Edgewood Borough Launches New Website

The Borough of Edgewood is pleased to announce that our new website is up and running!

During the 2011 Community Survey, residents requested updates to the Borough’s website. We heard you loud and clear! We’ve created a new website that went live in November 2012. The new site is user-friendly and quickly provides pertinent information to residents about the local community. The website was designed with mobile devices in mind and the layout works well on handheld phones and tablets. If you haven’t been to the site, check us out at www.EdgewoodBoro.com.

A new feature on the site is a “Search” box in the upper right of the Home page. You can type in exactly what you’re looking for and be directed to it. Just below the “Search” box are large boxes labeled NEWS, EVENTS and MEETINGS. Click on these headings to see current news, a calendar of daily events and information about meetings of the Borough Council.

You can now sign up to receive e-mail notifications. The user determines exactly how much mail they wish to receive from the Borough. Click on “Sign up for Borough e-News.” This box redirects you to a sign-up form where you can select one or more of the following categories:

- e-News Alerts (street closings; advisory notices)
- Borough e-Newsletter (notification when the newsletter is available online)
- Council News (updates and minutes of council meetings)
- Recycling (updates or changes in the recycling program; leaf pick-up schedule)
- General Interest (Recreation sign-ups; Foundation events; free flu shots; street sweeping schedule)

Whenever new information is put up on the website regarding these items, you will receive an e-mail notification.

Permits and forms are also available from the site. Under the “Administration” tab, the following forms are available: Parking Permits, Dumpster forms, Lien Letter Request form, Occupancy Permit, Dye Test Certification and Solicitation Permit. Print and mail forms quickly and easily.

On our Recreation page, you are able to access registration forms and information for Sports activities throughout the year, both for Youth (Basketball, T-Ball, Girls’ Softball, Soccer) and Adults (Basketball).

Please take the time to visit the new site and let us know what you think!
Edgewood Recreation

Youth Basketball

The Youth Basketball season was a great success! Over 100 boys and girls ages 5 to 14 participated on teams throughout January and February. They practiced at the Edgewood Primary School gym and played games at the WPSPD gym. Thanks to our devoted coaches who donated their time and expertise, and a special thanks to Jeff Hanchett, our Basketball Coordinator.

Youth T-Ball and Girls’ Softball

Sign-ups will be starting soon for Youth T-Ball (ages 5 – 7) and Girls’ Softball (ages 7 – 13). Look for sign-up sheets on the Recreation page of the website, or pick up forms at the Edgewood Borough Building. Games for both sports will be played at Koenig Field in June and July. Deadline for signing up is May 21, 2013.

Please note: Edgewood does not have its own boy’s baseball team. We refer our players to either 14th Ward Baseball: or Squirrel Hill baseball: www.sqhillbaseball.org

Edgewood Police Department

NEW FULL TIME OFFICER

On January 19, 2013 Edgewood Borough hired a new full time officer, Joseph Tomko. Officer Tomko was born and raised in the area and graduated from Woodland Hills High School. After high school, Officer Tomko enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served 8 years. He was deployed, and reactivated during his enlistment. After leaving the Marine Corp, Officer Tomko enrolled in the police academy at the University of Pennsylvania. Once graduated, Officer Tomko took a part time position with Swisvale Police, moving onto a full time position with the Carnegie Police Department. Officer Tomko then moved onto a full time position with the Penn Hills Police Department.

Officer Tomko is looking forward to serving the community where he grew up. He brings with him 12 years of experience and a wealth of knowledge. After leaving the Marine Corp, Officer Tomko enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served 8 years. He was deployed, and reactivated during his enlistment. After leaving the Marine Corp, Officer Tomko enrolled in the police academy at the University of Pennsylvania. Once graduated, Officer Tomko took a part time position with Swisvale Police, moving onto a full time position with the Carnegie Police Department. Officer Tomko then moved onto a full time position with the Penn Hills Police Department.

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Police Activity 2012/2013

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**Adult Library**

**AARP Driving Classes**

If you are 55 and over this is a great chance to brush up on your driving skills while enjoying a discount. Volunteers from AARP will teach the Basic Class on Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11 from 9 am-1 pm. A refresher course, for those who have had the Basic Class, will be offered on Thursday, April 18 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 at 412-731-0909.

**ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY 2013**

The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks has been chosen by the Allegheny County Library Association for this year’s One Book, One Community read.

In 1996, Hanna Heath, a young Australian book conservator, is called to analyze the famed Sarajevo Jewish prayer book that has been salvaged from a destroyed Bosnian library. When Hanna discovers a series of artifacts in the book’s centuries-old binding, she unwittingly exposes an international cover up. A Pulitzer Prize winner, Ms. Brooks will be in Pittsburgh on April 8 speaking at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland at 7:30 pm. The Library will have a book discussion on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 pm in the Board Room in Edgewood. Book Club kits are available for groups. To reserve a kit, please call Sally Bogie at the Library at 412-731-0909.

**JOIN A BOOK CLUB**

**Drop Dead Book Club**

Drop Dead Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Edgewood Board Room. You can follow the DDBC on their website at dropdeadbookclub.wordpress.com. They will be discussing: April 10: Al Roat by Stella Remington May 15: Before I Go to Sleep by S. J. Watson

**PALS Book Club**

PALS Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the Forest Hills Library. Upcoming books are: April 23: Destiny of the Republic by Candice Miller May 28: Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts

**The Contemporary Issues Discussion Group**

Join us for a series of workshops on compelling topics of the month. The group will continue to discuss meaningful and interesting events of our time. The salon meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Board Room of the Edgewood Library. Some of the previously discussed topics were: the fiscal cliff and immigration reform Argumentative. Conversation Salons are sponsored in 14 libraries by the Allegheny County Library Association. The salons were formed to encourage face to face conversation among a diverse group of interesting and well informed residents. This is a great opportunity to become a participant in a larger world around you, to develop the skills of good conversation, and to connect and contribute to your community. Next meetings are April 4, May 2, and June 6.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL WORKSHOP**

Dollars and Sense Investment Study Group explores the world of investment through research and discussion. At the monthly meetings the group shares what they have learned and how it might be used. Join them on Wednesdays April 17 and May 15 at 7 pm in the Boardroom for a one hour discussion. Ginnie Farnsworth, an Edgewood resident with over 20 years of experience, will lead the group. She is not affiliated with any financial institution. This is an open, unpressured discussion and discussion topics are driven by the group’s interest.

**TESTING AND EDUCATIONAL REFERENCE CENTER AVAILABLE FOR TEST PREP**

Spring and end of school year means standardized tests. C. C. Mellor subscribes to an on-line testing service for its users. Practice tests include the AP Exams and college prep exams such as the ACT, PSAT, SAT and SAT subject tests. Students with library cards can use this resource while in the Library, on their mobile devices, or home computers. To access the testing database go to the Library website, scroll down to the Library and the Community on the left side of the page, and click on Testing and Education Reference Center.

**WISE WALK**

Another round of Wise Walk begins on Tuesday, April 16. Participants will receive a Wise Walk T-shirt, a pedometer and walking guide. We walk as a group for one hour every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 am along the Nine Mile Run Trail in Frick Park. We meet in the parking lot just below the United Cerebral Palsy Center Building on Braddock Avenue. Wise Walk is offered by the library and is supported by the Highmark PALS program of the Allegheny County Library Association.

**Children’s Library**

**Story times:** Early Literacy is important for developing lifelong readers. Come share a story time with your little ones to develop early literacy skills.

C. C. Mellor Fred Rogers Room

10:30 am Tuesday – Family story time for children under 5

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1:30 pm Wednesday – Preschool story time for 3 – 5 year olds

6:30 pm 1st Thursday of each month – Family story time for children under 5

Churchill Borough Building

10:30 am Thursday – Family story time

Wilkins Township Recreation Building

10:30 am Friday – Family Story time

Forest Hills location

10:30 am – Family story time for children under 5

**READ TO ROVER**

April 6th 10:30 am and May 4th at 10:30 am

Research shows that reading out loud is a difficult but important skill to develop for early readers. Let your young readers come read to these certified therapy dogs and help alleviate the nervousness of reading aloud. Pre-readers welcome too. Please register by calling 412-731-0909.

**SATURDAY KID ART!**

Come join us in a series of workshops for elementary aged kids – and MAKE ART! Each workshop we will focus on a different medium. Starts at 10:30 am sharp. Please register by calling 412-731-0909.

Sat April 13th – Mosaic

Sat May 11th – Building...
Celebrate 25 Years with the ESO!

Join the ESO for a Season Finale Concert and Gala at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland to celebrate the culmination of the 25th Anniversary season!

Sunday, May 5, 2013, 3:00 pm Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland

The Grand Finale for the 25th anniversary season will showcase bold, classical favorites like Tchaikovsky’s monumental Fourth Symphony, Shostakovich’s Festive Overture and a performance of Grieg’s Piano Concerto featuring the ESO’s Music Director and pianist, Walter Morales. Join ESO musicians and friends after the concert for a reception in the beautiful Music Hall foyer featuring more live music, an auction and hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are just $15 ($10 for seniors and students) and can be purchased at www.edgewoodsymphony.org.

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The Scouts would like to thank the Edgewood community in advance for your generosity. We always have a high degree of participation in this program which serves our local food bank right here in Edgewood.

Woodland Hills School District

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Edgewood Elementary School on Wednesday, April 24, 2012 from 12 noon to 7 pm.

To register, please bring your child and the following documents:

- parent or guardian’s photo ID (only a parent or legal guardian may register a child)
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Edgewood Foundation

Senior Brunch 2013

Every spring the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a brunch honoring the Borough’s graduating high school seniors. Although our students all live in Edgewood, they attend different high schools. This is a great opportunity for them all to be together with their families and friends before they go their separate ways to follow their dreams. The Mel Douglass Scholarships will be presented to the deserving seniors. This year, the brunch will be on Sunday, May 19th at 11 am at the Edgewood Club. If you are or know a high school senior, please e-mail the Foundation at info@edgewoodfoundation.org with your name, address and phone number so we can send you a formal invitation.

Earth Day Clean Up Saturday, April 20, 2013

Once again the Edgewood Foundation will be sponsoring the annual Earth Day Clean Up of the Borough. Come one, come all (bring the kids, too) down to Koenig Field between 9 and 10 am to clean up trash around the neighborhood. Work for as long as you wish! Any amount of time is highly appreciated. Gloves, safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Rain date will be April 27. Mark your calendar and we’ll see you soon!

EDGECWOOD NEWCOMERS’ RECEPTION

Each year, the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a reception for newcomers who have moved into the Borough in the preceding year. This event is our way of formally welcoming them into the neighborhood and introducing them not only to their fellow newcomers, but also to Borough officials, members of the local organizations and other involved citizens. The reception is hosted at an Edgewood resident’s house in the early evening, with refreshments and beverages provided.

The reception allows newcomers the opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow residents, while also obtaining important information from each of the Borough offices and community groups. The newcomers are provided with a welcome packet of Borough information, and many local businesses have information available as well. This is one of the signature events of the Foundation and is a major reason why Edgewood continues to be a special place to live.

This year’s Newcomers’ Reception will be on Thursday evening, May 16, 2013, starting at 7:00 pm, so please save the date! Invitations will be sent out in mid-April to all newcomers based upon available real estate transfer information. However, if you know a newcomer who did not receive an invitation or you are a newcomer interested in attending, please visit our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org for additional information and also feel free to RSVP at info@edgewoodfoundation.org. The event also has a Facebook page that can be accessed in the Event Details posted into the calendar on our website.

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WPSD SPRING YARD SALE!

WPSD will host a community yard sale on Saturday morning, April 20th. This is a rain or shine event. Registration cost is $10 per space with tables available to rent for an additional $5. Proceeds from the space and table rentals benefits student programs. For additional information call, 412.244.4207 or email vcherney@wpsd.org.

EVFD

The EVFD has responded to 76 calls for service for the year as of the end of February. Thirty-five of these calls came in the month of February. There have been no major incidents in the Borough. Members of the fire department’s live-in program have begun to assess “pre-plans” for businesses in the Borough. This pre-planning entails recognizing hydrants, any and all hazards and the unique features of a business that will aid the department in the event of an emergency. We have also upgraded the response in the Borough to include Swissvale Fire Department. Their recent purchase of a new ladder truck will be our primary ladder truck in the Borough as well as their engines. Coming soon for the department will be a review of the Borough’s ISO rating, which regulates fire insurance rates. We will be working on achieving the best number possible for the residents, thus far, results of our yearly fund drive have been poor: 6% of businesses, 25% of residents, and 2% of renters have donated. The fund drive is our main source of income to purchase equipment for the department. Our only other fund raiser is Community Day, so the fund drive is very important to us. Maintenance and up-keep costs of fire equipment continue to rise. The cost of turn-out gear, breathing apparatuses and supplies are also rising. Please help us help you.

Please consider donating to the fire department, and thank you to those who have already done so.

DID YOU KNOW?
The domestic cat is a non-native species, and preys on native shrews, squirrels, chipmunks and voles. Stray cats account for most of the damage. But pets that are let outside to roam account for up to 30%, according to a new study.

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The 2013 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax bills were sent out on March 30. The new millage rate is 5.65 mills. If you have not received your bill by the second week of April, please call my office at 412-731-0200. This tax is due at discount until May 31. My office will be opened the last two weeks in May from 9 am -12 pm, except for Monday the 27th which is Memorial Day. Taxes can also be placed in my door mail slot at any time. If you need a receipt, please remember to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The 2012 Woodland Hills School tax is due at penalty and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector the second week of April. Please remember that you are responsible for paying your taxes on time, so if you have changed mortgage companies or are now paying your own taxes, call my office with that information. The mortgage companies will not notify me! If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office. If I am not available, I will return your call.

Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

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2 Race Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15218
OR...drop off at the library or borough building.

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

April 2013
Council Meetings:
1 & 15, 7:30 pm @ Borough Building
Refuse:
4, 11, 18 & 25
Recycling:
4 & 18
Story Time @ C.C. Mellor:
10:30am Tuesdays and Wednesdays &
1:30pm Wednesdays @ C.C. Mellor
Boy Scouts:
Mondays 7pm @ FPCE
Toastmasters:
Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C.C. Mellor
Earth Day Clean Up:
April 20, 9am @ Koenig Field

May 2013
Council Meetings:
6 & 20, 7:30 pm @ Borough Building
Refuse:
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Recycling:
7 & 21
Edgewood Newcomer’s Reception:
May 16, 7 pm
Senior Brunch:
May 19, 11 am @ Edgewood Club
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Edgewood Borough Street Sweeper

The Edgewood Borough Department of Public Works will resume street sweeping on Wednesdays starting in April. If you park on the street, be sure to check the posted signs for directions on what side of the street to park your car so that you don’t receive a ticket!