in the trash as they are not recyclable. Finally, if you are feeling creative, you could try to repurpose them (if just a few bulbs are out, you could add them to a jar display for instance).



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PERSONAL INJURY & WORKERS' COMPENSATION

A Note from the Shade Tree Committee

TREE ART SUBMISSION

SHARE YOUR TREE ART

Share your tree art, to be featured in the Edgewood Borough newsletter! We're looking for drawings, paintings, poems, and short stories celebrating trees! Optionally, you may include the name and age (under 18) of the artist.

You may enter a submission by mailing artwork to:
Edgewood Borough Tree Committee
(art submission)

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or

Email to:
office@edgewoodboro.com,
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This winter, we're thrilled to present an array of events and programs catering to every age group and interest. And, of course, don't forget to explore our extensive collection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks for the perfect companion during this cozy season.

Here's a peek at some of our events this December and January:

- **Arts & Crafts Fair**—Shop small, support local artists and craftspeople and find unique, handmade gifts at our annual Arts & Crafts Fair! Stop by the Edgewood Club on December 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Clothing Swap**—Give your gently-used clothing a new home, and refresh your own wardrobe, too! Bring clothing of all sizes in good condition (no rips or stains, please) to our second-ever clothing swap on December 9 from 11a.m.-2 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills.
- **Trivia Night**—Come test your wits at CC Mellor's Trivia on Tour on January 20 at the Edgewood Club! Gather your friends and reserve a table on our website at www.ccmellorlibrary.org.
- **Make Your Own Tutu**—Design and make your own tutu at the library on December 9 at 2 p.m.! We'll have a variety of colors of tulle to tie together to create your own costume. Children under 6 should have a parent on hand to help.
- **Mammal Skull Identification**—Join us on December 14 at 6 p.m. at CCM Edgewood and become a wildlife detective and identify mystery skulls! Learn about physical characteristics that help you determine whether an animal lived as predator, prey, or both...and that's just the beginning!

We will continue offering our full slate of programming through the winter with programs including Family Storytime, Baby Talk, Pajama Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Makerspace Mondays, Teen Group, Tween Club, Dungeons and Dragons Clubs for teens and adults, and our adult book clubs and Social Hours at CCM Edgewood and CCM Forest Hills.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ccmellorlibrary and check our website for the latest events and news!



Woodland Hills School District

Pittsburgh Steelers Resilience Project

On Tuesday, October 24, the Neighborhood Resilience Project visited Woodland Hills High School to talk to students about adversity, resilience and trauma. Students shared a little bit about situations where they found themselves in conflict and how they responded, identified moments where they had to be resilient, and detailed how they've processed incidents of trauma.



To provide inspiration and some mentorship, Pittsburgh Steelers stars Cam Heyward and Minkah Fitzpatrick visited with the students and shared their own stories of overcoming adversity and displaying resilience. Though they now find themselves at the peak of their profession, both players have had challenges in their lives that they have had to navigate. Fitzpatrick and Heyward are part of the Steelers' Social Justice Committee and their appearance was one of the program's 'Meeting at the 50-Yard Line.'

The Neighborhood Resilience Project will be working with Woodland Hills students throughout the year in developing peer-to-peer mentoring.

Woodland Hills High School Marching Band wins Class 4-A Championship

The Woodland Hills High School Marching Band Images Visual Ensemble won the Class 4-A championship at the annual Tournament of Bands Pennsylvania State Championships, held at McKeesport Area High School on Saturday, October 28. The band earned its highest score of the competition season, an 82.9, to walk away with the championship. This has been a tremendous season of growth for the band, with a significant leap in participation to go along with outstanding performances on the field.



Annual Frosty Shop

Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy will host its annual Frosty Shop during school from December 11-15. The Frosty Shop is an annual that allows students the opportunity to purchase inexpensive gifts for the important people in their lives. Some students may not normally have the means to pick up gifts, so the Frosty Shop features a wide range of items for friends and family of all ages. High school students and volunteers are on hand to help the students shop, and the entire event is made possible by dedicated parents and volunteers.



LUMINARIA

In keeping with its annual tradition, the Edgewood Fire Department is pleased to make luminaria available to Borough residents. The lighting of the luminaria at curbside brings back memories of a time when nearly every home in Edgewood participated in this wonderful event. Again, this year the tradition takes on added significance as we use the event to remember friends, family and our military personnel who are not able to make it home for the holidays.

As in the past, we ask that the luminaria be lit at approximately 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. If you purchase your kit(s) from the Fire Department you will receive 10 paper bags, 10 candles, and approximately 10 pounds of sand. Please keep in mind that the luminaria should be placed 3 to 5 feet apart so you may need more than one kit. If you have questions, please call 412-242-9994.

Kits are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. During December you may purchase kits at the Borough Building, Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. or if you prefer, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

All The Best of the Holiday Season!

Luminaria Order Form

Enclosed is \$ _____ to purchase _____ kit(s).

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

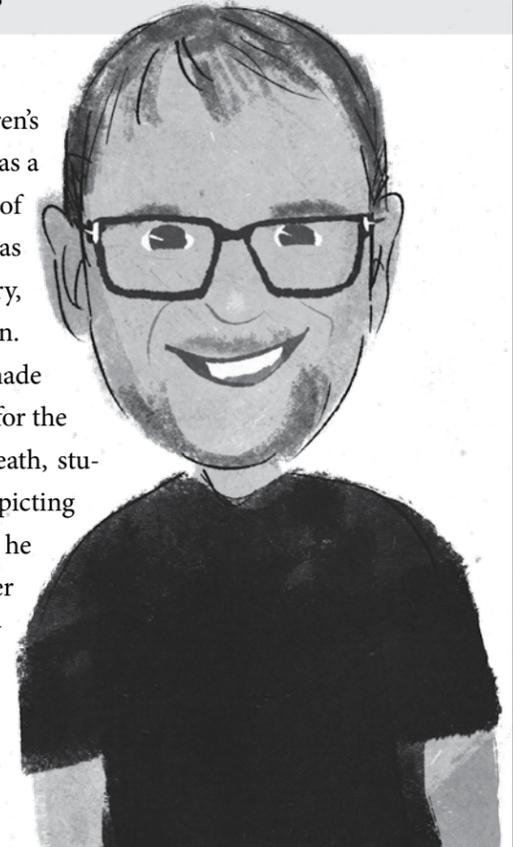
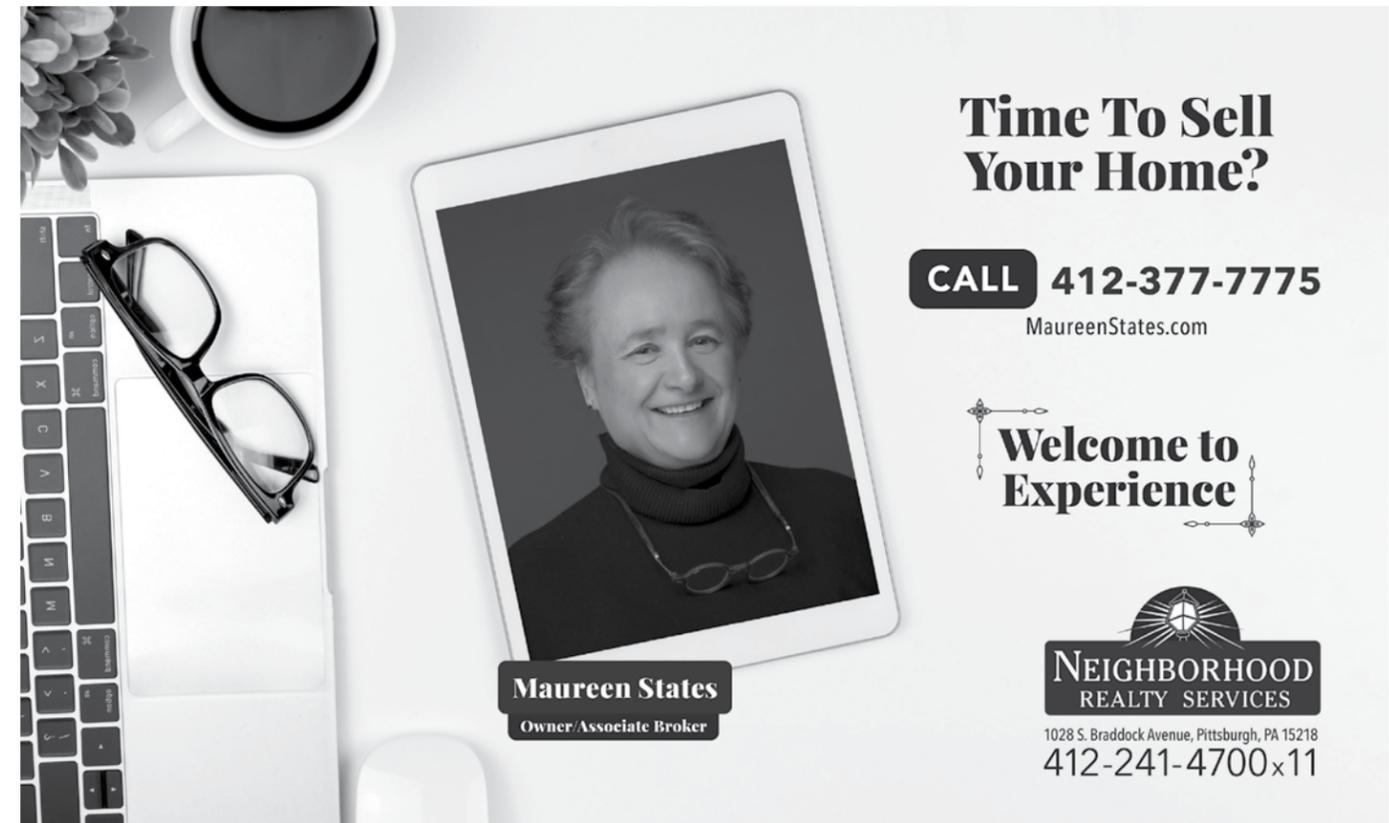
Resident News Submitted by Stephanie Waters

Looking for Kindness

Edgewood resident Stephanie Waters has recently co-authored a children's book "Looking for Kindness." She wrote this book along with her mother as a dedication to her brother Kevin Cavlovich who passed away unexpectedly of encephalitis earlier this year. The book, which was released in September, has already received media coverage when it premiered at Hosack Elementary, in the North Allegheny School District, where Kevin was the lead custodian.



The impact that he made there was the inspiration for the book. Shortly after his death, students made drawing depicting all the acts of kindness he used to do. Waters and her mother were so moved by it that they took the stories and put them into the book as a memorial to Kevin's life.

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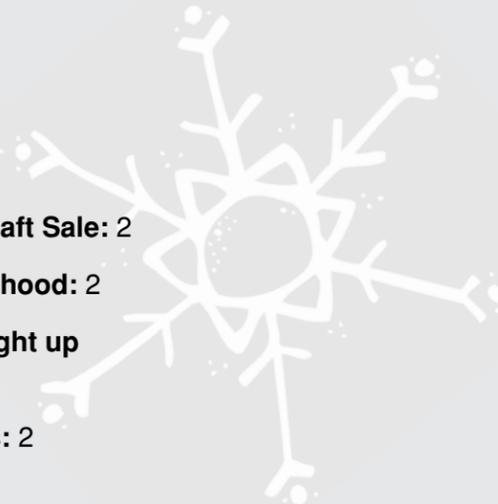
CALENDAR at a glance...

DECEMBER

- Council Meetings:** 4 & 18, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building
- Refuse:** 7, 14, 21, 29*
- Recycling:** 14, 29*
- Borough Office Closed:** 25
- Troop/Pack 23 Tree Sale:** Nov 25- Dec 10 or sold-out
- VFD Luminaria Sale:** Nov 25-Dec 24
- CC Mellor Library Arts & Craft Sale:** 2
- Santa Around the Neighborhood:** 2
- Edgewood Foundation's Light up Edgewood:** 2
- Songs of Lights and Nights:** 2
- FPCE Soup with Santa:** 6

JANUARY

- Council Meetings:** 2* & 16*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building
- Refuse:** 5*, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Recycling:** 8, 22
- Borough Office Closed:** 1, 15



*Changed due to holiday

SHARE YOUR NEWS...

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Abigail Ault..... 412-242-4824, ext. 217

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

Any unpaid 2023 Edgewood Borough real estate tax is due at penalty and will be turned over the delinquent tax collector the end of December. Please send your payments to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. by December 31 to avoid any additional penalties. Checks should be made out to Borough of Edgewood.

The 2023 Woodland Hills School tax is also due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The first installment was due October 31. The second installment is due by January 31, 2024 and the final installment due March 31, 2024. Checks should be made out to Woodland Hills School District.

All Real Estate payments should be mailed to Jordan Tax Service, Inc., 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317. Please call 724-731-2300 with any questions.





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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD 2024 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Holiday

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Trash Collection

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Trash and Recycling

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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