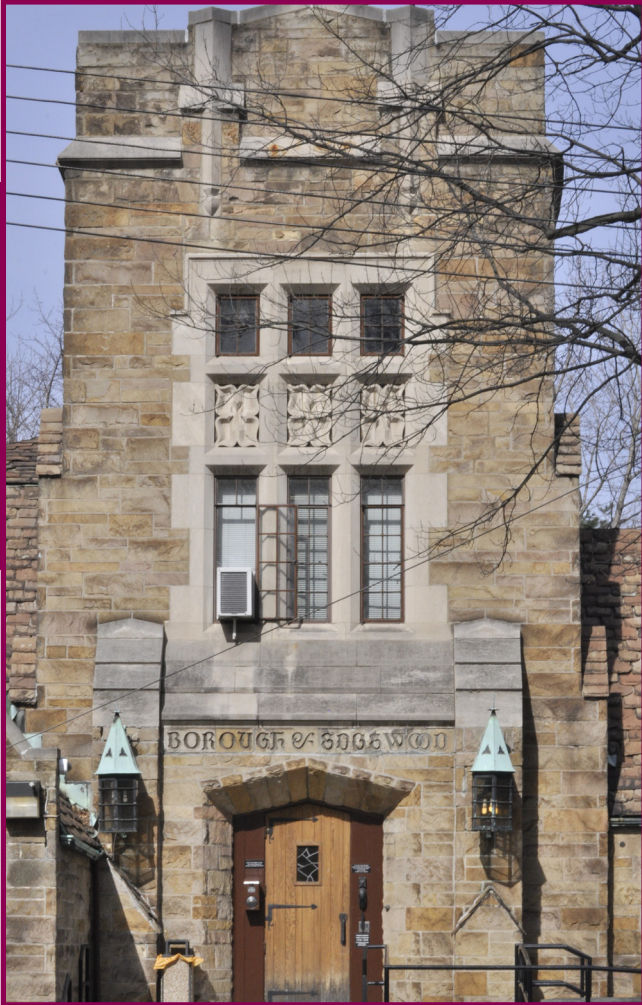


# EDGEWOOD

April 2011

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



## Borough "Home Improvement" Projects for 2011

This year, we will be making much-needed improvements to the Borough Building, purchasing a new multi-tasking street sweeper and continuing road paving.

The cost to replace the original, single-pane windows in the Borough Building, with similar style energy-efficient windows is over \$88,000. The current windows are cracked, broken beyond repair, and drain heat from the building, driving up heating costs. We plan to begin that process in 2011, as the budget allows. In addition, necessary repairs to the heating system will cost about \$10,000. Updated security cameras will also be installed at a cost of just under \$3,600.

The Borough will also need to replace the 15 year-old street sweeper as the cost to keep the current sweeper functioning is no longer feasible. After looking at the necessary criteria (like being able to fit under the trestle, necessary multi-functions) and researching our options, we will purchase the sweeper from Golden Equipment Company at a cost of \$169,000. This equipment will be used not only for street sweeping, but for collecting leaves in the fall and cleaning the catch basins that are part of the storm sewer system.

The Borough has also consulted with an engineering firm to perform a study of Edgewood's roads and develop a long-term Capital Improvement Program to assist with road repair and paving priorities. The study will be completed this spring (or after the spring thaw!) and will be available online for your review.

## "New" Newsletter

The Edgewood Newsletter has a new look. There have been many comments and a few concerns about the changes and we would like to take a moment to address some of those.

One area that seems most concerning to residents is the cost of the new Newsletter, specifically the paper quality and the addition of color. The Newsletter is actually costing the Borough less to print now than it had previously. We are working closely

with Lionworks printing, which is run by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. The switch to Lionworks was mutually beneficial, the Borough was able to cut cost and WPSD uses the print shop as a vocational tool for its students. In addition to providing the printing, WPSD students also provide the mailing service at no charge to the Borough.

The Edgewood Newsletter has always been an amazing source of Council, Police, and Borough news. The numerous comments and suggestions

that have been received indicate that you, the residents, would like more personal interest news as well. Taking that into consideration, you will notice a few new articles such as, Mayor's Minute, Spotlight on Local Business, and New to the Neighborhood. There are more articles in development and your input is always welcomed and appreciated.

*Please feel free to send comments and suggestions to:*

**Niki Augustine,**  
[edgewood.newsletter2010@gmail.com](mailto:edgewood.newsletter2010@gmail.com)



## Council Notes

### Two Police Officers Honored

During the Council meeting that took place on February 21, 2011, Mayor Mal Hellett and Council honored Sergeant Susan Kaskie for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Borough. Officer Keith Nugent received a commendation for his 5 years of service on the police force. Thank you to both officers for their continued dedication to the safety of Edgewood.



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## EVFD

Although Mother Nature was against us, the EVFD has been vigorously training. We have continued to hone our skills by conducting Rapid Intervention Team training indoors. We have gone over identifying types of construction and the components of construction to downed firefighter removal from the basement of the Borough Building. We currently have five members enrolled in Basic Vehicle Rescue training. Once they complete this class, they will be certified as rescue technicians.

Two members from the department will be taking advantage of the Fire Vest program, free tuition and books to CCAC to obtain an Associate's degree in Fire Science Administration. Jared Amos, is a senior who will be graduating from Woodland Hills High School this year, and I will be school mates. The program is offered through Allegheny County. The requirements are that you are a member of a fire department in Allegheny County, commit to five years of service to that department and will achieve Fire Fighter I certification. If you are interested in this, please contact me.

There is an opening for the live-in program at the station. College students looking for an off-campus apartment and who work with a fire department should contact me at [firechief@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:firechief@edgewoodboro.com). Captain Ben Reynolds, live-in

coordinator, will be in touch with you to describe the particulars.

The QRS program is generating more calls for the department. In January and February, we ran a total of 62 fire and QRS calls. We have had great feedback from Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Service on our response time and number of EMS on the scene, as well as treatment of the patients. On several occasions, the patient was unable to get to the door and we had to use a window or force entry. By being able to do this, plus treat the patient, time was saved. Time is of the essence in a medical emergency. I applaud the members who have taken on this branch of the department to provide a greater service to the Borough of Edgewood.

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## Police Report

### Personality of A Police Officer

Being a police officer has many unique challenges which many other professions do not. We leave our homes, families, and our friends, unable to predict what our shift may bring. We may put in our eight hours and handle only one or two calls for service. We may work our eight hours and respond to so many calls that we won't have time to eat, take a short break, or do the many hours of paperwork required with each call for service.

When the dispatcher calls your badge number, you never know what type of call you're going to be sent on. The call may be a simple disabled vehicle, or it may be a violent domestic call. This is where an officer's job is different from most. You begin recalling all of your training and past experiences which will enable you to do your job to the best of your ability, allowing you to survive to answer another call.

These calls can wear you down physically, mentally and emotionally. You may deal with a medical call where you see someone's loved one dying of cancer. You may be on a shooting call, exposing officers to scenes that no one should ever have to see. You may deal with a drug dealer who does not want to go back to jail and will fight to the end to remain free. Please keep in mind that seeing and hearing the things that we do does affect us.

Police officers are held to a higher standard than most. We are expected to be respectful, polite, and understanding on every call, even if the person we are dealing with is not. We will always do our best to be upbeat and have a positive attitude. We will always try to handle ourselves with dignity and treat everyone the way they deserve to be treated.

The Edgewood Police Department knows that what makes performing this

job a little easier is having residents, such as each of you, who appreciate what we do and understand what we experience.

### District Attorney Recognizes Police Departments

On February 11, 2011 District Attorney Steven Zappala gave his thanks to the Edgewood and Swissvale police departments for working together to rapidly end the string of robberies in the Regent Square area. The DA lauded the police saturation in the area and the communication between the two departments.

During the meeting, the announcement was also made that there will be new surveillance cameras along S. Braddock Avenue within the next 60 days. Each camera costs approximately \$9,000 with the monies coming from the DA office's budget. The cameras will run continuously in common areas, with live feed to police stations and patrol cars that are properly equipped. There has also been budget approval for sobriety checkpoints in the area.

**EDGEWOOD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Total Calls for Service**

Incidents Reported.....	1,655
Complaints Received.....	469
Accidents Investigated.....	149

**Part I Crimes**

Robbery.....	1
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0
Burglary.....	0
Shoplifting.....	6
Aggravated Assault.....	3
Other Crimes.....	2

**Part II Crimes**

Vandalism /Mischief.....	2
Narcotics Offenses.....	2
Disorderly Conduct.....	3
Other Crimes.....	2

**Arrest Total.....15**

Adult Arrests.....	13
Juvenile Arrests.....	2

**Officers Activity**

Citations Written.....	34
Parking Citations.....	593
DUI.....	0
False Alarms.....	17
Medicals.....	16
Reports Taken.....	215
Public Nuisance Complaints.....	0
Medical Calls.....	16

## Tax Office

The 2011 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax bill will be mailed out April 1. This bill is due at discount until May 31. Please note that the tax office will be closed April 13 through April 18. Regular tax office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9 am to 12 pm. I will be open the last two weeks of discount, Monday through Friday 9 am to 12 pm. If you have changed your mortgage company or are now responsible for paying your taxes, call my office at (412) 731-0200 to let me know of these changes. You should also call the Allegheny County Treasurer's office at 412-350-4100 with this information.

The 2010 Woodland Hills School taxes can be paid at my office until April 1, after which time they will be sent to the delinquent tax collector.

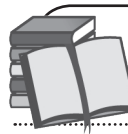
If you have questions about wage taxes or need to have a WTEX paper signed, please call Pennsylvania Municipal Services at (412) 829-0567.

Thank you,  
Maureen Smith, *Tax Collector*

## Mayor's Minute

Good news! Chief Robert Payne has been back on the job since January 3, 2011. Under his leadership, the Police Department is doing an outstanding job of keeping us safe, solving crimes and making Edgewood a great place to live. The Edgewood Police Department's morale couldn't be higher. We have one of the finest Police departments in Pennsylvania. A special thanks to District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. for the extra undercover police and detectives.





## Library

### Civil War Book Club

It's not too late to join the Fact or Fiction: the Civil War Era discussion group. The group will meet on Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm in the Boardroom to discuss Michael Shaara's *Killer Angels*. This novel conveys a complete sense, aided with maps, of what happened during the important three day Battle at Gettysburg. Shaara deftly portrays the main characters—Lee, Longstreet, Pickett, Buford and Hancock. Paperback copies of the book are available at the adult circulation desk. Members may keep the book for their own libraries. The discussion group is made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

### Drop Dead Book Club

*A Beautiful Blue Death* by Charles Finch will be discussed on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 pm in the Board Room by members of the Drop Dead Book Club. This is the first book in the Charles Lenox series of mysteries. Set in England in 1865, gentleman sleuth Lenox investigates the death of a

young woman. More murders follow, as well as twists and turns. Pick up a copy of the book at the children's desk and join the lively discussion.



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### PALS Book Club

This month, members of the PALS book club will discuss *Noah's Compass* by Ann Tyler. The group will meet on Tuesday, April 26 at 1 pm at the Forest Hills Library. Join us as we review this humorous and compassionate novel about a school teacher who has been forced to retire at sixty-one and is coming to terms with the final phase of his life. Pick up your copy of the book today.

### AARP Driving Classes

If you are 55 and over, this is a great chance to brush up on your driving skills while earning an insurance discount. Volunteers from AARP will teach the basic class on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15 from 9 am to 1 pm. A refresher course, for those who have had the basic class, will be offered on Thursday, April 29 from 9 am to 1 pm. Class certificates are good for three years. All classes are held in the living room of the Edgewood Community House. Cost of the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call the library to register.

### Computer Classes

The following classes will be offered in April. All classes are free, one session, and one hour. Call the library to register.  
*Thursday, April 7, 1 pm Basic Internet*  
*Tuesday, April 12, 11 am Basic email*

### e Books

There are over 1800 books for adults and children available in electronic format. These books can be borrowed at no charge from the library and loaded into your Sony Reader, Nook, Kobo, Literati or Pandigital reader. If you need help getting started, bring a laptop and your device to the library and we will walk you through the process. Appointments for help can be made for Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 pm, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, and most Saturdays at 11am. Call the library to register.

### Wise Walk Returns

Put your walking shoes on and walk with us on Wednesdays at 9 am beginning April 6. We'll take walks around Edgewood and Regent Square streets and hike the trails in Frick Park. Participants walk at their own pace and will receive a pedometer, snacks and drinks, as well as a t-shirt for new members. Wise Walk is offered countywide at various libraries and is co-sponsored by AARP, Highmark, and the Allegheny County Library Association. The program is free; call to register.

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Friday, April 22. We will have regular hours on Saturday, April 23 from 9 am - 4 pm.

### Memorial Gifts

The library has received gifts to honor the memory of Jane Falk and Amanda Byrne. Books will be added to the collection.

### 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 more information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

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## In the Children's Room

### Spring Coloring Contest

April 1- April 21. Children can submit their entries by April 21. The winners in the three age groups will be contacted April 23. Please select the sheet that is marked with your child's age group to decorate.

**Baby Lapsit** Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, & 29 at 10:30 am. Lapsit is for children 17 months and younger and a caregiver.

**Read to Micke**, the tail waggin' tutor. Micke, a beautiful Golden Retriever, will be here with his trainer, Chris Fortuna, to listen to your child read. Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am, sign up today!

**Financial tips for children.** Join Deborah Hughes from Edward Jones Investments as she talks with children ages 4 and older about personal finance topics. It is never too early to start financial education. Saturday, April 2 at noon. Reserve your spot by March 11.

**Family Jammie Story Time.** April 6 at 6:30 pm, put your jammies on and bring your family to the library for an enjoyable evening of story time fun.

**Garbage Games:** Make and play games with recycled materials. The fun happens on Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 pm. Children 6 and up can register by April 7.

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**I'm Not Scared:** A book club for brave readers 8 years old and up. The first book is *Poison Pages* by Michael Dahl. The book club meets Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm. Register by April 15.

**Hanging with my peeps:** Toddler Time is for children 18 months-4 years of age with a caregiver. Participants sing songs, hear stories and rhymes and complete an art project. Saturday April 23 at 10:30 am, register by April 22.

**DIY Lacing** Tweens and teens try your hand at learning this craft. Register by Friday, April 29.

**Your Summer Job!** Thursday, April 14 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.

How much will be in my paycheck? What taxes are taken out? How do I fill out a W-4? Will I have to file taxes? Get answers to these questions and more from an informal presentation by local tax preparers, Christine Manges and David Hill. Teens are welcome to attend.

**Toddler Story** times occur every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Preschool story times occur every Wednesday at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. September through May. Check the library for a complete listing.

All events are free of charge. For further information or reservations, call the library at (412) 731-0909 or visit us on the web at [ccmellorlibrary.org](http://ccmellorlibrary.org).

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## New to the Neighborhood

Rosemary Steiner and Suzann Miriello would like to introduce you to Verde Art Space. Verde Art Space is a new art studio located at 113 Edgewood Avenue. There will be a grand opening Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 9 pm. The typical art gallery this is not. With a mix of traditional to contemporary, textiles to glass work, the partners hope to create a community gathering space without the typical intimidation that can come from visiting art studios. Be on the lookout for upcoming events such as beginner classes in drawing and technique, a fund raising event for the CC Mellor Library and, quite possibly, yoga classes. After the grand opening, hours will be Monday and Wednesdays 12 to 5 pm and Saturdays 12 to 6 pm. Please stop in and browse, chat, and find your inner artist.

### On the Edge

Does your home have history? First one on the block? Sears home? One of the many things that make Edgewood unique is the fabulous mix of architecture and styles of homes. If you know your home's history, please share it with your community. You can send any information you have, along with an old or recent photo, to Niki Augustine, [edgewood.newsletter2010@gmail.com](mailto:edgewood.newsletter2010@gmail.com)

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### Recreation

#### Hippity Hop

The Easter Bunny is coming to Koenig Field in Edgewood on Saturday, April 16. He will be hiding lots of eggs! We will be starting at 12:00 noon when the siren sounds. The youngest children will hunt first. Bring baskets or bags to collect eggs. Please remind children to be gracious and leave enough for others.

#### Batter Up!

Edgewood Baseball registration deadline is April 11, 2011. Registration forms can be obtained on the Borough's website, [edgewoodboro.com](http://edgewoodboro.com), or at the Borough office. If you played with us last year, please look for your registration form to come via email. T-Ball and softball are also right around the bend; please look for information regarding both in upcoming issues.

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## Community Organizations

### Edgewood Garden Club: Our Mothers Taught Us Better

Our mothers taught us that it is never too late to say thank you. Therefore, the Edgewood Garden Club wishes to extend a belated, but sincere, THANK YOU to everyone who generously supported us by decking their halls with wreaths and greens purchased at our annual Greens Sale, which was held at the Edgewood Club in December. The proceeds raised from this holiday event help to finance our continuing beautification projects throughout the greater Edgewood community.

### Food for Thought

Our annual Covered Dish Dinner will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Edgewood Club. This year's guest speaker will be local chef/ restaurateur Trevett Hooper of Legume. Trevett and his wife Sarah opened one of Pittsburgh's first independently owned restaurants with a focus on local foods. Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun and informative evening. Your price of admission is a delectable culinary creation from your own kitchen. For more information or to make a reservation call Jim Burkett at 412-241-0480 ASAP.

### ESO

Journey to Russia with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra!

Experience the White Nights of Russia with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra! On March 14 at 7:30 pm at the Katz Auditorium of the JCC Pittsburgh in Squirrel Hill, the ESO will perform a concert filled with works from the Russian masters, including Rimsky Korsakov and Prokofiev.

This family friendly concert features WQED's Jim Cunningham as narrator to Peter and the Wolf!

Members of the ESO will be visiting the Edgewood Primary School this spring to teach the students about this fun piece of music, so make sure that you bring the family to hear this familiar story set to Prokofiev's stunning score live in concert.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for students and seniors) and can be purchased online or at the door. Check out [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org) for more information and to get your tickets.

#### Save the date:

Join us on Sunday, June 19 to hear the ESO kick off the Bach Beethoven and Brunch series in Mellon Park.

The ESO is now registered with the Pittsburgh Foundation! Visit [www.pittsburghgives.com](http://www.pittsburghgives.com) on May 11 to learn more about the ESO and to make a donation that will be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation for their Day of Giving.

### Nine Mile Run Get Outside!

#### Nine Mile Run Stream Sweep

Saturday, April 30

9 am to noon

Meet in the Lower Frick Park soccer field, use the Lancaster Avenue entrance.

Every time it rains or snows, litter from the streets in the upper watershed communities of Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Wilksburg and Swissvale washes into the stream. Help us keep the Nine Mile Run Stream Restoration beautiful. We provide gloves, safety vests, and trash bags. Please wear long pants and sturdy boots or shoes. Register by contacting Lisa at (412) 371-8779 ext. 115 or email [lisa@ninemilerun.org](mailto:lisa@ninemilerun.org).

#### Photography Walk with John Moyer

Saturday, May 14

2 pm

Lower Frick Park parking lot, off Lancaster Avenue

You've seen his work, now grab your camera and join John Moyer in this child and dog friendly event! John will take us on a tour of his favorite spots along Nine Mile Run and offer helpful hints and tips for improving your nature shots. John's photography not only graces the Nine Mile Run newsletters, email blasts and calendars, but his photographic documentation of the Nine Mile Run Restoration Project has been published in Civil Engineering Magazine, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine, Landscape Architecture, and appeared in the PBS documentary Liquid Assets as well as at the New York Times online. You must preregister for this event! Please register by calling 412.371.8779 ext. 115, or email [lisa@ninemilerun.org](mailto:lisa@ninemilerun.org).

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## Scouts

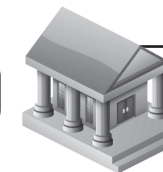
### Three Cub Scouts Earn Scouting Award

Three Cub Scouts from Pack 23 earned the highest Cub Scout Award, called the Arrow of Light, at the Pack 23 Blue & Gold banquet. David Augustine, Owen Maue, and Teddy Ritts, all of Edgewood, received their awards on February 17. To earn the Arrow of Light, a Cub Scout must complete activities including health and fitness, citizenship, outdoor skills, knot tying, and earn a minimum of seven merit pins. The program takes a year and a half to complete. David, Owen, and Teddy have now moved on to join the older scouts of Boy Scout Troop 23. Congratulations to them all. The Scouts meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Pack 23 was founded in 1930 and Troop 23 in 1912. We have a long tradition of scouting in Edgewood!

### Scouting for Food

The Scouts will be collecting canned food donations for Scouting for Food this month. Donation bags will be distributed on April 4. The scouts will be going door-to-door, picking up donations on April 9. Please leave the donation bags at your front door the morning of April 9. Please help local families who need a helping hand by donating to Scouting for Food.

Scouting provides many opportunities for boys to experience healthy outdoor activities. This past month the scouts spent a weekend backpacking over 15 miles of the Laurel Highlands trail. Besides engaging in outdoor activities, scouting teaches leadership skills.



## Western PA School for the Deaf

### Wrestlefest

The Parent Staff Organization (PSO) invites you to attend Deaf Wrestlefest on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The fund raising event takes place in the gymnasium of the Edgewood campus. Join us at 6:00 pm. for an evening of fun, food and professional wrestling. Tickets are \$25 for first row ringside, \$20 for day of event general admission and \$15 for advance purchase general admission.

For tickets email, [deafwrestlefest@gmail.com](mailto:deafwrestlefest@gmail.com) or call (412) 678-3287. [deafwrestlefest.vze.com](http://deafwrestlefest.vze.com)

### The Spring Monster Yard Sale Moves to the Fall

The 2011 WPSD Monster Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, October 1. This annual event will share the day with the 5th Annual Community Block Party. Mark your calendars and save the date for a full day of community spirit with the craft market and yard sale, Classic Car Cruise and Our Communities Got Talent competition, food, music, games and lots more! For more information contact Vicki Cherney or Gregg Bowers at (412) 371-7000.

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## Mel Douglass Scholarship

To apply for a 2011 scholarship, please send the following information by April 11 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA 15218 or at [frejdk@gmail.com](mailto:frejdk@gmail.com):

1. Your name, address and telephone number (email address optional).
2. Your high school and month you will graduate this year.
3. A summary of your community service efforts, including 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.
4. The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service.
5. The college or university you plan to attend.

If you prefer to apply for a scholarship using a paper application, forms are available at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. If you have questions or would like to contribute to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at 412.371.0278 or [frejdk@gmail.com](mailto:frejdk@gmail.com).



## New Dates for FPCE Play

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is mounting a community production of Godspell and is looking for singers, actors, technical people, and other theatrically minded folks to participate. Performance dates are Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. There will be an audition meeting in July to go over audition procedures, the rehearsal schedule and all the other ways you can help make this a special event for Edgewood. Auditions will be in late July with multiple dates and times. Formal rehearsals will the week after Labor Day, but there will be several informal rehearsals in August. This will be a true community event and every effort will be made to accommodate anyone who wants to participate. For more information, call the church at 412-241-4613.

## FPCE also invites you to its worship and events:

- World Day of Prayer service *Friday, March 4 at 7:00 pm.*
- Classic Worship with Communion *Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am.*
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner *Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm.*

- Ash Wednesday service *Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm.*
- Worship featuring Taize songs and prayers – *Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 am.*
- Emerging Worship featuring a wide variety of songs and music *Sunday, March 20 at 11:00 am.*
- Classic Worship *Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 am.*

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## Paint the Town Clean

Join neighbors and friends on Saturday, April 9 (rain date Saturday, April 16), when Edgewood celebrates Earth Day. Meet at Koenig Field at 9 am to enjoy light refreshments before setting off to clean our little portion of the earth. Maps, gloves, vests and trash bags will be provided. The Edgewood Foundation looks forward to your joining us in this effort to fight the litter blight.

## Wanted: High School Seniors

The Edgewood Foundation's annual Senior Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, May 22. If you or someone you know who lives in Edgewood is graduating from high school (any high school, including home schooling), please contact Laura Horner at (412) 241-7786 or Cathy Gleason at (412) 243-1502 to get on the mailing list for this event.

## And a Good Time Was Had By All . . .

. . . All 125 people who attended the Edgewood Foundation's Progressive Dinner in February. Thanks to those who hosted, attended, or prepared food for this fabulous annual neighborhood event.

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## Black History Brought to Life at Dickson

Local ceramics artist, Mr. Jim McDowell of Edgewood, brought history to life for 4th and 5th graders at Dickson Elementary on Monday, February 21. Mr. McDowell is well known for creating "face jugs," an African American folk art.

Mr. McDowell demonstrated how to throw pots and other ceramic pieces on a pottery wheel. Intermixed with his live demonstration, he regaled the students with stories about black history, and in particular the significance of face jugs in the African American culture. He also spoke about his family history and shared personal anecdotes that underscored the importance of reading and education in discovering "who you are" and what path you need to take to find success in the world and happiness in life.

Students had the opportunity to help make the face jugs and Mr. McDowell graciously donated all of the jugs made during the presentation to the school.

The visit by Mr. McDowell was the culmination of a joint project that integrated curriculum from Library Science, Art, and Language Arts classes, and was organized by Dickson Librarian Elizabeth Casey and Art Teacher Beth Wagner. The project featured a study of Dave the Potter, a book about a gifted and literate slave potter and poet who lived in Edgefield, SC in the 1800's. Students learned about Dave as they read, discussed and studied the book, researched facts about "Dave," created their own "face jugs," and composed poetry.

Throughout his presentation, Mr. McDowell shared his extensive knowledge of Dave the Potter, including having played the role of Dave in the docudrama, "Filling the Gap." Mr. McDowell is in the process of relocating back to his ancestral home in Asheville, NC.

You can see photos from Mr. McDowell's visit on the District website ([www.whsd.net](http://www.whsd.net)) and learn more about the craft and history of "face jugs" on Mr. McDowell's website: <http://www.blackpotter.com/>



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## Calendar *at a glance*



### April 2011 *(all dates in April)*

#### **Council Meetings:**

4 & 18, 7:30 pm @ Borough Building

#### **Refuse:**

7, 14, 21, & 28

#### **Recycling:**

7 & 21

#### **Story Time @ CC Mellor:**

10:30 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays

#### **Toastmasters:**

6:30 pm Tuesdays @ CC Mellor

#### **Boy Scouts:**

7:00 pm @ FPCE