

# EDGEWOOD

APRIL 2009

## Warren Cecconi Brings Years of Experience to Edgewood

Edgewood Borough Council appointed Warren Cecconi as Edgewood Borough Manager during the council meeting on March 2. Warren will replace Kurt Ferguson, as manager, on April 6.

Warren brings years of experience to the borough, he began his career as Public Works Director in Swissvale and has served as manager in Bridgeville, Swissvale and Dormont. Warren says that every community is a little bit different, but his main focus in each place has been keeping taxes under control.

Warren is no stranger to Edgewood. He has worked with Edgewood Borough Council as Swissvale Borough Manager on many projects, including the Joint Comprehensive Plan Project involving Swissvale, Edgewood and Rankin. This was a long term plan for development in each community. Part

of the plan made sure the rules on the Swissvale side of Regent Square matched those on the Edgewood side.

Warren sought the Edgewood position in part because he is so familiar with the area, and the government here. He says he has always liked the community and thought it would be a great opportunity. "Edgewood has always had a nice little niche in the East Hills," Warren said. "I have always thought of it as a great community."

Warren says he is looking forward to working closely with the council and the mayor to address the needs of Edgewood and move the community forward. He is interested in continuing the established sidewalks and landscaping along the busway, from Swissvale through Edgewood.

Edgewood Borough Council President, Pat Schaefer believes Warren

will be a great addition to the community. "Warren has an excellent reputation in the local government community," she said. "His experience, knowledge in grant writing, the Inter-municipal Comprehensive Plan, and the concerns and attributes of Edgewood and our sister communities will be a great asset as we move forward together."

As the chief administrative officer appointed by the council, Warren will be responsible for carrying out the policies, and enforcing the ordinances of the council. His duties will include grant procurement, oversight of public works, recreation, police, and fire departments, as well as development and management of special projects.

To contact the Warren, please call (412) 242-4824, or email him at [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com).

## CCML Awarded Historic Preservation Grant

The Board of Trustees of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House recently received an award of a \$76,000 Keystone Historic Preservation Grant. The grant will support ongoing infrastructure projects on the historic building at One Pennwood Avenue.

This highly-competitive matching-dollar grant award has brought the library much closer to fully funding their building preservation plan by 2010. It would not have been possible without the generous support of community members who contributed to the building preservation drive.

In late spring look for the pergola, brick patio, staircase, and front walkway resurfacing projects to be completed. Chimney lining, complete external masonry repairs, and gutter and downspout restoration will follow. Finally, ornamental iron and millwork will be replaced, followed by stucco and paint.

The library has raised \$277,000 for the building preservation project from federal, state, local and private contributions. While they have secured funds from private foundations, they still need to raise \$50,500 of the \$328,000 budget.

If you would like to help push toward the completion of this effort, you may do so by contributing to the C.C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Community House Preservation Fund. You can make a donation at the websites [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org) or [www.buildingpreservation.org](http://www.buildingpreservation.org). Your tax-deductible donation will help keep the centerpiece of our community strong for generations to come. Questions regarding the building preservation plan may be directed to Patrick J. Doyle, President of the Board, C.C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Community House.

*By Sallie Bogie  
Librarian*



# EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Library

### Family Jammie Story Time

No fooling, it's time to put on your pajamas and head to the library again. On Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., come hear stories and rhymes, see a book related film, and do a craft.

### Explorer's Club is Back

Children six and up are invited to travel to foreign lands... through stories and games. The next stop is Columbia, South America, on Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. If you are a previous participant, don't forget your passport. Newcomers will receive their passports at the program. Please register by Thursday, April 3.

### Baby Lap Sit

Baby Lap Sit is back for Spring. The program meets Mondays, April 6 through May 18, at 10:30 a.m. This half hour program offers stories and nursery rhymes for infants 0-17 months of age with a parent and/or caregiver. Register your baby today!

### Bunny Bonanza

Toddler Time features books, songs and art activities based on the theme Bunny Bonanza. The next date is Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time is for children 5 and under with a parent or caregiver. Please register by Thursday, April 9.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Borough of Edgewood does not specifically endorse any community organization, but welcomes and publishes newsletter announcements from all community groups in the borough. The editor reserves the right to edit announcements for length, content, or to meet editorial policies of the borough. For information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

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Deadline for the May issue is Wednesday, April 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail [edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com).

### Penguin Celebration

Step inside the world of a penguin by reading *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell & Florence Minor at the One Book, Every Young Child Celebration. On Saturday, April 18 at 12 p.m., fun activities and a free book will await participants of all ages, courtesy of the library's generous sponsors.

### Utopia Abounds

Read the book then come share your thoughts and participate in activities on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. Lois Lowry's *The Giver* is the One Book One Community selection. Readers age ten and up will enjoy this event most.

### Celebrate Cinco De Mayo

The celebration begins Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Children six and up will appreciate this program most. Please register by Thursday, April 30.

### Family Jammie Story Time

Put your jammies on and join us for stories, a short movie, and an art project on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### Made for Mom

Children six and up can register to make something nice for mom, grandma, or someone who is like a mom to them. The activity will be held Saturday, May 9 at 1 p.m. Please register by May 8.

### Honor and Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been received in memory of Jane Broff, and in honor of Kurt Ferguson. Books will be added to the library's collection in their names.

### Library Closing

The library will be closed Friday, April 10, which is Good Friday. The library is open Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### WiseWalk

The ten week session of this weekly walking program is back by popular demand. Participants will walk as a group on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. beginning April 22, or you can walk on your own. The program asks that you report your number of weekly steps each Wednesday morning. This spring the library is going to try to record enough steps to get from Edgewood to Phoenix and back.

Participants will receive a pedometer and water bottle. In addition, the first 25 to register will receive a t-shirt. There is no cost for this program. Helping the library with sponsorship are the Allegheny County Library Association, Highmark and AARP.

### Get Your Finances in Order

Deborah Hughes, a Regent Square resident, will lead a four week workshop on personal finances. The workshop will meet at the library beginning on Thursday, April 23 from 6-8 p.m. Topics to be discussed are how to get started with investments, establishing financial goals, preparing for retirement and estate planning. The seminars are free, however there is a \$17 fee for a workbook. To register, call the library at (412) 731-0909 or Deborah at (412) 242-1075.

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## Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the board room. This month's book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny. The next meeting is May 13, the club will discuss *Dark Matter* by Phillip Kerr.

The PALS Book Club will meet at the Forest Hills Branch on Tuesday, April 28 at 1 p.m. This month's selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. This book club meets every other month.

Copies of the selected books are available at the circulation desks. New members are always welcome.

## One Book One Community

This year's selection for the community-wide read is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. The award winning science fiction book explores one community's desire to create a utopia. We have two book discussions planned. On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a book discussion in the

board room at 7 p.m. A morning discussion will be held on Monday, April 27 at 9 a.m. at the Square Café on Braddock Avenue in the Regent Square. There are copies of the book available for check out at the library. Please plan on attending and joining in the discussion of this thought provoking book.

## Computer Classes

The following one-hour one-session computer classes will be offered:

- Beginning Word Processing, Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m.
- Creating a Resume, Thursday, April 23 at 1 p.m.

Space is limited, so sign up at the adult circulation desk or by calling (412) 731-0909.

## My Requests and My Lists are Activated

A new feature on the library's website allows patrons to keep track of requested books and other materials as well as items that they have used in the past. To activate this feature, go to *My Account* on our home page, create a pin number, and then develop your lists.

*All events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Please adhere to reservation requirements. Reservations for any of the programs listed can be made by calling the library at (412) 731-0909.*

*By Sallie Bogie and Andrea McNeill  
Librarians*



## ESO

### ESO Travels Around the World

Please join the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra for a musical trip around the world at Woodland Hills West Junior High School on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. The ESO will play music from Costa Rica, Italy, the United States and more. World renowned whistler, Sean Lomax will be featured.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for seniors and students) and are available at the door. Call (412) 473-8880 or visit [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org) for more information.

Be sure to check the website for announcements of the ESO's free summer concerts.



## Edgewood Foundation

### Date Change for Senior Brunch

The annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch has been changed from May 3 to **May 10**. Please mark your calendars accordingly. At noon on May 10, our community will honor graduates and their families at the Edgewood Club. Cathy Gleason will head the coordination of this great tradition. If you have a graduating senior,

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or if you would just like to lend a hand, please call her at (412) 243-1502. Our seniors are graduating from many area schools including Woodland Hills, Central Catholic, Ellis, Shadyside Academy, and Oakland Catholic. This lovely event features good food, good company, and good memories, so make plans now to attend.

## Clean Up Day

The annual Clean Up Day will be April 18, with a built in rain date of April 25. Please come down to Koenig Field, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Just bring motivation to clean; doughnuts, juice, coffee, and cleaning supplies will be provided. You can clean your street, or an assigned "problem" area. All children must be supervised by an adult. Let's work together to keep Edgewood beautiful.

## Nominate a Good Neighbor

It's time once again to nominate outstanding Edgewood volunteers for the prestigious William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award. This award was named in honor of the Edgewood Foundation's founding president, Bill Limpert in 1991. Nominations are solicited annually and an impartial, anonymous panel judges the nomi-

nees. Their selection will be announced in July. Nomination forms may be acquired from the borough building. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

## Thank You

The Edgewood Foundation would like to thank all those who offered support during the annual appeal. It is because of you that we can offer our community wonderful events like the Progressive Dinner, the Newcomer's Reception, Senior Brunch and others. Thank you for your generous support.



## WPSD

## Monster Yard Sale

You can still reserve a space at the Monster Yard Sale that will be held May 2. The reservation deadline is April 27. Reserve a space for \$10. Rent a table for \$5. Proceeds from space and table rentals benefit Student Enrichment Programs.

For questions or to reserve your space, contact Vicki Cherney at (412) 371-7000, or [vcherney@wpsd.org](mailto:vcherney@wpsd.org)

## Save the Date

The 16th Annual Elroy Face Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday,

June 25 at Champion Lakes Golf Course. For more information contact Chris Fletcher at (412) 371-7000, or [cletcher@wpsd.org](mailto:cletcher@wpsd.org).

## Walk For a Healthy Community

WPSD is one of 44 organizations that will be participating in Highmark's annual Walk For A Healthy Community on Saturday, May 30 at Heinz Field.

If you are interested in being part of the WPSD team, please contact Chris Fletcher at (412)371-7000, or [cletcher@wpsd.org](mailto:cletcher@wpsd.org).



## Toastmasters

Bill McMarlin and Jay Schaffer won the Speech Contest held on Feb 24 at the Edgewood Toastmasters Club. These two gentlemen went on to compete in the Area 10 Speech and Evaluation Contest on March 21 at the Monroeville Library, in Monroeville, PA. The Evaluation part of the competition was held on March 3. Rick Hays was the winner, and will represent the club at Area 10 competition in Monroeville.

If you are interested in Toastmasters International, please come and join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at CC Mellor Library.

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### Off To See the Wizard

Woodland Hills High School presents *The Wizard of Oz*, April 24, 25, 30, and May 1, 2 at 8 p.m. and April 25 and May 2 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The box office is located in the lobby of the WHHS Auditorium. Box office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Meet Toto

The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Department will host Bill Berloni, trainer of Broadway and TV animals at Woodland Hills High School on Sunday, April 19th at 3 p.m. Bill rescues abused and neglected animals from shelters and trains them to be stars of Broadway, film, ballet and TV. Join us for a special program and meet his two newest Cairn Terrier stars, Loki and Nigel, who will be featured in the Woodland Hills HS production of *The Wizard of Oz*. His superstars have been featured in: *Annie*, *Legally Blonde*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Gypsy*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Charlie Wilson's War* and *The Producers*. Bill is the author of *Broadway Tails: Heartfelt Stories of Rescued Dogs Who Became Showbiz Superstars*. Autographed copies will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. All proceeds will be donated to Animal Friends. Please call (412) 244-1100 x5154 for reservations.



## Nine Mile Run

### Nine Mile Run Stream Sweep

Join Nine Mile Run Watershed Association as they sweep Nine Mile Run of litter. Every time it rains or snows, litter from the streets in the upper watershed communities of Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Wilkinsburg and Swissvale washes into the stream. Gloves, safety vests, and trash bags are provided. Please wear long pants and sturdy boots or shoes. The clean-up effort will be on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Meet in the lower Frick Park soccer field. Use the Lancaster Avenue entrance.

Register by contacting Lisa at (412) 371.8779 ext 15 or email [lisa@ninemilerun.org](mailto:lisa@ninemilerun.org).

### UES Wetland Walk

The restored Nine Mile Run stream area has been planted with thousands of native woody and herbaceous species. This year marks the fourth growing season since the completion

of the restoration, and should provide a wonderful opportunity for learning to identify some of these beautiful natives as the wetlands are explored. The walk will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet in the lower Frick Park parking lot. Use the Lancaster Avenue entrance. Please RSVP by April 29 for this event by calling Jeffrey at (412) 371.8779 ext 14 or email [jeff@ninemilerun.org](mailto:jeff@ninemilerun.org).



## Recreation

### Summer Sluggers

Sign up for Edgewood Borough Recreation Department's fun and exciting baseball and softball programs. Girl's in-house softball is for ages 7 -12. The season begins in June and ends in August. The fee is \$40.

Co-ed tee ball is for ages 5-6 and runs during June and July. The fee for tee ball is \$30.

The registration deadline for both programs is May 18.

Baseball teams include coach pitch, little league, pony league and colt league. The fee for most baseball programs is \$30. Colt league is \$75. The baseball season runs from April to June.

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## Big Cleats to Fill

We hope this year's girl's softball travel team can fill the cleats of last year's champions. The 2008 team, coached by Louis Boccio, was undefeated last year and won the championship. They played their home games at Koenig Field and traveled to 2 Swissvale teams, 2 Turtle Creek teams, and 1 Penn Trafford team. They quite handily beat everyone and had a blast doing it. MVP's were Morgan Boccio and Gabby Cooksey. The team will be coached by Gregg Miller this year. The age group is 14-16, and they will play from April to June.

An application can be found on the borough's website at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm>



## On The Edge

### Edgewood High School All Class Reunion

The Edgewood High School Class of 1969 invites all fellow EHS alumni, guests and teachers to an All Class Reunion on Saturday, June 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. Music and refreshments (beer, wine and soft drinks) will be provided. Admission is \$20 per person. Reservations are required. Make check payable to EHS Class of 1969 Reunion and mail to M. McConville, 6 Olympia Place, Pittsburgh PA 15217. Contact Mike McConville at (412) 760-4603 or email to [mmcconville1@hotmail.com](mailto:mmcconville1@hotmail.com) for additional information.

### St. Anselm's High 40th Reunion

St. Anselm's High School Class of 1969 is having their 40th reunion, May 23 at Kingston Hall in Wilkins Township. Admission is \$35 and includes a buffet dinner with a beer and

wine bar. All who attended the grade school and high school are invited, even though they may not have graduated from St. Anselm's. For more information please contact Denise Kaschauer Schreiber at [ddschrbr@aol.com](mailto:ddschrbr@aol.com), (412) 655-0269 or Rita Rajakovich Hyland at [hylandrita@yahoo.com](mailto:hylandrita@yahoo.com), (412) 241-0204.

### New Senior Center

The Mulberry Senior Citizens Center is now located at the Wilkins School Community Center at 7604 Charleston Avenue in Regent Square. They are located on the lower floor at the rear of the building. The center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with senior activities on Tuesday and Thursday. To contact the center, please call (412) 241-7560. All Edgewood seniors age 55 years and older are welcome. Activities include chorus, health services, exercise programs, art classes, fresh hot meals, seasonal tax assistance, and much more.

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# Police Report

## Tips For a Safe Spring

Spring is here, and with that comes a lot of excitement. A few simple reminders can make sure the season is a safe and enjoyable time for everyone.

- Watch for increased traffic due to warmer weather, particularly during the evening hours.
- When leaving your bike unattended, make sure it is secured with a good bike lock.
- Always keep your animals on a leash. This is a borough ordinance and is required.
- As always, be courteous to your neighbors.

## Keeping the Peace With Dr. Seuss

The Edgewood Primary school kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss week during the first week of March. Officer Livingston was invited, along with several other guests throughout the week, to read selected books to the classes. Many questions were asked and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Principal Livingston and her kindergarten teachers for a job well done.

## Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,363 calls for service in February. There were 292

## Police Tip of the Month

Always be aware of your surroundings as we approach warmer weather. The wonderful weather encourages people to get outside, making more pedestrian and vehicle traffic to clog our sidewalks and streets. As always, don't hesitate to call 911 should you see anything suspicious.

incidents reported, 148 complaints received and 5 accidents investigated, 2 of which resulted in personal injury, and 3 resulted in property damage.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 15 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were zero for robbery, motor vehicle theft, burglary, shoplifting, and aggravated assault. There was one other crime. There were 6 adult and zero juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 46 traffic citations and 556 parking citations. Three arrests for driving under the influence were made. There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and no narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 12 false alarm calls, took 144 reports, responded to 19 public nuisance complaints, and responded to 15 calls for medical assistance.

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## EVFD

Even though the fire department has grown in membership over the years, we still can use more help. I recently received an email from the PA Fire and Emergency Service Institute which included an article by Ken North. According to the article, volunteer fire service in Pennsylvania and the nation is at a critical juncture. While the strong tradition and "can-do" spirit continues, there are serious and ever-increasing challenges to the survival of the volunteer fire service. Today's firefighters respond to all kinds of emergency calls, all requiring intensive training and specific equipment. Such activity demands a substantial time commitment from volunteer schedules already crowded with work and family.

The most concerning issue is the steep and steady decline in the number of volunteers attracted to these vital services. Studies done in 2001 by Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development estimated the number of active firefighters as 70,000, down from about 75,000 in 1995, or a six percent decline.

As the number of volunteers declines, raising money to operate fire companies will become more difficult. It will perhaps require increased funding from municipalities, resulting in higher municipal taxes.

A recent study by Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute estimated that volunteer fire companies save about \$6 billion a year for state and local governments.

Based on the study, here is an example of the cost per year to operate a fire department with one engine and one rescue truck: \$418,000 for an NFPA equipped engine; \$443,000 for an NFPA equipped rescue; \$1,400,000 for 20 employees (benefits excluded); \$48,000 for personal protective equipment; and \$2,661,000 for fire and rescue protection. Maintenance, fuel, heat, etc., are not included.

Local fire departments rely on

fundraising, grants, and community donations to meet our budgets. Volunteers are asked to devote even more time to raise money for the jobs they already do at no cost to the community.

Changing demographics, work habits, job locations and personal habits have also had a negative impact on the volunteer fire service. The result, in many cases, can be delayed responses, scratched calls, insufficient manpower for emergency calls, reduced ability to function as a business, loss of revenue, loss of personnel, inability to maintain equipment and physical property and increased liabilities for volunteers and local governments.

What can you do? Local volunteer fire departments can use help with non-emergency activities - such as working the kitchen, calling bingo, selling tickets, cleaning the station and equipment, fundraising, fire prevention activities and cash donations.

What are the rewards? The satisfaction of helping to save someone's life or property is a huge, self-gratifying feeling that can't be obtained by sitting on the sidelines watching.

*By Dave Andrews  
Fire Chief*



## Tax Time

Spring is here so that can only mean one thing...taxes! The Edgewood Borough Real Estate Tax was mailed out the first of April. If you have not received your bill yet, please call my office at (412) 731-0200. If you have recently changed your mortgage company or mailing address, also call me. My office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The last two weeks of May, I will be in the office every day except May 25 due to the holiday. Taxes are due by May 31 at discount, but because it falls on a Sunday, I will accept them until June 1. I will also accept a postmark of June 1. If it is

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The Woodland Hills School Tax is now due at penalty. If you were paying in installments and forgot one, you must add the 10% penalty to the amount due. If you missed two installments, you will not be allowed to pay in installments next year. I will collect these taxes until June 15, after which time they will be turned over to Jordan Tax Service.

My office will be closed the week of May 11, and will reopen on Monday, May 18. If you have tax questions, feel free to call me or stop in.

*By Maureen Smith  
Tax Collector*



## Building Ordinances

### Get Ready for Your Home's Occupancy Inspection

The borough requires occupancy inspections whenever occupants in a rental property change or when a property changes owners. The occupancy inspection is basically a safety inspection. A dye test by an Allegheny County registered plumber is also required. Allen Ayres, Building Code Official with Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc. says that some of the things your property will be checked for are peeling paint, roof condition, missing brick or siding, vents for furnaces and hot water tanks, interior surfaces, and bad wiring. One smoke detector is required for each of the following: the first floor, the hallway outside bedrooms, in each bedroom, and in a walk up attic. The basement is required to have a hard wired detector with a battery back-up. All other detectors may be battery powered. If the property includes a garage, that will also be inspected.

The fee for these inspections is \$45 per unit for residential properties and \$75 per unit for commercial properties. Applications for both the occupancy inspection and dye test can be found at the borough office.

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