

# EDGEWOOD

OCTOBER 2005

## Watershed Group Counts on Volunteers in Great Edgewood Tree Blitz

Approximately 35 volunteers, mostly Edgewoodians, recently dedicated an entire Saturday to helping the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association take inventory of street trees in the Borough of Edgewood.

Information gathered will be made available to the borough to take into consideration when making decisions about tree planting and maintenance.

The day started with bagels and training at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Volunteers were taught to identify trees, measure their circumference, and judge the health of their wood and leaves. After lunch, sponsored in part by the Edgewood Foundation, volunteers were divided into teams and assigned territory. In one day, they counted trees on all the borough streets with the exception of several blocks in the Regent Square area.

"I was just amazed at the level of interest and attention to detail that you all showed. I hope you all are very proud of your efforts!" said Marijke Hecht, executive director of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association.

Marijke also extended a big thanks to the tree experts who shared their knowledge throughout the day — Anne Cumming of the U.S. Forest Service, Mark Remcheck of Penn State Cooperative Extension, Mary Beth Steisslinger and Phil Gruszka of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and



*JUST THE TREE, NOT THE TELEPHONE POLE: WVU student Samantha Bennett, Edgewoodian Francesca Csorba, and Anne Cumming of the U.S. Forest Service measure a tree at the end of East Hutchinson.*

Mike Takacs of Civil & Environmental Consultants (and a watershed resident).

She expressed extra thanks to the planning team, who spent many evenings in the months leading up to the tree inventory thinking through the

details that helped to make the day such an excellent event — Mike Pemrich, Patrick (Peabo) Winschel, Mrea Csorba, Mimi Grober, Joan King, Mark Remcheck, Jeff Bergman, and Margaret Tassaró.

## Theater Returns to Edgewood Club with New Holiday Classic

It's never too early to start thinking about the holidays. After all, all the major retailers have had their tree-trimming shops up since Labor Day. The Edgewood Foundation is a little behind that schedule, but they have been planning all summer for a new holiday treat for the borough.

For the first time in many years, there will be theater at the Edgewood Club. The Foundation is sponsoring a production of "Winter Solstice," a

heartwarming play called "charming and witty" by *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* critic Chris Rawson.

Production dates are December 2, 3, 9 and 10, with a special preview as part of Light Up Night on Thursday, December 1 (see page 3).

The play asks the age-old question, Who is Santa Claus? Well, Virginia, this bittersweet comedy contends that it's Mr. von Kinder, the old high school driving teacher. And soon it will be

Alexandra Milanovich, hard-boiled girl reporter. And it used to be La Befana, or the Christ Kindle, or Santa Lucia, or St. Nicholas, or . . . or . . . or . . .

Join the Foundation for this new holiday tradition to explore the legends of the gift bearers of the winter solstice. Tickets will go on sale on November 1. Watch the newsletter and the Edgewood Foundation website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) for more information.

# EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Library

### Fall Book Groups

Four book discussion groups will be meeting in October. All of these groups welcome new participants.

- Drop Dead Mystery Group – Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m.
- PALS Book Club – Wednesday, October 19, 11 a.m.
- Discover your Inner Genius – Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.
- The Disappearance of the Universe – Mondays October 3, 10 and 17, 6:45pm.

### Around the World in Eight Weeks

This program continues Wednesdays in October from 4-5 p.m. Children in grades two through five are encouraged to participate. Edgewood Girl Scouts Gina Grubb and Chrissy Miller lead this series as a project for their Gold Award. Classes are Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21 and 28.

### We Two Read

We will review *Junie B. Jones and the Yuckie, Bluckie Fruitcake* by

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Barbara Park on Saturday, October 8. We Two Read book club is for children 4 - 7 years old with a parent (s). Pick up a copy today and reserve your spot.

### Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention week is October 9 – 15. On Thursday, October 13, Chief Andrews from the Edgewood Fire Department will bring a truck down for story time at 11 a.m.

### Halloween Crafts

Help decorate your house and the library for Halloween. Children six and up can participate in this special craft program on Saturday, October 15 at 1 p.m. Register by Thursday, October 13.

### Teen Read Week

Celebrate Teen Read Week, October 16 - 22. Teens are invited to join us Saturday, October 22 at 1 p.m. for Library Fear Factor. Register by Thursday, October 20.

### We Love a Parade

Especially a scary one like the Annual Halloween Parade/Party, to be held this year on Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. Glitter Dot and Dapper will be our special guests. We will take our usual parade route down Lincoln and up West Swissvale; then

meet in the Edgewood Club ballroom for the party. Children are invited to wear their costumes and join in the fun. Register for this free event by Wednesday, October 26

### Toddler Time

Head, shoulders, knees and toes – all about me is the theme for Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is for children four and under and a caregiver..

### Turkey Season Starts Soon

The traditional turkey hunt is on in the library. Find a turkey in a previously selected juvenile book and receive a prize. The book must circulate; there will be no hunting in the library. The contests runs from November 1 - November 30 only.

### Hobby Club

We are pleased to announce the formation of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Hobby Club. Children seven and up are invited to participate monthly in an activity designed to allow children the experience of learning a new skill and a chance to create something with their hands. The first session is Saturday, November 6 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Children are invited to a scrapbook-making workshop with Darlene. You can register with your child, and learn too! Participants need to bring three photos to the workshop. Please register by Thursday, November 4 or until the class is full.

All events are free and open to the public. Please adhere to registration requirements when necessary.

By *Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill*  
Librarians

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## Newcomers Reception

This lovely annual tradition will continue on Thursday, November 3 at the home of Brendan and Natalie Kelley at 318 Locust Street.

People who have moved into the borough in the past year will receive a letter inviting them, but if you've been somehow overlooked, please attend anyway.

This is a great opportunity to meet elected borough officials and leaders in many community organizations.

For more information, visit our website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org), or e-mail [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

## Progressive Dinner

Planning starts early for this mid-winter tradition, so mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11, and get those RSVP forms (on this page) in early.

The annual progressive dinner is a great chance to meet interesting people and raise money to help Edgewood. All proceeds benefit the Edgewood Foundation, which provides funds for many community programs, including beautification of Edgewood, the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, and the annual town meeting.

Advance planning is the key to this event, so the earlier you return your

RSVP, the more likely you are to get your first choice of activity – either hosting a course or providing food or beverage.

Once again, there will be a recipe contest for both chicken and vegetarian entrees. The recipe must be an elegant one-dish, easily-reheatable entrée. Please include your recipe with your RSVP. Winners receive dinner for two at this year's event.

The evening promises good food, good fun, and good people coming together for a great fundraiser.

## Thanks, Laura!

The Edgewood Foundation would like to say thank you and at the same time reluctantly accept the resignation of board member Laura Horner. Laura's tenure on the foundation board was a short one but not without an impact. This year's Senior Celebration stands out as a highlight of her time with the Foundation. Thanks again Laura, we all miss you and wish you well.

## Could You Fill Her Shoes?

Laura's resignation has left a vacancy on the Foundation board. Are you, or do you know someone, who is enthusiastic about our community? Are you the ever-assisting volunteer who loves to be with people and truly make a difference? Do you just want to get out there and make something happen? Then you may want to contact

the Edgewood Foundation so that we may explain to you how being part of the foundation can really make a difference both for the community and for yourself. Contact Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345 or e-mail to [vaughn\\_busch@yahoo.com](mailto:vaughn_busch@yahoo.com) for more information. You may also check out our website to review some of the events that we regularly sponsor in the borough.

## Annual Appeal Letter

The Foundation's annual appeal letter will be coming soon to a mailbox near you. Please take some time to consider our request, and help by donating or by volunteering your valuable time for one of our many community events.

## Light Up Night

It may not be Halloween yet, but the Foundation is looking ahead to the holiday season. Light Up Night will be held on Thursday, December 1.

In addition to the traditional tree lighting and cookies, the evening will include a new element. There will be a special preview performance of "Winter Solstice" as the entertainment. And, as usual, the entire event is free and open to the whole Edgewood community.

Please contact the foundation if you would like to start your holiday season by volunteering to help on Light Up Night.

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## Edgewood Progressive Dinner—Saturday, February 11, 2006

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Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for (\$25/person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Recipe Enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Entrée Choice: Chicken Vegetarian (One choice per couple, please.)

All dinner attendees participate by either hosting an event or providing part of the meal. Please number your preferences (you will be assigned only one). Hosts or entrée makers are especially important.

Host a cocktail party for 30-50

Host a dinner for 10-12 (Set table and provide beverages)

Make a salad and bread for 10-12

Provide wine for 12

Make an entrée for 12

Make an appetizer for 30-50

Make a dessert for 50

Provide beer for 12

(Availability of vegetarian entrée will depend upon number of responses.)

Return this form with your check payable to the Edgewood Foundation, to Amy Hooks, 327 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, before January 20, 2006.



# EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Scouting

### Things are Popping

The Troop 23 Annual Popcorn sale is underway. Scouts will be going door to door selling a variety of popcorn, including caramel, chocolate, cheese and microwave. The proceeds of this sale will help the Scouts save for their summer camp.

### Learning to C.O.P.E.

Ten Scouts from the troop participated in project C.O.P.E. during the September Campout. The troop slept in Adirondack-style shelters. The program included numerous initiative games to help the scouts learn to work as a group. They next completed the low ropes course where they were presented a number of challenges that took teamwork and cooperation to solve. Six of the Scouts also participated in the high ropes course. These Scouts climbed to the top of 40 pole

and ride the 300 foot zip line. Several of the Scouts also were able to climb a 30 foot pole and jump from the top of it and attempt to hit a ball that was suspended in the air. Everyone who participated had a great time.

### Basta Pasta

All members of the Edgewood community are invited to join Troop 23 on Sunday, October 16 for our first Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. The Scouts hope that this dinner will become a community event where neighbors can visit and catch up on what is going on in the community and with the troop. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost of the tickets is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6-13.

### Fall Camporee

Later in the month the troop will be traveling Camp Anawana in Washington County for the Fort Pitt District Fall Camporee. The Scouts will

be camping with other Scouts from the district and participating in some exciting programs. Some of the activities planned for the weekend include workshops in fly tying and fly fishing, firearms safety, mountain man demonstrations and a tomahawk throwing challenge. During the weekend the Scouts will also be given the opportunity to conduct a conservation or service project for the camp.

### Meetings

The troop meets every Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood at 7:30 p.m. All boys ages 11-18 are invited to stop by and visit a meeting. For more information about the troop, please contact the Scoutmaster, Charles Huse, at (412) 849-3232.



*HE CLIMBS THROUGH THE ROPES WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE: Scout Andy Huse was one of six scouts to participate in what we hope is the high ropes course at Troop 23's September campout.*

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## Fall Concert Announced

Experience the powerful music of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra as it dazzles you with instrumental favorites for the whole family. Each year the orchestra develops its talents to reach new levels of excellence. This year, the ESO is very excited to welcome the new Music Director, Walter Morales. The season opens with a fall concert to be held Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at East Allegheny High School.

You are welcome to come as you

are and listen to the exciting sounds of the ESO performing full-length symphonies in a casual atmosphere. Whether you're an avid symphony lover or wish to experience live symphonic music for the first time; let the music of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra inspire you and your family.

The ESO is now in its second decade as one of Pittsburgh's leading community orchestras. Over 70 volunteer musicians with extensive backgrounds of musical training and experience dedicate their time and talents to bringing the classics to you. The orchestra takes great pride in bringing a wide range of musical favorites to the

eastern suburbs. Don't miss this exciting season highlighted by performances from top professionals. Enjoy any or all of the season's concerts in October, March and May, and the Holiday Spectacular Concert on December 3.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our concerts. Adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5. You can purchase a set of Flex 4 Season tickets for \$35. To learn more about the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra or its concerts, please call (412) 473-8880 or log on to the web site, [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).



## Fish Gotta Swim

And the fish created by local artists to be auctioned off have all swum away to their new owners' homes (including one that finned its way all the way to Captive Island). The fish were well-traveled before they were sold, however, being on display at the Edgewood Foundation pool party at the Edgewood Club, the Square Café, and the library itself. The fish seen here was created and donated by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

The auction raised \$2515 for the library. The funds will benefit the Fred Rogers Children's room and the award-winning programming that librarian Andrea McNeill and her staff conducts there.

The fund-raising event will also help the library garner additional funding from state and RAD funding. Thanks to all the artists and buyers.

The library is planning another themed art auction for next year.

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# Borough Manager

## Leaf Collection

As fall begins I want to remind all residents that we will begin our leaf collection system on October 14. You can see when your street is scheduled for pickup by going on-line at [www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us). We will do our very best to get to every street each week. If the weather cooperates we will be able to stay on schedule. If there is rain, we will try to get back to that street the same week, but we will stick to our scheduled streets and likely only be able to get back to those missed streets on their normally scheduled day the following week.

## Newspaper Recycling

Our newspaper recycling continues to get better. In our first three months of this program we have collected almost 27 tons of recyclable paper. Please note that we can take empty cardboard boxes, but please crush them before placing them into one of our dumpsters. We have added a third dumpster because the two we have had in place have been reaching capacity every five to seven days.

*By Kurt Ferguson  
Borough Manager*

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## School Taxes

The Woodland Hills School taxes are now due at face until October 31 which is a Monday. If you are one of the residents who is paying in installments, your second installment is due by November 30. If you have sent an envelope with your installment payment for a receipt, there will be no receipt until the last payment is made. Please read the back of the statement. You must send one statement slip with each payment, not all three. If you have any questions about this please feel free to call me at (412) 731-0200. My hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*By Maureen Smith  
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# Police Report

## Community Day Wrap-up

Another year, another great Community Day. The race went off without a hitch and the parade was just spectacular, thanks to Fire Chief Dave Andrews's hard work. We would like to thank DPW foreman Larry Guerriero and his staff, along with Captain Mary Schiulli and the Edgewood School guards, for all their help in making this year's race and parade another success. Without their help, these events could not be held.

## Raffle

The annual Edgewood Raffle at Community Day was held for children only this year. The winners were Chris Gancik (bike), Nate Williams (MP3 player), Rose Savage (MP3 player), Joseph Holmes (K-mart gift card), Tyler McGuigan (K-mart gift card), Mariah Mysels (K-mart gift card), Jarad Roundtree (K-mart gift card), Graham Evans (autographed Steeler football)



## Police Tip of the Month

Halloween is just around the corner and there will be a lot of little ghosts and goblins running our streets. Be extra careful during this holiday season since some of these children will be more interested in collecting their candy than watching for cars. As always, if you see anything suspicious, call the police department immediately. Help us to make this holiday a safe and happy one for all the children.

and Jake Conley (cooler). We would like to thank K-mart and the Pittsburgh Steelers for their contributions to this raffle. We hope to have an adult raffle again next year.

*By Paul Wood  
Chief of Police*



# School

## WHSD Equity Committee

The Woodland Hills School District Equity Committee meeting will be held Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building. The Equity Committee was formed as a result of the federal court's Unitary Status ruling to oversee the implementation of the district's transition plan. The committee is comprised of board members Dr. Randy Lott, Cindy Lowery and Tanya Smith. The public is invited to attend.

## Halloween Parade

Please contact your child's school for Halloween parade information. The district wishes you a safe and happy Halloween.

## National Education Week

Please plan to attend the district's National Education Week Celebration Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m. in the board room. Parents and students are urged to attend this celebration of education.

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# EVFD

HEY!

Well maybe it's more like hay. That's right, it's hayride time again! The EVFD will hold the annual hayride in cooperation with the Police and Recreation Departments October 21,22, 28 and 29. Now, over the years we have let you off easy by not charging for the ride. I know what you're thinking, here they go asking for money again. Seeing that October is harvest time, we are asking anyone going on the hayride to please bring a nonperishable food item as a ride ticket. Items collected will be donated to the FPCE food bank. And, please – no jokes like that hayride ain't worth a can of beans.

## Fund Drive

Thank you to all who have sent in their fund drive donation. If you haven't there's still time to get it in. The money collected from the fund drive is used to purchase equipment to serve you.

## Entering the Electronic Age

An EVFD web site is in the works thanks to the help of Vaughn Busch. I have met with him and I'm now in the process of gathering information. If you have any photos of fires in the Borough, old trucks, past members or history of the department please contact me at:

firechief@edgewoodboro.com.



*SHE DOESN'T LOOK A DAY OVER 35: Edgewood's ladder truck is polished up for the parade here, but it's time for her retirement.*

## Retirement

And, finally, after 36 years of service Truck 137, the ladder truck, has been retired. The annual ladder test revealed two of the three ladder sections have worn down to a point that the ladder could possibly snap in half with any weight on it.

The truck was purchased new in 1969 and was delivered to Edgewood via rail car. Unfortunately, to repair the ladder would cost would cost over

\$40,000. To purchase a new ladder truck would be in the neighborhood of one half to a million dollars, not to mention that they wouldn't fit into the garage due to height. At no time will the safety of the borough be in jeopardy without the ladder truck. Mutual aid ladder trucks from Swissvale and Forest Hills will be used.

*By Dave Andrews  
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# October/November

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**2005**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:45 Disappearance of the Universe, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Drop Dead Book Club, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 Halloween Crafts, CCML BSA Spaghetti Dinner, FPCE 7:30 FSO Concert
<b>9 OCTOBER</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 Borough Council, BB 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>11</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>12</b> 10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML 11 PALS Book Club, CCML 6:30 Inner Genius Club, CCML	<b>13</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>14</b> Hay Rides, KF  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>15</b> Hay Rides, KF
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>18</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>19</b> 10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>20</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Halloween Parade, CCML	<b>21</b> Hay Rides, KF	<b>22</b> 10:30 Toddler Time, CCML Hay Rides, KF
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>25</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>26</b> 10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>27</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 7:30 Newcomers Reception	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 Borough Council, BB 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>1 NOVEMBER</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>2</b> 10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>3</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or [marmozette@comcast.net](mailto:marmozette@comcast.net).  
 FOOTNOTES: AM/GP-Administrative Bldg, Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETC-Edgewood Touaine Centre  
 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairness Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WYHS-Woodland Hills High School WYH-West Jr High School

# THE SCOOP



## MEET THE NEW MUSIC MAN

at the ESO fall concert on October 15

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## BOO!

Little ghosts and goblins will be circling the neighborhood at the library's Halloween parade on October 27.



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## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

The Edgewood Foundation sponsors the annual Newcomers Reception on November 3.

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