

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2023 Budget Highlights

The general fund budget represents an important directive for the operations of the Borough for the coming year. Borough staff and council members created the 2023 budget with a focus on meeting expenses without raising taxes. Economic uncertainty coupled with rising inflation and materials costs heavily influenced spending decisions. The approved and balanced general fund budget for 2023 is \$4,028,787. This is an increase of 10.2 % (\$375,413) from the approved 2022 budget of \$3,653,374.

A draft 2023 budget was prepared by the borough manager and reviewed by the general government committee throughout September and October of 2022. A budget meeting was held on November 12, 2022 where borough council reviewed several versions of the 2023 budget. Council approved a balanced budget that held property taxes steady at 7.185 mills on December 5, 2022. The 2023 property tax rate remains 7.185 mills, unchanged since 2016. Property taxes are the largest revenue source (47%) for the Borough and are projected to generate \$1,891,505 in 2023. One mill generates approximately \$261,000 in revenue. On average, a home owner will pay about \$1,193 in property taxes to the borough and \$4,484 to the school district.

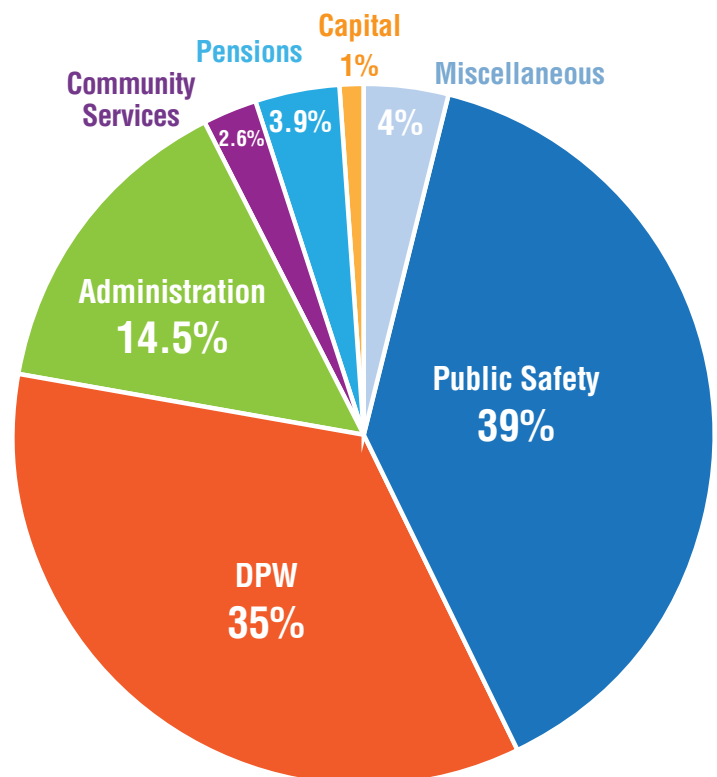
The second largest revenue source is the Earned Income Tax. This is a 1% tax on gross wages, net profits and other income earned by Borough residents. The 1% tax is split between the Borough (0.5%) and the School District (0.5%). Current and delinquent earned income tax revenue in 2023 is expected to be \$785,000. Earned income tax revenue represents approximately 19% of the borough's revenue. Fees, state

allocations, grants and other taxes constitute the remaining 34% of the borough's anticipated 2023 revenue.

The borough was forced to make several difficult spending decisions in this budget. Increases in health care costs, liability and workers compensation premiums, and raw materials reduced expenditures in other categories. For example, Borough Council decided against replacing a police vehicle in 2023 because the price jumped from \$46,000 in 2022 to \$55,000 in 2023. But, council fulfilled the CC Mellor Library's request for additional funding in 2023; committing

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2023 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES





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.



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to a \$44,000 donation for operations. Donations to the library have steadily risen from \$38,500 in 2020 and account for 1% of all borough expenditures. Other capital items were reduced or delayed altogether to keep spending in line with expected revenues.

The \$1.43 million police department accounts for 35% of total general fund expenditures. The 2023 budget covers wages and benefits for nine full time police officers and police chief. Just over 1% of the budget is discretionary and those extra funds were applied towards additional officer trainings, new officer testing and hiring needs, and buying new first aid gear.

The \$1 million public works department accounts for 24% of total general fund expenditures. The 2023 allocation includes the aforementioned \$400,000 road paving program and wages and benefits for four employees. The borough will purchase 300 tons of rock salt under a statewide cooperative purchasing contract totaling \$27,000. Council also approved a capital transfer of \$30,00 for future equipment replacement. Finally, council allocated \$25,000 in funds for the implementation of a salt brine system for snow and ice control.

The borough's general fund pension and debt obligations in 2023 amount to \$273,600. The Borough is required by state law to contribute \$159,000 to its police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long-term viability. The remaining \$114,600 is for repayment of a \$1 million road paving loan which will be satisfied in 2024.

The borough owes \$74,000 on 20-year loans taken out in 2005 to fund major sanitary sewer repairs on Race Street. Annual payments of \$28,800 against these loans are made from the borough's \$1.6 million sewer fund. The primary source of revenue for this fund is the surcharge levied by the borough on every 1,000 gallons of water a resident consumes. The revenue raised by this surcharge can only be applied to expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the borough's sanitary sewer system. Borough Council approved increasing the 2021 surcharge from \$4.70 to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons used to offset maintenance costs and system upgrades.

Overall, the 2023 budget addresses the borough's immediate and near-term needs without raising taxes. It's clear that rising costs have reduced spending flexibility and forced some belt-tightening, but no significant cuts were needed to balance the budget.

To view the full 2023 budget visit <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-annual-budget.htm>.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

Cornelius Boots

Resident and musician Cornelius Boots is a certified Dai Shihan (grandmaster) of Zen shakuhachi and an award-winning composer. A lifelong woodwind performance innovator, Boots also earned three music degrees from the renowned Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University and has released over 12 albums as a leader and written over 100 compositions for under-represented instruments (bass clarinet and shakuhachi). A finalist in the 2018 World Shakuhachi Competition, he was also a featured performer or presenter that same year at the World Bamboo Congress (Xalapa), the World Shakuhachi Festival (London) and the Sony E3 Conference (LA).

A recent transplant to the neighborhood, he moved here from the San Francisco Bay area. He spent the last twenty years on the west coast, but with the rising cost of living and increasing risk of wild-fires there, he decided to find a safe and welcoming place to call home. He also longed for four distinct seasons like he experienced where he grew up, near Philadelphia. Mr. Boots decided on Edgewood after he explored the area and discovered some of the nearby amenities. The things he likes best about living here are the friendly people and the proximity to Regent Square, with its restaurants and his favorite coffee shop, plus Frick Park. He also appreciates the convenience of concerts at the Presbyterian Church.

We're happy to welcome Mr. Boots to the neighborhood. If you would like to see him perform, please check out the First Presbyterian Church article about his upcoming concert.



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 25, 2022

The Edgewood Progressive Dinner is a great way to meet new neighbors and spend time catching up with old friends.

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



SAVE THE DATE!!! Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1 (rain date, Sunday, April 2)

Join us for our annual spring Egg Hunt at Koenig Field, Saturday, April 1 (Rain date will be Sunday, April 2). Bring your own bag or basket to collect treats and prizes. We are welcoming kids ages 1 (walkers)-10 to hunt for Easter Eggs. Come and enjoy our FREE Easter Tradition!

Participating kids will be grouped into 3 timed hunts. Toddlers (1-2), Little Kids (3-6), and Big Kids (7-10).

We ask that all participants arrive at 11am to prepare for the hunt. Toddlers will be given the most time, starting at 11am. Older groups will commence a few minutes later.

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

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



2023 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, March 25, 6-11pm \$45 per person
RSVP by March 12.

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 by March 12, 2023. Paper forms may be sent to the Edgewood Borough Building, 2 Race Street.

All guests must be age 21 or over.



The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra's March 11th concert will be an exciting program of Latin American music that will be sure to be a fun audience-pleaser.

Highlighting the program will be bandoneon soloist Alejandro Pinzon playing Four Tangos by Astor Piazzolla. The bandoneon is an instrument similar in appearance to the accordion, popular in Argentina and Uruguay. The other guest artist will be Mezzo-Soprano Amanda Russo Stante singing Seven Popular Spanish Songs by Manuel De Falla. The concert will also include De Falla's fiery Three-Cornered Hat Suite II as well as pieces by Emmanuel Chabrier, Jose Pablo Moncayo, and Alberto Ginastera.

For 35 years the ESO has provided great music to our community and we hope that you will plan to attend this lively performance. The concert will be at the JCC in Squirrel Hill.

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

Annual Edible Plant Sale

2023 Starter Plants Sale for Veggies and Herbs Begins Now!

From our grower:

It's time to choose and place your 2023 herb and veggie plants order, fellow gardeners! Hope you had a productive 2022 growing season. All plants will be of good size to transplant into your garden. Thank you again for pre-paying, to cover up-front costs. **The deadline for ordering and pre-paying online is February 13, 2023.** This enables early seed ordering, ensuring you get what you want!

Here's how to choose and order plants:

1. First, use this list and descriptions of **2023 Herbs & Veggies** to inform your plant choices, as before.
2. Begin ordering and paying right now, January 29 through February 13 at: ksandorfgallery.com/herb-and-veggie-starter-plants. No order forms to fill out and return! Easier for all of us.
3. You'll pick up your plants on one Saturday in mid-May at Koenig Field. The following day, Sunday, is the rain day (only if rain is heavy). The pickup date and times are TBD and we'll let you know.
4. After February 13 (see #2 above), seeds will be ordered. There will be extra plants available after that, but the folks who order and pay by February 13 will get first choice.
5. Plant varieties will be removed from their web page asap if/when capacity is reached.
6. Some plants, mostly tomatoes, have not been as popular as others, but some folks order them every year. Using seeds already on hand, these varieties are listed as LIMITED SUPPLY on the last page of **2023 Herbs & Veggies**, and in the drop down menu's plant names on the web page. When these plant orders reach capacity they will also be removed from their web page.

It's the best time of year to plan your garden! This grower is happy to help you.



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Concert at FPCE

Zen Shakuhachi Concert & Meditation with Grandmaster Cornelius Boots
February 5, 2023 at 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood in the Sanctuary

General \$20; Students & Seniors \$10

Advance tickets available at www.corneliusboots.com/zenshakuhachi

Zen Shakuhachi Concert & Meditation - 深禅 尺八

Edgewood resident and certified Grandmaster (dai shihan) Cornelius Boots presents the living tradition of shakuhachi—the rare bamboo flute from ancient Japanese Buddhism. The old monastic repertoire shares the program with new, robust solo compositions and arrangements that slowly emerged as the bamboo was integrated into Boots' original training as a creative jazz wood-winder in the lineage of John Coltrane, Eric Dolphy and Rahsaan Roland Kirk. Meditation, music and nature form the roots of this earthy and ephemeral performing art. Natural bore (jinashi) and larger, low-pitched flutes (bass or alto) flutes are featured on this program: they provide a strong connection—for both the player and the listener—to a deeper, almost primeval past: like echoes from the ancient days of the Earth.



EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Koenig Field Usage

We are happy to see Koenig Field continue to be a space that residents can use to maintain their physical and mental health. As the weather starts to warm up, and field usage increases, we do ask that all those using the field be respectful to one another, and to follow all field rules.

Also, to best allow fair use of the field, please make reservations in advance, especially for large groups, or recurring activities (such as organized sports leagues or classes). This can be done by emailing office@edgewoodboro.com.

Basketball 'thank-you'

Our Youth Basketball league is well under way, with 200 kids and almost 40 volunteer coaches! It's a large group, and it's been a busy season, but we're excited to see so many children staying active through the winter. We are extremely grateful to our parent volunteers, in all capacities, with a special thanks to Matt Dettore, our Courtside Coordinator. We also thank the Woodland Hills School District for the continued use of their gym. And thank you to the participating families for helping to make this a great experience for the kids.

Tee-ball/Softball

It's time again for Edgewood Tee-ball and Softball! Registration begins March 27 and ends May 5. These sports play at Koenig Field in June and July. You do not need to be an Edgewood Resident to play. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; however, bats, balls, gloves, and helmets will be available to use.

The registration fee is \$50, and can be accessed with the link below. This link can also be found on our website, Edgewood.pgh.pa.us and on our Facebook page: **Edgewood Borough Community Events**. <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/356754>

We're always looking for volunteers! This can range from helping on the field, to providing drinks or organizing snacks. Please let us know how you can help through the registration form.

Tee-ball

Tee-ball is for girls and boys ages 4-7, with the addition this year of 4 year-olds. Children should be 4 as of June 1.

Also new this year, if registration numbers allow, we are planning to break participants into two divisions:

Division 1 (4/5 year-olds), and Division 2 (6/7 year-olds). Division 1 will focus on player participation and learning basic skills. Each child gets to bat and field each inning, with all games being played from the Tee. Division 2 will build on the basics, and introduce more team-based skills, with position play, and counting of outs (no strike-outs). Depending on progression of the group, Division 2 has the potential to move to coach-pitch later in the season.

This sport will meet twice weekly; days and times are TBD. Cleats may be worn, but are not necessary. Shirts and caps will be provided.

Softball

Softball is open to girls and boys ages 7-13. This sport meets twice each week. There is typically a "spring training" during the first 2 weeks, with an additional practice. Kids are encouraged to come early for extra batting practice. Participants should wear sturdy athletic shoes or cleats. Shirts will be provided.

For questions about any of our athletic leagues, unless otherwise noted, please contact Abigail Ault at 412-242-4824, or email office@edgewoodboro.com.



EDGEWOOD RECYCLES

Republic Services asks that all recyclables be empty, clean, and dry. This means that all containers must be completely free of food, grease, or liquids. When in doubt, throw it out.

Edgewood residents can recycle flattened cardboard, paper, newsprint and mail; cleaned metal and aluminum cans; cleaned #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and clamshells. Clamshells for produce or fruits made of #1 or #2 plastic that can be rinsed clean can be recycled. Small containers (travel sized) can be recycled but must be clean. Please discard ALL containers that cannot be rinsed clean. A dirty container can contaminate the recycling stream rendering it unrecyclable.

Republic Services has stationed a large blue dumpster in the parking lot behind the Edgewood Borough building (2 Race Street), for items to be dropped off at residents' convenience. This bin is for GLASS COLLECTION ONLY and is located next to the paper collection bins.

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 land-filled. Please keep all plastic bags out of the recycling stream.

Plastics #3-#7 are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. Many common items made of plastic or metal including children's toys, household appliances and furnishings, and flatware should be discarded as trash. More examples include clothes hangers, plastic bags and wrappers, scrap metal and aluminum foil. These items are not recyclable and clog the sorting machines.

Take out containers are not recyclable. Any container made of Styrofoam, laminated paper, or plastic, even if it's #1 or #2, contaminated with food waste should be discarded as trash. Cardboard pizza boxes are not recyclable. Drinking straws, stirrers, and plastic utensils are not recyclable.

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

Boy Scout Troop 23/ Cub Scout Pack 23

Thanks to everyone who purchased a tree at the Annual Tree Sale, and helped to support your local Scouts! *Boy Scout Troop 23*

Boy Scout Troop 23

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 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Scout Pack 23

Edgewood Cub Scout 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.



SPONSORSHIP

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.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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Local Discussion on Gun Violence

Members of the Edgewood community and surrounding neighborhoods were brought together by Edgewood Councilmember Bhavini Patel and CeaseFire PA at the Edgewood Presbyterian Church for a discussion on gun violence.

The goal was to provide an open space and bring people together to foster grassroots change on an issue that is impacting everyone in our region.

"There's a lot of trauma that can be associated with being so proximate to gun violence," said Bhavini Patel, an Edgewood Borough Councilmember. "I think that it's important to have an intersectional group of people coming together to discuss the increase that we're seeing and respond in a way that addresses the root causes of violence."

Panelists for the discussion included Allan Willinger with the Edgewood Neighbors for Gun Safety, Josh Fleitman with CeaseFirePA, Linda Lennon with H.O.O.P Alliance, Dr. Raquel Forsythe who is the Director of Trauma with UPMC, Ben Reynolds who is the Chief Advanced Practice Officer at UPMC, and Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris with the Wilkinsburg Sanctuary Project for Peace.

Mayor Ryan O'Donnell, who has been a proactive advocate for local government taking action on gun violence prevention, was in attendance as well as Sergeant Fred Livingston.

Councilmember Patel will be organizing a *Stop the Bleed* training for community members in Edgewood and neighboring areas. Information will be made available as soon as details are finalized.

If anyone would like to get involved or share ideas on how to come together as a community on gun violence prevention, please reach out to Councilmember Patel at bhavini.patel04@gmail.com.



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Woodland Hills student artwork to be featured at Carnegie Museum of Art

Student artists in the Woodland Hills School District will have their works displayed at the Carnegie Museum of Art as part of the museum's prestigious International Art Show in the spring of 2023. The artwork will be on display for a two-week period beginning at some point after April 24, 2023. The exact dates are still to be determined.

"This is a pretty wild situation and the students are pretty excited," high school art teacher Ms. Saige Wagerman said. "This international show only happens every four years. It features artists from around the world. And it's an incredibly famous show that draws people in from all over the country. The fact that they get to have their art during the this show in the same building is pretty wild."

The artwork will be on display in the museum's Hall of Architecture. Submissions from students at all grade levels can be art that has already been created or art that is completed over the next few months. The works can be done in any medium, and do not have to be done as part of a class project.

Students can share their completed artworks with Ms. Wagerman, who will help arrange for the final selection process. While it's unknown at this stage how many pieces of art will be able to be included as part of the showcase, the hope is that it will feature about 30 student submissions per art teacher in the district, or about 175-200 pieces of art.

More information, including specific dates of the exhibition and how to gain admission, will be shared closer to the exhibition in the spring.

Edgewood "Read To Me" series continues with high school readers

Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy has established a "Read To Me" series that features guests who come in and read to various classrooms. In the fall, the event featured Woodland Hills administrators as well as author Karolyn Denson Landrieux, who gave first graders a copy of her latest Maxine and Beanie Book.

In December, it was time for Woodland Hills High School students to stop by Edgewood to read to the first graders. Members of the National Honor Society not only read a selection of their favorite holiday books to the classes, but they also worked on special gingerbread ornaments with them.

The "Read to Me" series will continue with more guests as the school year progresses.



Update your home library at CCM's annual book sale

Does your book collection need a boost? Ready to swap out the old and make way for the new?

C.C. Mellor's annual book sale will take place March 4 through March 7. You'll find everything from coffee table books to cookbooks, history to mystery, literary fiction to picture books and everything in between, plus DVDs, music and more. Thousands of books, most priced at \$2 or under, will be looking for new homes so you won't want to miss it!

All proceeds benefit the library.

- Friday, March 3: Preview night, \$20 admission fee. Dealers welcome.
- Saturday, March 4: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, March 5: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 6: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (fill a grocery bag for \$6)
- Tuesday, March 7: 10 a.m. to noon (fill a grocery bag for \$6)

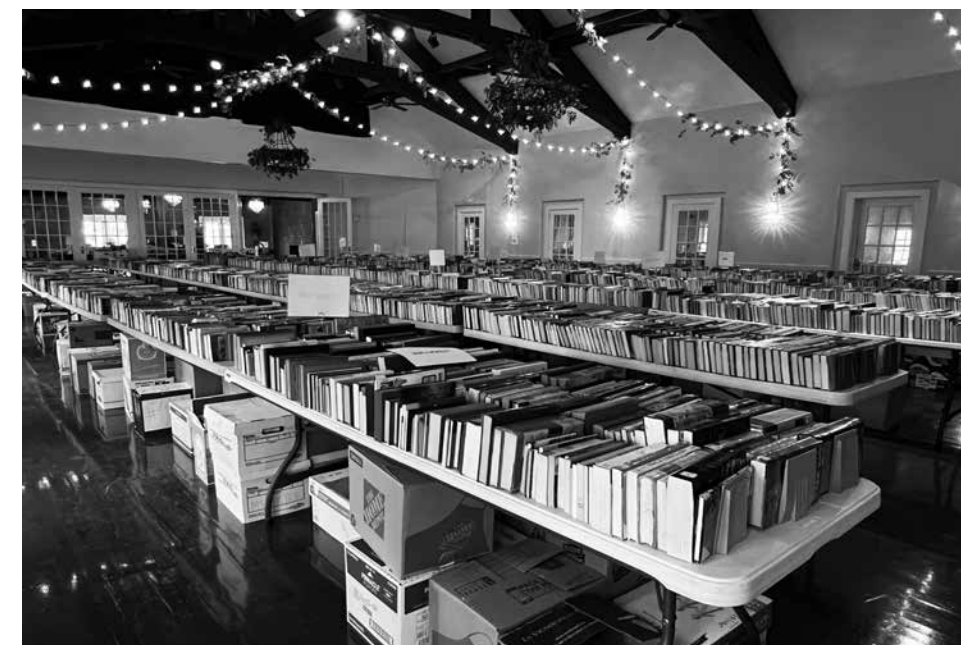
Interested in volunteering? Email Sharon Parrish at parrishs@ccmellorlibrary.org or call the library at 412-731-0909.

Interested in donating? We will be accepting donations through February 15. Items should be boxed (not bagged or loose) and in good condition, with a maximum of four boxes. We cannot accept magazines, encyclopedias, cassettes or VHS tapes.

Please call the library at 412-731-0909 to schedule your drop off. We kindly ask that you do not leave boxes in the entryway without arranging a time.

CCM's resource specialist is here to help

Thanks to a partnership between Allegheny County Library Association and the University of Pittsburgh, master's student Cassie Gaffney is



interning at CCM Edgewood through the end of April as a resource specialist. She can help people fill out applications, make phone calls, set up appointments, apply for food stamps, find shelter vacancies, conduct job and housing searches and find other information and resources. Cassie hosts open hours on the second floor at CCM Edgewood on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. She is also available by appointment. Email her at gaffneyc@aclalibraries.org.

Other programming highlights for February and March include:

History of Trains & Railroads of Western PA

David T. Kelsch will share his extensive knowledge of the region's history of trains and railroads as well as stories about his experiences as owner of The Grand River Railway, a restored independent rail line that runs from Youngstown, Ohio to Lake Erie. As a result of his efforts, the Grand River Line has been transformed from an

abandoned and dormant line into an active, revenue-producing railroad. Mr. Kelsch has completed a new book on the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroads. Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills.

Medicare 101

This free educational class will cover how and when to enroll, working past 65 and delaying Part B, what Medicare does & does not cover, your expected costs, Supplemental versus Advantage insurance, Rx drugs and the donut hole. March 18 at 10 a.m., CCM Edgewood.

Our full slate of winter programming continues through March, including Family Storytime, Baby Talk, Pajama Storytime, Makerspace Mondays, Teen Group, Tween Club, Homeschool Book Club, Picture Book Book Club, our adult book clubs, Relaxation, Meditation & Mindfulness, Conversation Salon at CCM Forest Hills and Forest Hills Social Hour.

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

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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, with 'tree art submission' and the artist's last name in the subject line.

See this issues's submission featured on back cover.

Seeking Applicants for 2023 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, that recognize our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. Two Mel Douglass Scholarships, each worth \$10,000, are available. In addition, a number of \$1,500 honorable mention scholarships are also available. This unique program, available only to Edgewood residents, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The mission of this scholarship program is to benefit Edgewood students while honoring the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass. Mel grew up here, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Before Mel passed in a 1994 airplane accident, he served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. Mel will always be remembered for the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, his unquenchable spirit, and his deep commitment to community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund, started and sustained by a group of Mel's Edgewood High School friends, has awarded scholarships annually since 2008. Over the years, Edgewood students have earned 16 Mel Douglass Scholarships and 70 honorable mention scholarships. Most of these recipients have graduated from college, are leading rewarding lives, and continuing to serve others.

The scholarships are presented each spring at the Edgewood Foundation's Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply. Over the years, more than 75% of applicants have been awarded scholarships.

To apply, please send the following information by March 31 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to freydk@gmail.com:

- Your name, address, email address, and telephone number.
- Your high school plus the college or university you plan to attend.
- A summary of your volunteer community service achievements and your perspective on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.
- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. This will be the only time before the March 31 deadline that this information will appear in the newsletter. You can also find an application form at meldouglassfund.org. If you have questions or would like to donate to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at freydk@gmail.com or 412-726-1286.

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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 6 & 21*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 2, 9, 16, 23

Recycling: 9, 23

Borough Office closed: 20

Special Election: 7

Plant order pre-sale deadline: 13

MARCH

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

Refuse: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Recycling: 9, 23

**Delayed due to holiday*

SHARE YOUR NEWS...

Proud of your new baby? Enjoyed a great vacation? Got a promotion or attended a convention? Please clip this coupon, stick it on the fridge and fill it out when you have some news to share in the Edgewood Newsletter. Photos welcome.

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Email: newsletter@edgewoodboro.com
If you have any questions call: 412-242-4824.



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Pittsburgh, PA 15218

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Email:..... inspections@edgewoodboro.com

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Jordan Tax Service 724-731-2311

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Email:..... policechief@edgewoodboro.com

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Ben Reynolds (acting) 412-242-9994

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2022 unpaid Borough of Edgewood real estate taxes were turned over to PA Municipal Services for delinquent collections. The 2023 borough millage rate remains unchanged at 7.185 mills. The 2023 borough taxes shall be mailed out on April 1st. ***If for any reason you need to update your mailing address, please contact Jordan Tax Service, Inc. at 724-731-2300 and also the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at 412-350-4100 to ensure receipt of your tax bill.***

The 2022 unpaid Woodland Hills School District real estate taxes have been turned over to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. for delinquent collections unless you have selected the Installment Option. The second installment payment was due January 31, 2023 and the final payment is due March 31, 2023. Please call Jordan Tax Service with any questions, 724-731-2300.

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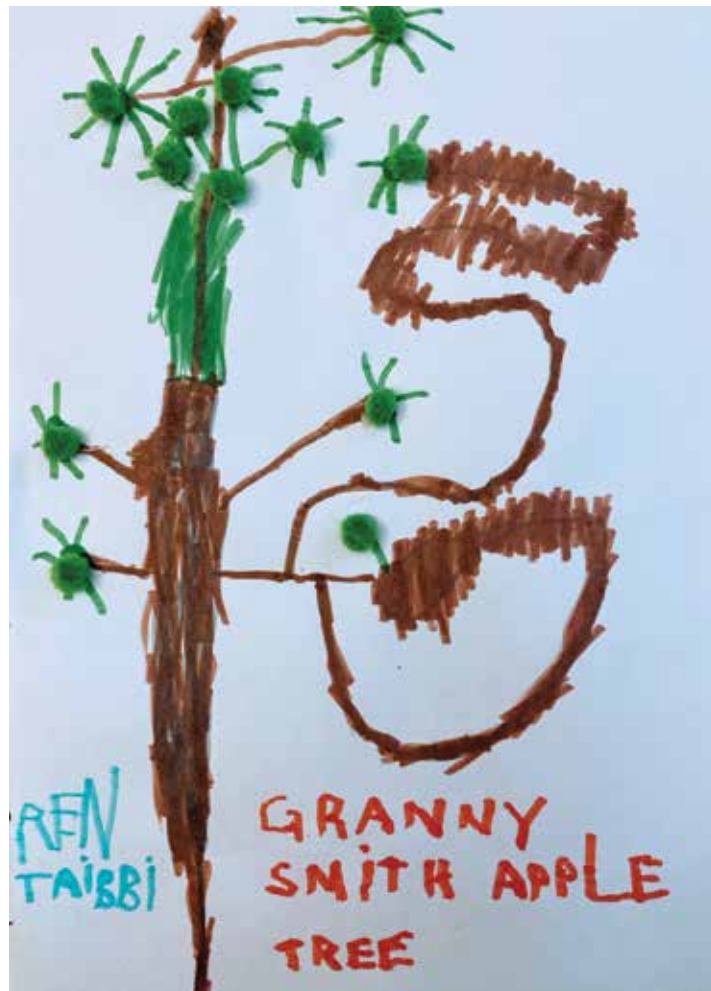
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