

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



TREE ART SUBMISSION BY  
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paintings, poems, and short stories*

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# From The Manager's Desk

## 2025 Parking Permits

Resident on-street and visitor on-street parking permits go on sale Monday, December 2, 2024. Permits can be purchased online at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-parkingpermits>. Permits will be mailed to purchasers thereby eliminating the need to appear in person to buy a permit at the borough building. On-street resident and visitor permits cost \$35 each. Off-street borough parking lot permits cost \$100.

Permits for the Ivy Street, Laurel Street, Elm Street, Oakview Avenue, and Willow Place off-street parking lots will be made available for purchase based upon requests starting on Monday December 9, 2024. Residents interested in purchasing an off-street lot permit should submit their completed permit application to the borough on or before Monday December 9, 2024. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, a lottery will be held. No resident will be issued a second permit for a lot until all initial requests are processed.

## Body Worn Camera Replacement Grant

The Edgewood Borough Police Department received a \$30,000 grant from Allegheny County to replace their existing body worn cameras purchased in 2021. Funding was made available through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and county council member Sam DeMarco. The Edgewood Borough Police Department has utilized body worn cameras since 2021. Under the department's policy, every officer is assigned a camera to be worn throughout their shift and they are to be used in accordance with state law.

## Change in Garbage Collector

Beginning January 1, 2025 the borough will be served by Big's Sanitation. Billing will be performed by Jordan Tax Service on behalf of the borough and collector. Residents can continue using their existing cans and containers when placing their trash at the curb. Collection service remains unchanged with trash collected every week and recycling every other week but a collection day has not yet been finalized as of this writing. A glass recycling dumpster will be available in the borough's rear parking lot and residents can still arrange for e-waste and household hazardous waste pickup. Please watch your mail for information coming directly from Big's Sanitation on a collection day and other collection rules.

## Voting Information—Change to polling location

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the voting location change affecting many Edgewood residents. We published information in the September/October newsletter that voting would occur at the Edgewood Elementary School. Unfortunately, since that information was published the school has started renovations and cannot accommodate election goers. Therefore, **the Allegheny County Department of Elections moved polling operations to the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood located at 120 E. Swissvale Avenue. All voters who used to vote at Edgewood Elementary should vote at the First Presbyterian Church for the November 5, 2024 general election.** Questions about voting in general should be directed to the Allegheny County Department of Elections by calling 412-350-4500. Edgewood Borough respectfully cannot answer questions about voting matters.

## Grant Funding Announcement

Thanks to Senator Jay Costa and Representative Abigail Salisbury for securing a \$425,000 grant for physical improvements to the Edgewood municipal building complex. The funds will be used to resurface the parking lot, improve pedestrian access and signage and improve storm water management. Design work will commence in early 2025 with construction to start tentatively late 2025 or early 2026.

## Leaf Collection

Annual leaf collection starts Monday October 28, 2024. Residents must not place leaves at the curb until this time. Leaves left at the curb for an extended period of time are very difficult to vacuum and slow down the collection process since they soak up water and become compacted from vehicle traffic. Help our public works department by keeping your leaves in your yard until the day before they're scheduled for collection. Doing so ensures that everyone's leaves are collected in a timely manner. Thursday is a catch up day. Public works uses this day to go back over any streets needing extra cleaning or that they couldn't complete earlier in the week.

Property owners that routinely place piles of leaves in the street days before their scheduled collection day may be subject to enforcement action for creating an unsafe condition. Collection delays and cancellations will be posted on the borough marquis, phone system and our Facebook page and website.

# 2024 Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

(Begins tentatively 10/28/2024)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beech St.	Garland St.	Chestnut St.	<b>C A T C H  U P  D A Y</b>	Allenby Ave.
Dewey St.	Greendale Ave.	Coal St.		East End Ave.
Elmer St.	Harlow St.	E. Hutchinson Ave.		East End Ext.
Hawthorne St.	Ivy Str.	E. Swissvale Ave.		Mifflin Ave.
Locust Str.	Laurel St.	Edgewood Ave.		Monongahela Alley
Maple Ave.	Lincoln Ave.	Elm St.		Sanders Str.
McKelvey Ave.	McKay St.	Gordon St.		Savannah Ave.
Morris St.	Pennwood Ave.	LaCrosse St.		Short Race St.
Walnut Str.	Race St.	Lehigh St.		Trenton Ave.
	Seddon Rd.	Linden Ave.		Vine Street
	W. Swissvale Ave.	Lloyd Ave.		Washington St.
		Love Place		W. Hutchinson Ave.
		Oakview Ave.		Willow Place
		Westmoreland Ave.		

**Please Note: This is LEAF Collection ONLY**

**Do Not Include Yard Waste.**

**Place your LEAVES at 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 AND PEDESTRIANS.  
PLEASE KEEP THEM AT 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.

## A Note from the Shade Tree Committee

### TREE ART SUBMISSION

## SEND US YOUR TREE ART!

**Calling all artists under 18—Send us your tree art!**

We're looking for drawings, paintings, poems, and short stories celebrating trees!

**Please either mail submissions to:**

**Edgewood Borough**

Attention: **Tree Committee** (art submission)

**2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

**OR Email to [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com), with 'tree art submission' and the artist's last name in the subject line.**

## POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	JUL	AUG	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	1	1	9
Burglary	0	0	0
Larceny/theft			
Shoplifting	9	3	40
Other	5	3	18
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	11
Arson	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL-PART I</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>			
Liquor laws	1	0	7
Vandalism/criminal mischief	0	1	8
Weapons offenses	1	2	4
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	1	3	4
DUI	1	0	12
Disorderly conduct	1	2	21
All other offenses	6	6	42
<b>Total-PART II</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (P1&amp;P2)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>176</b>
Adult arrests	13	10	90
Juvenile arrests	0	0	3
Total arrests	13	10	93
Incidents/calls	336	330	2719
Animal complaints	1	1	5
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	12	8	90
<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>98</b>
Domestic complaints	2	1	17
Juvenile contacts/complaints	1	0	5
Miscellaneous reports	237	249	2038
Police reports filed	99	81	681
False alarms	3	4	40
Public nuisance/disturbances	4	4	22
Suspicious person/incidents	9	12	70
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	3	3	25
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	2	3	21
Non-reportable accidents	11	8	62
Traffic stops conducted	88	66	672
Traffic citations	70	35	365
Non-traffic citations	4	4	30
Parking tags	177	162	1236
<b>GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>8367</b>



# Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

## Edgewood VFD: By the Numbers

As of October, here's how our year is shaping up:

- **564 calls so far this year**
- **53 calls in September**
- **Averaging 1.86 calls per day**
- **Projected to hit 679 calls by year-end**
- **5.5 members respond per call**, with **4.2 members on an apparatus**

## Member Spotlight: Lt. Eric Nielsen



This month, we're proud to highlight Morris Avenue resident Lt. Eric Nielsen, who has been a dedicated member of the EVFD since June

2022. Here's more about Eric:

*What inspired you to become a firefighter?* "It wasn't really on my radar until the morning of June 27, 2022, when my neighbor's house caught fire. I witnessed the swift response of the EVFD and immediately wanted to get involved."

*A memorable call or experience?* "Every call has an impact, but recently I helped deliver a baby in traffic on 376—it was a beautiful moment I'll never forget."

*What do you enjoy most about serving the community?* "Getting to know Edgewood and engaging with residents while giving back is a huge part of why I joined."

*Something surprising about you?* "I'm not a full-time firefighter. I work a 9-5 like most of our members."

*Advice for those considering joining?* "If you're interested, dive in. It's not easy, but it's incredibly rewarding. We provide comfort in people's worst moments, and that's what the EVFD is all about."

*If you're interested in joining the EVFD or want to learn more about what we do, we'd love to hear from you! Visit us at [www.edgewoodfire.org](http://www.edgewoodfire.org).*

## Ways to keep your home safe this winter

As the colder months approach and furnaces are switched on, we want to remind everyone about the potential dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) and the importance of having working CO detectors in your home. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can be deadly. To ensure your safety, please take the following precautions:

1. **Install and maintain CO detectors** on each level of your home, particularly near sleeping areas.
2. **Test your CO detectors regularly** to confirm they are working properly. If the alarm sounds, do not ignore it—call 911 immediately.
3. **Be aware of CO poisoning symptoms**, which include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. Exposure can be fatal, so please take any warning signs seriously.
4. **Schedule an annual furnace check** with a qualified specialist to ensure it's functioning safely and efficiently.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department at [Hello@edgewoodfire.org](mailto:Hello@edgewoodfire.org). We're here to help.*

## ANNUAL LUMINARIA SALE

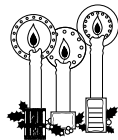
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at the Borough Building front desk or message them on Facebook,  
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Luminaria are to be lit and placed outside on Christmas Eve  
for a beautiful community display.

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



Cash or check  
will be accepted

See order form on page 12.

## Santa Around the Neighborhood

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7, as Santa makes his way through Edgewood—on a fire truck! Starting at 2 p.m., Santa will be making stops around the neighborhood, coinciding with other holiday events, including the Scout Tree Sale at Koenig Field.

Be sure to stick around for Light Up Edgewood, where Santa will help light the tree and be available for photos. It's a perfect opportunity to make a day of it and enjoy the holiday spirit with family and friends!

Stay safe this winter and thank you  
for your continued support of the  
Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.



# SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

## Urban Jungle of Regent Square

Our November/December 'Spotlight' feature is Urban Jungle of Regent Square, an eclectic plant store located on South Braddock Ave. We reached out to business owner, Dalene Stangl, to find out more about this intriguing little shop, which is "a combination plant store, local artisans, and master upcyclers. It has six areas housing different plant types including tropicals, bonsai, air plants, cacti, succulents, and miniatures. The works of 25+ artisans provide a selection of unique gifts and home décor." You may want to add this stop to your holiday shopping trip or plan a visit to keep away any winter doldrums.

Ms. Stangl, who resides nearby in the east end of the city, was a university professor for 25 years, teaching statistical science. Then she saw an opportunity in our slice of the popular Regent Square business district. The store is a retirement hobby, inspired by a love of plants, material reuse, creativity and philanthropy. Also of note, Urban Jungle of Regent Square is an LLC, but functions as a nonprofit with proceeds going to local charities. She hopes that UJRS can "provide the community a shopping option, provide a space for learning communities, and just be a fun place to relax and browse."

"I love everything about the neighborhood...But what I love most are the residents. There is not a day that goes by in which I don't have stimulating conversations with customers. What an exceptional enclave!"



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# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



**Edgewood Foundation**

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## Light Up Night, 2024

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
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](mailto:lightupnight@edgewoodfoundation.org).



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### ❄️ SAVE THE DATE ❄️

#### Progressive Dinner • Saturday, February 22, 2025!

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

*We always need homes to host each part of the evening- please consider hosting!*

*Call if you have any questions: 412-897-4296*



### 2025 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, February 22, 6-11 p.m. \$45 per person  
RSVP by February 13.

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](http://Edgewoodfoundation.org) or by check made out to **Edgewood Foundation** by February 13, 2025.

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

*All guests must be age 21 or over to attend.*



#### Holiday Concert

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday celebration concert will take place on Light Up Night, Saturday December 7 at 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Bring the family and share your holiday season with mezzo-soprano soloist Amanda Russo Stante. We invite you to experience this festive concert of seasonal favorites, sparkling surprises, and the ever-popular Holiday Sing-Along, guaranteed to put you and your family in the holiday spirit.

Tickets are available at the ESO website [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

#### Board Opening

The ESO is also looking for community volunteers to join its Board of Directors. If you're interested in finding out more go

to the Get Involved section on their website, [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is one of Pittsburgh's leading community orchestras with over 70 musically diverse, skilled volunteer musicians.



#### Edgewood Foundation to host "Art in Edgewood" at FPCE

Art lovers are invited to peruse and even purchase works by our talented local artists. There will be art in many styles and formats for everyone to enjoy. Maybe you've never stepped into our neighborhood church. This is your opportunity to check out the beautiful window from the inside or talk with the docent to get the history of their sanctuary carvings, paintings, and window design. Snack and beverages will be served from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. This is a no cost event. Just stop by and enjoy.

#### Free Pasta Dinner

Join us November 6 at 6 p.m. for Deacons-sponsored spaghetti dinner in our Social Room for fellowship and lots of delicious carbs. All are welcome at no cost.

#### Soup with St. Nick

Our free community meals on the first Wednesday of the month will continue with something special in December—bring the kids to hear the story of Saint Nicholas, then have some homemade soups and breads for family dinner. Join us on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. in the Social Room. All are welcome!

#### Christmas Eve Service

Take part in a traditional candlelight service on December 24 at 8 p.m. to celebrate the Lord's Supper together! (with possible ASL interpretation)

For more information visit [www.fpcedgewood.org](http://www.fpcedgewood.org).

## Time To Sell Your Home?

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## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

### Koenig Field- Off-Season Info

Reservations for the field and tennis/pickleball courts are accepted from April 1–November 15. The tennis/pickleball courts, restrooms and water fountains are closed to the public outside of the dates listed above. Other areas of the field may still be used for off-season personal and recreational use.

### Soccer ‘thank you’

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

This league is for boys and girls in Kindergarten\* through Grade 8 (\*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 no more than 80 kids per Division (the exact number of teams is partially dependent on coach availability and will be determined during the registration process). This is to allow adequate gym time for all teams, and the best experience for all participants. Anyone who still wishes to sign up once we have reached capacity will be wait-listed.

Draft: The draft takes place on a Saturday in mid to late December, by age division, and is an opportunity to

ensure that teams are evenly matched by skill level. The regular season begins in early January. Practices will take place one weeknight evening each week. Games are held Saturday mornings, according to Division.

**\*\*Due to construction at the Edgewood STEAM Academy, we are not able to use the facilities there. For the 2025 season, practices and games will take place at Dickson Intermediate.**

The fee for this league is \$70. T-shirts will be provided. Registration opens Monday, October 28 and ends Friday, December 6. 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/447308>.

### WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers, especially coaches! Basketball experience is not required, we just need good role models role model 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](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com).*

### Men’s Basketball

Men’s Basketball meets on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m., 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/447309>

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

### 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/456269>

This information, along with any updates throughout the season, will also be available on our webpage, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. If you would like to help coach (Clearances are required), or for any questions about the league, please contact Abigail at [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com), or by phone at 412-242-4824, ext 217.



## Edgewood Garden Club/Shade Tree Committee

Check out what’s taking root in Edgewood and our Regent Square communities!

Join garden minded people for planning, planting, and maintenance of our green spaces. We will also have workshops and social events where you can meet your neighbors and get help with your own yard. This group would also function as part of the Edgewood Shade Tree Committee, ensuring our tree canopy stays full and healthy. We will work to emphasize native plantings and to educate about their suitability for wildlife and the general health of the environment. So please join us as we work to improve our Edgewood and Regent Square communities.

*To find out more, and receive emails regarding upcoming meetings, sign up at [EdgewoodSTC@gmail.com](mailto:EdgewoodSTC@gmail.com).*



*Volunteers Merrill Marcovsky, Evan Burbridge, Matt Huehn, and Gary Geiger help tend Memorial Park. Flannel not required!!*

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## Fun at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

### Election Day Bakesale

We are looking for bakers and volunteers to help with the Forest Hills Election Day Bake Sale to be held at the Westinghouse Lodge. Sign-ups are available at both Edgewood and Forest Hills libraries, by contacting Jennifer Bell at [bellj2@ccmellorlibrary.org](mailto:bellj2@ccmellorlibrary.org), or by calling 412-436-2390 on days that the FH branch is open.

### Minecraft Mob

CCM Edgewood from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on November 16. Experience your favorite game IRL at the library with crafts, games, snacks, and more in stations around the children's room at CCM Edgewood. Whether you're a Minecraft noob or a pro, we'll have plenty of stations around the library to keep you entertained IRL!

### 2024 Arts & Crafts Fair

Edgewood Club Ballroom on December 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A perfect place to shop locally and find that one-of-a-kind item for everyone on your list. Local jewelers, potters, photographers, metalworkers etc. will all have their work at hand.

### Greens Sale

Specialty wreaths, roping, or center pieces for your holiday table, support the library as you decorate your home. Place your orders through the month of December and pick up your greens at the Arts & Crafts Fair on December 7. More info to come at [ccmellorlibrary.org](http://ccmellorlibrary.org).

### City Critters: Coyotes

CCM Edgewood on December 12 at 6 p.m. Join local environmental educator, Char Ross, on for a talk on coyotes and how they've become more and more of a city critter! For teens and adults.

### "Squonking" in the Library Part 1

CCM Forest Hills on December 14 at 11 a.m. Through rhythmic games, instrument building and sound connection, you'll experience making music with Squonkers Lindsay Herring and T-Funk Tony Thomas.

### "Squonking" in the Library Part 2

CCM Forest Hills on January 11 at 11 a.m. Unleash Your Creativity with Rube Goldberg Machines and Squonk! Join Squonkers Lindsay Herring and Mia Taylor for an exciting workshop where science meets art! Kids aged 6-13 will dive into the world of Rube Goldberg Machines, learning how to harness the flow of energy, using everyday objects, to create quirky, complex contraptions with chain reactions.

Our full slate of regular programs will continue including Baby Talk, Family Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Tween Club, Teen Group, Makerspace Monday, The Wanderers, Forest Hills Social Hour, Knitting Group, Conversation Salon, Fourth Tuesday Book Club, Century Book Club, Rainbow Readers Book Club, Great Outdoors Book Club, Mahjong, and Crafting Circle.

### A message from CCM's new social work intern!



Hi everybody, I'm Inessa Kiefer! I'm C.C. Mellor's newest resource, the Social Work intern. I am currently a senior pursuing my bachelor's degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh.

When I'm not at the library, you'd probably find me at a concert or reading a fluffy rom com. I was born and raised in New York City. I love my dog, chai lattes (with oat milk and vanilla of course), the color green, volunteering, and anything dealing with the community!

You can catch me at the library during my hours on site or email me at [kieferi@einetwork.net](mailto:kieferi@einetwork.net).

My hours are Tuesday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

At both circulation desks in the library, I have a services request form which will give me a brief description of the services/resources that you're looking for. I can be of assistance in areas of family services, employment, housing, food security, education, mental health, health, and more.

Please don't hesitate to reach out (in person, services request form, email, or leaving a message with the library), I'm always happy to help!

## Boy Scout Troop 23/ Cub Scout Pack 23

Our annual tree sale will be happening at Koenig Field starting November 30 from 12-7 p.m., and continuing weekends in December. In December, trees can be purchased on Saturdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sundays 12-7 p.m. The sale will continue until sold-out; therefore the end date may vary. 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** is always welcoming new members to join the fun! Meetings are Monday nights at 6:30 during the school year. For more information, email [edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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Koenig Field, Edgewood  
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Saturdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. &  
Sundays 12-7 p.m. through  
December or until sold out

## Swissvale Senior Center

The Swissvale Senior Center located under the Swissvale Library at 7350 McClure Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218 is operated by Eastern Area Adult Services and is open to anyone living in Allegheny County over the age of 60, and it is free to join. The hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served each day with an advance reservation.

Volunteers are always needed to help in the senior center by serving lunch, teaching a class, or by bringing/sharing new ideas to the center. Volunteers are also needed to help deliver meals to those that are homebound through the Home Delivered Meal program.

Interested in learning more about the Swissvale Senior Center or how to become a volunteer, give us a call at 412-824-6880



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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Robotics Program and Competition

The Woodland Hills School District has partnered with multiple school districts in Western Pennsylvania as well as Special Olympics Pennsylvania to develop a unified robotics program and competition. On Wednesday, September 18, educators from those school districts met at Woodland Hills High School for a day of professional development that focused on how to build and develop the programs in each of their school districts.



The unified robotics program pairs neurotypical and neurodiverse students in a competitive yet collaborative environment, all while developing their skills as communicators, engineers, problem solvers, and more. Each team features a mix of regular education and special education students as they work together to score as many points as they can on VEX Robotics' VEX IQ Competition Rapid Relay field. Woodland Hills has partnered with VEX Robotics over the past three years to integrate a K-12 robotics curriculum into the district and to launch after-school clubs like the middle school competitive robotics team at Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy, the Mother-Daughter Robotics Club at Rankin Community Center, and a VEX IQ elementary competitive robotics team that is new this school year.

The goal is to provide an environment that promotes respect, empathy, and collaboration between students with and without special needs, all while fostering a fun and competitive atmosphere. All students are welcome, and no experience is necessary to be part of the program. The September training introduced other districts to the robotics kits and the process of forming a team. The schools will meet on December 13 for a friendly competition.

## Woodland Hills Renovations Update

Renovations are ongoing at Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy. The Woodland Hills School District is in the midst of Phase One of the project, which is focused on the exterior of the building. Phase One includes the installation of a security vestibule at the main entrance of the building, which will increase the safety and security of students and staff; the construction of a bus turn-around on Maple Avenue to enhance student and pedestrian safety and improve traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal; repairs to the brick and underlying support structure on the exterior of the building; repairs to the roof; and replacement of windows. The district is also installing a new HVAC system throughout the building.

Phase Two of the renovations would focus on the interior of the building and will be discussed at future district board meetings. The district appreciates the patience and understanding of families, students, staff, and the community during the renovation process, which is expected to continue throughout the school year.

## Advertising and Publishing Requests

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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### NOVEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 4 & 18, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

**Refuse:** 4, 11, 18, 25

**Recycling:** 11, 25

**Borough Office Closed:** 28, 29

**An Afternoon of Art:** 2

**FPCE Free Pasta Dinner:** 6

**Scout Tree Sale:** 30 (through December)



### DECEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 2 & 16, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

**Refuse:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Recycling:** 9, 23

**Borough Office Closed:** 25

**Soup with Saint Nick:** 4

**Santa Around the Neighborhood:** 7

**Arts and Crafts Fair:** 7

**ESO Holiday Concert:** 7

**Light-up Edgewood:** 7

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Fax..... 412-242-4027

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Tuesday and Friday ..... 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Recreation

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

### Tax Office

Jordan Tax Service ..... 724-731-2311

### Wage Taxes

Keystone Collections..... 724-978-0300

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

Any unpaid 2024 Edgewood Borough real estate tax is due at penalty and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector at 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 the Borough of Edgewood.

The 2024 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 January 31, 2025 and the final installment due March 31, 2025. 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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