

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2025 Budget Highlights

The general fund budget represents an important directive for the operations of the Borough for the coming year and beyond. The borough is required by law to pass a balanced budget on or before December 31 each year. Fortunately, the borough is positioned to end the year on a positive note with a small surplus projected into 2025. The approved and balanced general fund budget for 2025 is \$6,363,001. This is a substantial increase over the 2024 budget of \$3,952,342. Nearly all of the \$2.4 million increase is due to capital projects and their associated (grant) revenues and expenses paid from the general fund. Interest dividends and small increases in property and income tax collections make up about \$200,000 of that additional \$2.4 million.

Borough Council approved a balanced budget that held property taxes steady at 7.185 mills on December 16, 2024. The borough's property tax rate remains unchanged since 2016. Property taxes are the largest revenue source for the Borough and are projected to generate \$1,903,907 in 2025. One mill generates \$270,391 in revenue. The average assessed value of all properties in the borough is \$169,000 according to Allegheny County Department of Real Estate. Using that assessed value, a homeowner will pay \$1,218 in property taxes to the borough and \$4,580 to Woodland Hills School District. Allegheny County's 36% millage increase (from 4.73 to 6.43 mills) works out to \$1,090, up from \$822 under the prior millage rate.

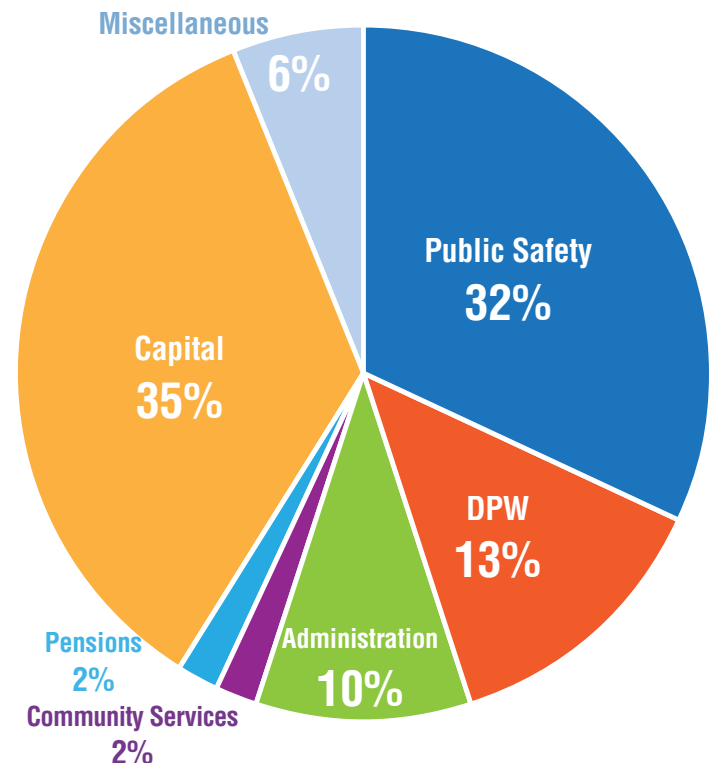
The second largest revenue source is the Earned Income Tax. This is a 1% tax on gross wages, net profits and other income earned by Borough residents. The 1% tax is split between the Borough (0.5%) and the School District (0.5%).

Combined, current and delinquent earned income tax collections are expected to generate almost \$900,000 in revenue for 2025.

As with every year, Borough Council must make difficult spending decisions. They provided funding to CC Mellor Library in the amount of \$48,800 for 2025. Funding to the library has steadily risen from \$38,500 in 2020. Just over \$950,000 is being allocated to capital work including a full reconstruction of Elmer Street, work on replacing the Koenig Field staircase to Garland Street and relocating a storm sewer on McKay Street. Other capital projects including rehabili-

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2024 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



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tating the borough building parking lot, drainage work in Koenig Field, and traffic improvements are being funded by almost \$1 million in state grants. Capital spending in the 2025 budget accounts for nearly 35% of all expenditures.

The \$1.75 million police department accounts for 32% of total general fund expenditures. The 2025 budget covers wages and benefits for 10 full time police officers and police chief. Less than 1% of the budget is considered discretionary funding and those extra funds were applied towards additional officer trainings, technology upgrades, and future capital expenses. The department will not receive a new police vehicle in 2025, eliminating an expense of almost \$65,000.

The \$853,800 public works department accounts for 21% of total general fund expenditures. The 2025 allocation includes a \$350,000 set aside for repairs in 2026 to the retaining walls and road surface (Monongahela Alley) atop the Nine Mile Run culvert running parallel to Greendale Avenue. A preliminary engineering estimate puts the cost to rehabilitate this structure at \$900,000. The borough will seek additional public funds in 2025 to offset some of those costs.

Remaining expenditures cover the wages and benefits for four employees and part time workers, as well as a variety of consumables. The borough will purchase 200 tons of rock salt under a statewide cooperative purchasing contract totaling \$17,000. Council also approved a capital transfer of \$30,000 for equipment replacement.

The borough's 2025 general fund pension obligations amount to \$155,000, unchanged from 2024. The Borough is required by state law to contribute \$155,000 to its police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long-term viability. Anticipated state aid in the amount of \$135,000 helps offset this liability. The borough owes approximately \$8,000 on 20-year loans taken out in 2005 to fund major sanitary sewer repairs on Race Street. These loans will be satisfied in the first quarter of 2025 thereby eliminating all of the borough's debt service payments.

The borough's \$1.4 million sewer fund contains allocations for improvements required under our administrative consent order and ongoing maintenance. A \$100,000 ALCOSAN grant and federal infrastructure funds will cover the cost of the required improvements. Ongoing maintenance costs will be paid for by surcharge revenue. Edgewood levies a surcharge of \$5.70 per every 1,000 gallons of water consumed. This revenue can only be applied to expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the borough's sanitary sewer system. Borough Council last raised the surcharge in 2021 from \$4.70 to \$5.70.

Overall, the 2025 budget addresses the borough's immediate and near-term needs without raising taxes. It also funds vital capital projects and maintains savings for future projects without borrowing.

From The Manager's Desk

2025 Parking Permits

Permits are on sale now. On-street resident and visitor permits are \$35 each. Off-street borough parking lot permits cost \$100. All permits are valid for the calendar year and must be renewed annually. They can be purchased in person at the borough building or online at www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-parkingpermits.htm.

Violators of the borough's overnight on-street parking ban can be fined up to \$35 for each occurrence.

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.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks and curb in a condition free of cracks, holes or other unsafe conditions like unevenness. As the temperature warms and spring nears, please take a moment to inspect your sidewalk and plan to have it repaired or replaced if it shows signs of deterioration.

Capital Projects for 2025 and Beyond

We're embarking on an ambitious and extensive capital construction program over the next 12-24 months. Projects include:

- Full depth reconstruction of Elmer Street from Dewey to Walnut, including installation of new storm sewers and tree pits.
- Replacing traffic signals on S. Braddock Avenue from West Hutchinson to Roslyn Street in Swissvale (multi-municipal project).
- Reconstructing the traffic island at Maple Avenue and Brinton Road.
- Geotechnical study and bidding of Koenig Field staircase.
- Rehabilitation of the municipal complex parking lot, sidewalks, entryway and storm sewers.
- Relocating McKay Street storm sewer 10" line.
- Drainage improvements and sanitary sewer overflow management in Koenig Field
- Lining and open cut repairs to approximately 5,000' of sanitary sewer line to meet the borough's sanitary sewer source flow reduction requirements under the Phase II Consent Order Agreement.
- Full length rehabilitation of Monongahela Alley/Nine Mile Run Culvert including raking and shotcreting the retaining wall, repaving, and new parapet walls/curbs and guiderails (2026 construction).

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Solid Waste and Recycling Information

Starting January 2, 2025, Edgewood Borough's waste and recycling services will be provided by BIG's Sanitation. Trash and recycling will be collected on **Thursdays**. Recycling is collected every other week and glass can be recycled at the borough building. Glass is not permitted in curbside recycling. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for the 2025 collection schedule.

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 BIG's Sanitation customer service at 724-379-4331. 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, or email: service@biggsanitation.com.

Residents will receive a quarterly bill from Jordan Tax Service for solid waste and recycling services. The 2025 service rate is \$79 per quarter. Bills can be paid online, over the phone, or by mail.



TREE RECYCLING

County Christmas Tree Recycling Program

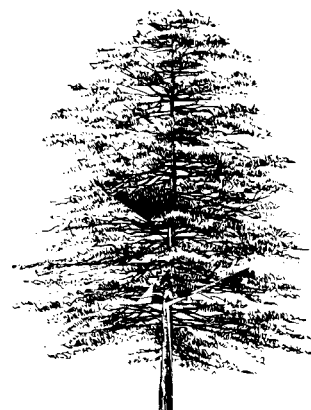
The Allegheny County Parks Department is offering its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program this holiday season. Each year, over 3,000 trees are received and recycled, with the resulting mulch throughout the 12,000+ acres of the Allegheny County Parks.

All lights, decorations, tinsel and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

Christmas tree recycling will be available from Tuesday, December 26, 2024, through Sunday, January 14, 2025, at all county parks from 8:00 am until dusk.

2025 Tree Recycling Locations

PARK	DROP-OFF LOCATION
Boyce Park	Soccer Fields Parking Lot
Deer Lakes Park	Veterans Shelter Parking Lot
Harrison Hills Park	Parking Lot at Chipmunk Drive & Cottontail Drive
Hartwood Acres Park	Middle Road Parking Lot
North Park	Swimming Pool Parking Lot
Round Hill Park	Alfalfa Shelter Parking Lot
Settlers Cabin Park	Park Administration Office
South Park	Brightstar Shelter Lot
White Oak Park	Chestnut Shelter Parking Lot



Edgewood Borough Police Department



*Building Relationships,
One Cup at a Time*

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.

Details to come on 'Coffee with a Cop' at the Edgewood Club in March!



Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Santa had a ride around Edgewood with the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.

Thanks to all the community members who came out to say hello!



POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	SEP	OCT	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	1	1	11
Burglary	1	0	0
Larceny/theft			
Shoplifting	3	3	46
Other	2	2	22
Motor vehicle theft	1	1	13
Arson	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I	7	7	92
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	1	0	8
Vandalism/criminal mischief	1	2	11
Weapons offenses	0	1	5
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	0	0	4
DUI	0	1	13
Disorderly conduct	0	1	22
All other offenses	4	5	51
Total-PART II	6	10	114
GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)	13	17	206
Adult arrests	2	9	101
Juvenile arrests	0	0	3
Total arrests	2	9	104
Incidents/calls	303	357	3379
Animal complaints	1	0	6
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	9	9	108
PART I CRIMES	7	7	92
PART II CRIMES	6	10	114
Domestic complaints	0	0	17
Juvenile contacts/complaints	0	2	7
Miscellaneous reports	243	271	2552
Police reports filed	60	86	827
False alarms	2	7	49
Public nuisance/disturbances	6	3	31
Suspicious person/incidents	8	8	86
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	4	3	32
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	1	0	22
Non-reportable accidents	9	7	78
Traffic stops conducted	70	72	814
Traffic citations	22	46	433
Non-traffic citations	1	2	33
Parking tags	193	157	1576
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS	937	1056	10360

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Save the date!!!

SENIOR BRUNCH

May 4, 2025

Wine & Chocolate

November 15, 2025

Watch for more information!



**Edgewood Symphony Orchestra
Concert**

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra has an upcoming concert on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. This stunning program will highlight the ESO's principal flutist Peggy Greb and includes two world premieres by local composers Robert Schultz and Andrew Kohn. You will also experience the magical quality of Edvard Grieg's Peer Gynt and Brahms' magnificent Fourth Symphony.

The concert will take place at the Agnes and Joseph Katz Performing Arts Center, Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, 5738 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh PA 15217.

More details and tickets are available at the ESO website www.edgewoodsymphony.org.

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**Edgewood Foundation 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 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.



EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Koenig Field- Off-Season Info

Reservations for the field and tennis/pickleball courts are accepted from April 1 through 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.

We can start accepting reservations on January 6 for spring activities.

Winter Futsal

Futsal is open to boys and girls, ages 8-12. To allow for the best experience for everyone participating, registration will be limited to 20 players. The league will meet once a week on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. This time will include warm-ups/drills and scrimmage time. Due to the construction at Edgewood STEAM Academy, we will be using the gym at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, 300 E Swissvale Avenue. The fee for this sport is \$20. Registration will take place through

Teamsnap, starting December 30, using the link below. Registration will be accepted until all spots are filled. <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, 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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Financial Workshops:

Financial Workshop for First-time Homebuyers

Learn how to shop for a home, navigate loan options and plan for down payment and closing costs from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1 at CCM Forest Hills. Experts cover everything from credit to closing. Grants available for down payments in some areas. Breakfast and lunch provided. Those interested should register through NeighborWorks.

How to Avoid Getting Scammed

Join Aaron Thomas, a financial advisor from Edward Jones at 5:30 p.m. on February 20 at CCM Edgewood for a presentation on how to avoid getting scammed.

All about Nature:

Greenhouses in the Gilded Age

Join us for a presentation by Lori McDermott at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6 at CCM Forest Hills all about the glorious greenhouses of Pittsburgh's Gilded Age. Refreshments will be served.

Native Plant Winter Sowing Workshop

Workshop

Learn about native planting in the southwestern PA region, as well as take some winter seeds to start your garden with. Join May Torpey from Protect PT from 6-7:30 p.m. on February 13 at CCM Edgewood.

Gardening for Stormwater Mitigation

Join the Forest Hills Environmental Advisory Council at 2 p.m. on Saturday March 5 at CCM Forest Hills for a presentation by John Buck to learn about the ways that gardening can control the flow of stormwater.

Fun for Teens & Adults:

Clothing Swap

Out with the old, in with the new—to you, that is! Refresh your wardrobe without worrying about price tags. Find your new favorite outfit and give your gently used clothes a new home from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on February 14 in the CCM Edgewood Fiction Room. We accept clothing of all types and sizes, for all ages. Clothes should be clean and in relatively good condition.

Fun for the Family:

Paper-craft Storytime

Learn how to make your own unique cards at CCM Forest Hills. Come enjoy a special Saturday Storytime with beginners' origami and collage on February 8 at 10:30am. For kids ages 4-8.

Tape Town

Beep! Beep! Time to play with cars! Come see the library transformed into a make-believe mini town with roads and areas to visit. We have plenty of cars to share or you can bring your own. Taking place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on February 8 at CCM Edgewood and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 1 at CCM Forest Hills!

Seeds on Saturday Storytime

Come start your garden seeds during a special Saturday Storytime and a craft at 10:30 a.m. on March 22 at CCM Forest Hills. For kids ages 4-8.

Mario Party

Wahoo! Drop in the library for a real-life Mario Party! We'll have games, crafts, challenges, and more to match your favorite levels and mini games! Join us starting at 10 a.m. on March 15 at CCM Edgewood and on March 29 at CCM Forest Hills.

Our full slate of regular programs will continue through the spring 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, Drop Dead Book Club, Great Outdoors Book Club, Mahjong, and Crating Circle.

Learn more at ccmellorlibrary.org

Trees with Roots that Stick up from the Ground

by **JAEL OLSHEFSKI** Age 5



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:

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Moonshot Grant for Unified Robotics League

The Woodland Hills School District is excited to announce that it is the recipient of Moonshot Grant from Remake Learning. The \$35,000 grant will be used for the district's Unifying Communities Through Unified Robotics project, in which it will develop and lead a regional Unified Robotics league in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Unified Robotics programs pair special education students with regular education students as they work together to score points in a game format and playing field designed by VEX Robotics. The Unified Robotics competition empowers the students to further develop their skills as communicators, engineers,

and critical thinkers, all in a competitive and collaborative environment.

Over 130 students from 12 schools throughout Western Pennsylvania took part in the first Unified Robotics competition on Friday, December 13 at Woodland Hills High School. Students from the district's Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy were joined by other students from local elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the event. The event was the capstone to the district's celebration of CSEd Week, which also included a Girls STEM Night and other activities.

Pilot Curriculum Featuring Woodland Hills Teachers

Over the summer, the Woodland Hills School District partnered with researchers from the University of Florida to co-develop curriculum centered on artificial intelligence. Woodland Hills elementary teachers have been piloting the curriculum, and the research was recently accepted to be showcased at the prestigious SIGSCE Conference in March at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. The conference is one of the global hubs of computer science education and innovation. Third grade teachers Rhonda Smith, Wendy Story, and Hannah Thompson, second grade teachers Tamika McGee and William Wilson, first grade teacher Desiree White-Price, and special education teacher Danielle McCoy all took part in the professional development over the summer. The educators will continue to pilot the curriculum through the remainder of the year.



Special opportunities and holiday celebrations

Edgewood Elementary students enjoyed some unique opportunities and seasonal celebrations throughout December leading up to the winter break. Students in the gifted program enjoyed a field trip to the Heinz History Center for the History Bowl competition yesterday. Students from all three Woodland Hills elementary buildings worked in teams to answer questions, think and write creatively, and practice problem-solving while exploring various exhibits about Pittsburgh history.

Meanwhile, the music department hosted its annual fifth grade winter concert on Tuesday, December 10, allowing Edgewood's fifth grade band, orchestra, and choir to perform for the first time this year. The Edgewood PTA hosted its annual Frosty Shop in mid-December to provide students an opportunity to shop for gifts for family members. The PTA also sponsored its

first Snow Much Fun Day with a holiday light show and arts and crafts to celebrate the final day of school before break.

Performing Arts Department kicks off string of productions with 'Little Shop of Horrors'

On December 6 and December 7, audiences witnessed the horror as carnivorous plant Audrey II came to life in the Woodland Hills High School performing arts class production of the classic "Little Shop of Horrors." This full production was directed, choreographed, costumed, and performed by students in the high school's performing arts class under the watchful eye of teachers Mr. Reid Burnes, Mr. Robert Carr, and Mrs. Alicia Scaramuzzo.

The production was the first of three major shows for the 2024-25 school year. Next up is the junior musical, "Something Rotten," which will feature middle school and high school students. The show will run from January 16 to January 18 in the high school auditorium. This year's spring musical is the hit "Hairspray," which will run from April 24 to May 3.



Construction continues on Edgewood Elementary

Work is continuing to progress on the renovations to Woodland Hills' Edgewood Elementary. The school board accepted bids in November to replace the seats in the auditorium and install new lockers in areas of the building. Both projects will be done outside of school hours in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends to minimize disruption to the school day. Windows, HVAC, and exterior renovations will continue into 2025.

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Safety is a basic human right. Understanding the array of tools we can use—both inherent strengths of our bodies and items we typically keep close at hand—can help us maintain safety and improve our confidence to move through our everyday lives. *Regardless of what we do or don't do, it's important to recognize that the ONLY person at fault for harassment and assault is the person perpetrating that act.*

Situational awareness is about giving yourself time and distance to react. Technology such as cell phones and headphones can detract from our situational awareness by occupying our senses that would otherwise pick up important cues in our environment. The sooner we notice something, the more time, distance, and options we have to react to it, including walking/running away, yelling, and calling for help.

There are a variety of ways that **technology can be a benefit**. For example, specialty apps and features can provide quick access to emergency calling without having to manually dial a number. Dialing a phone requires use of fine motor skills, which function best when we are at ease. Smartphones are designed with shortcuts that allow you to make an emergency call—either to 911 or to trusted friends or family members—with just a swipe or simple click movements, actions that involve gross motor

skills that are easier to carry out when we are anxious or frightened. Learn how to access the shortcuts on your phone by Googling «emergency call» plus your phone type (e.g. «emergency call iPhone»).

Maintaining our sense of hearing is also an important part of our situational awareness toolkit. Consider using just one earbud when walking outside so that you can still hear someone (or something, like a dog!) approaching from behind. Other options include using open-ear headphones or turning on features that amplify background noise.

Don't underestimate the power of your voice. Yelling NO or STOP sets a clear boundary and conveys a lack of consent. It can startle a person and draw attention to what they're doing, and it can send a message to anyone nearby who might be able to assist. Statistically speaking, 84% of random harassment and assault STOPS if we start to yell and make it potentially uncomfortable for the other person. Practicing yelling and saying no can seem silly, but it's an im-

portant and effective way to build our vocal muscles!

Keeping your head up is fundamental to the self-defense options that we teach. Holding your head up—nose pointed forward and not down toward the ground—structurally aligns your posture and your weight, solidly grounding you and allowing you to more easily walk, run, or change directions without falling. You can pick up cues in your environment, and having your head up can give you confidence to voice your needs. Consider it your Power Stance!

Effective physical resistance uses the strongest parts of our bodies to impact inherently weak points on an attacker. When seeking physical resistance training, look for programs that will teach you how to maximize your impact regardless of the size or physical fitness of the attacker.

And don't forget, all of the above also helps us to serve as an **active bystander** in the event that someone in our community needs support.

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Scouting (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 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.



Cub Scout Pack 23

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, 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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JANUARY

Council Meetings: 6 & 20, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Recycling: 9, 23

Borough Office Closed: 1, 20

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 3 & 18*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

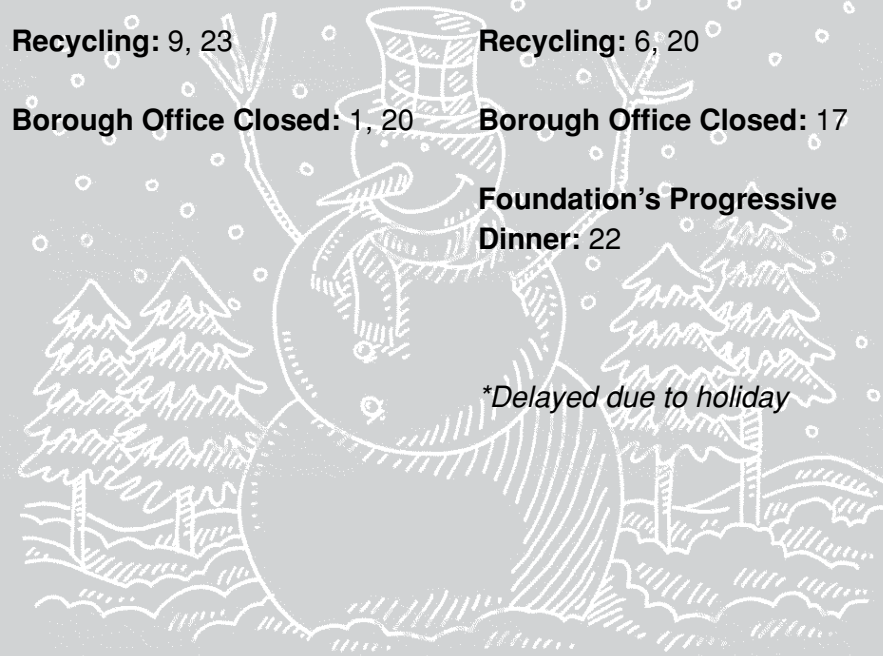
Refuse: 6, 13, 20, 27

Recycling: 6, 20

Borough Office Closed: 17

Foundation's Progressive Dinner: 22

**Delayed due to holiday*



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Ralph Sinnamond 412-242-4824, ext. 219

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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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2025

LEGEND

- Trash
- Recycling
- Holiday

NOTES

Solid waste will be collected every Thursday. Recycling will be picked up on the same day as your solid waste on the blue highlighted days. Holidays are highlighted in red. Please note that collection days will be delayed if the collection falls on a holiday.

EDGEWOOD TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE