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2014 Budget Highlights

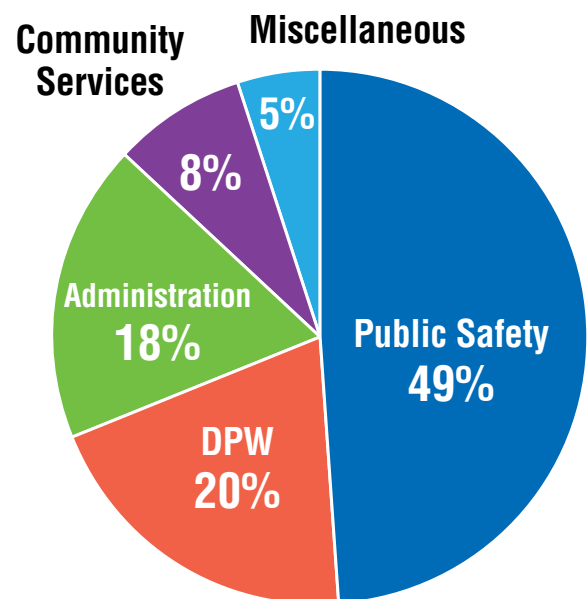
Street paving, new playground, and new business development planned for 2014.

- The 2014 General Fund Budget was approved by a unanimous vote of Council on December 16, 2013. The 2014 Budget has revenues and expenses at \$2,940,595.00. The budget balances with \$83,866 carried over from a surplus in 2013.
- Borough staff attempted to estimate a revenue neutral (meaning no increase in property tax revenue from 2012) millage rate in 2013 after the County reassessments took effect, however, ongoing property appeals in 2013 lowered total Edgewood real estate values by over \$11 million, resulting in a \$64,000 deficit in revenue for 2013. The Edgewood Borough Property tax rate increased .25 millage points from 5.65 mils in 2013 to 5.90 mils in 2014 to correct for this shortfall.
- The sale of Parcel D to McDonald's USA (next to Edgewood Towne Centre) is pending in 2014; the sale, if completed, will bring in revenue for the Borough and ongoing real estate taxes. (This amount is not included in the current 2014 Budget.)
- On November 4, 2013, Borough Council unanimously voted to borrow \$1 million for road maintenance and paving that is expected to be completed in 2014. Look for more information on the website and in future newsletters. The Borough will make 10 annual payments (beginning in 2014) of approximately \$114,500 to finance this loan.
- The Borough procured two grants totaling \$109,000 from DCNR and Allegheny County for new playground equipment and relocation to dryer ground. The

Edgewood Foundation has contributed \$7,500 as well. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

- Windows in the historic Borough Building will also be replaced in 2014. This project has been researched for several years, and a reasonable price was bid this fall for the replacement. This will represent \$132,000 in the 2014 budget.
- A grant for \$20,000 for updating the borough's zoning ordinance has been secured from the County. The grant requires a match from the Borough. The project total is \$40,000.

2014 Approved General Budget Expenditures



Please see the Budget Line Item for additional information regarding budget allocations on page 2.

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EDGEWOOD BOROUGH 2014 BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

Revenues	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	% of Revenues 2014 Budget
Property Tax	1,515,000	1,520,000	51.69%
Local Tax Enabling Act (Income Tax)	643,000	653,000	22.21%
Business Licenses/Permits	70,475	70,250	2.39%
Non-Bus Licenses/Permits	50,300	55,800	1.90%
Fines (Vehicle Code/Ordinance)	65,000	65,000	2.21%
Koenig Field/Train Station Rent	19,000	19,000	0.65%
State Shared Revenue	86,885	88,811	3.02%
Allegheny Co. RAD Tax	73,000	75,000	2.55%
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,500	9,000	0.31%
Newsletter Advertising	8,400	5,500	0.18%
Recreation/Playground Grants	14,500	94,800	3.22%
Contributions & Donations (Pensions, Crossing Guards, etc.)	159,893	177,548	6.04%
Refunds of Prior Year Exp.(Dividends)	22,600	23,000	0.78%
Fund Balance Forwarded	43,788	83,886	2.85%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,779,341	2,940,595	100.00%

Expenditures	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	% of Expenditures 2014 Budget
Legislative Body/Dues	6,800	6,300	0.21%
Administration	267,295	290,982	9.90%
Tax Collection	27,943	20,852	0.71%
Legal	55,400	37,400	1.27%
Workers Comp./Insurance	182,000	168,789	5.74%
Newsletter	11,600	14,200	0.48%
Police	1,117,641	1,150,369	39.12%
Traffic Safety(Crossing Guards,Lights)	138,390	118,750	4.04%
Communications (Police and Fire)	67,444	71,747	2.44%
Fire	97,323	97,323	3.31%
Public Works Administration	216,044	187,473	6.37%
Street Maintenance	100,000	114,550	3.90%
Snow & Ice Removal	30,000	30,000	1.02%
Public Works Vehicles	74,500	79,500	2.70%
Facility Maintenance (Windows)	136,499	182,701	6.21%
Building, Planning & Zoning Fees	21,620	22,120	0.75%
Parks & Shade Trees	43,500	43,500	1.48%
Recreation/New Playground	15,777	129,150	4.39%
Library Contribution	40,000	40,000	1.36%
Community Day/Misc.	10,000	11,000	0.38%
Debt Interest	123,656	121,889	4.15%
Refunds	1,000	2,000	0.07%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,784,432	2,940,595	100.00%



Police Report

Edgewood Police Department is now on Facebook

The Edgewood Police Department is now connected to social media through Facebook! Please search for our page and "LIKE" us. Those who follow us on Facebook will see updates on Borough incidents in your newsfeed, and the most up-to-date information about issues happening in the department as well as surrounding areas. The Department is excited to have another way to reach out to our residents.

Facebook also aids officers investigating crimes that involve social media or that may have a connection, such as with a suspect posting information on Facebook. Facebook is also a great way to give you information on events such as on-street parking, street sweeping, road closures, and weekly police activities. Search for "Edgewood Borough Police Department" on Facebook today!

Police Promotion

It is with great pride that the Edgewood Police Department announces the promotion of Officer Michael Libell to Sergeant!

Sergeant Libell was sworn in as a new sergeant in December 2013, after rigorous physical and knowledge-based examinations. With his promotion, the Edgewood Police Department now has two sergeants: Sergeant Kaskie works daylight shift, and Sergeant Libell will work the afternoon shift.

Sergeant Libell has been an Edgewood Police Officer for 9 1/2 years and has had many accomplishments over that time. Sergeant Libell has years of supervisor experience as an "Officer in Charge" of the afternoon and overnight shifts.

Sergeant Libell has worked on all three shifts (daylight, afternoon, and overnight) which provides him with hands-on knowledge of the different needs of the community throughout the day.

We are confident that the residents and businesses of Edgewood Borough will be well served by Sergeant Libell, and are pleased to have him in this new position.



Mayor Cook, Officer Suley, Sgt. Libell, Chief Payne and Officer Chrise

Police Activity 2013 Oct. Nov.

Complaints Received	.....475	.. 415
Accidents Investigated	.....9	.... 13

Part I Crimes

Robbery, Burglary	.....0	..... 0
Motor Vehicle Theft	.....0	..... 1
Shoplifting	.....11	.... 16
Assault	.....2	..... 0
Arson	.....0	..... 0
Other Thefts	.....2	..... 1

Part II Crimes

Vandalism/Mischief	.....2	..... 1
Narcotics Offenses	.....0	..... 3
Disorderly Conduct	.....4	..... 7
Other Crimes	.....1	..... 2

Arrests

Adult Arrests	.....14	.... 12
Juvenile Arrests	.....3	..... 0

Officer's Activity

Traffic Stops	.....96	.... 72
Traffic Citations	.....75	.... 61
Non-traffic Citations	.....4	..... 6
DUI	.....1	..... 1
False Alarms	.....12	.... 19
Medicals	.....14	.... 14
Suspicious Person	.....4	..... 5
Public Nuisance Complaints	..3	..... 2

Tip of the Month

Edgewood Borough requires a permit for all businesses to solicit door to door. If someone knocks at your door and tries to sell you a product, they **MUST** have proper identification and a Borough permit. If the person cannot show you a permit, close the door, call 911 and ask the police to check on that person.

When a person or business applies for a permit, it enables the police to verify that the business is legitimate, and that the person(s) who will be soliciting are not wanted for crimes or possibly dangerous. Permits are only issued after these facts have been verified.

The borough has steps in place to help ensure the safety of our residents from bad businesses and/or persons.

2014 Newly Elected Council Members are sworn into office by Mayor Ed Cook.



Jack Bright



John Wainright



Justin Petrolla



Jack Wilson

Edgewood Recycles

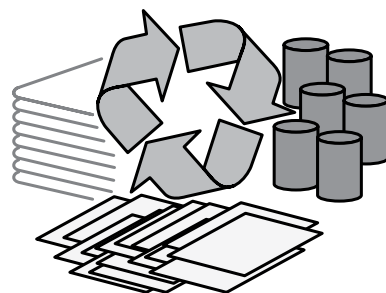
Let's make 2014 our most successful for recycling! Below are some basic tips and guidelines for our recycling program. Together we can make a difference!

In Edgewood, recycling is collected curbside every two weeks by Waste Management. If your household needs an additional recycling bin, they can be purchased at the Borough Building, 2 Race Street, for \$20 each. These bins are needed for curbside collection. Please place glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastics #1 through #7 in these bins. You can recycle tied newspapers and paperboard (cereal boxes, pasta boxes) in paper bags alongside the recycling bin. Please rinse food from the plastics that are recycled. Do not recycle paper and cardboard that has food residue on it: these items must go in the regular garbage.

Corrugated cardboard can also be recycled: break down all boxes and fold them flat. Place them alongside or underneath the recycling bin.

Unacceptable items for recycling: carbon paper, food wrappers, used paper plates or paper towels, tissues, and styrofoam cups. Place these items in the regular garbage.

If you have a large amount of paper or magazines you'd like to recycle, you can place them in the large recycling dumpsters behind the Borough Building.



SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Eyes on Regent Square

Eyes on Regent Square has provided quality eye care to Edgewood and surrounding communities for 22 years. Starting back in 1992, Maureen Kamons, O.D., opened her practice on South Braddock Avenue. She has a B.S. degree in Nursing from Carlow University and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. She picked Edgewood as the site for her practice because she liked the community. The practice has expanded with the addition of an Associate, Elizabeth Rottgers, O.D.

Eyes on Regent Square provides family eye care including eyeglass prescription, contact lens fitting, vision medical diagnosis, and refractive surgical consultations.

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Wednesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



They have an onsite lab for eyeglasses, which enables them to provide same-day service for glasses in many cases. The practice prides itself in keeping current with the latest technology and advancements in eye care, and it has a beautiful selection of fashionable eyewear for the whole family. Call today to make an appointment and support this local Edgewood business!

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Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

CALL STATISTICS FOR 2013

Fires	50
Overpressure, explosion, overheat.....	8
Rescue and EMS.....	236
Hazardous conditions	72
Service calls.....	36
Good intent	76
False alarms.....	96
Severe weather emergencies	4
Special incidents.....	1
TOTAL CALLS	579

Compared to 2012, calls from 2013 increased by 129.

The VOLUNTEERS have completed over 3000 hours of additional training during 2013. We have completed training in Rapid Intervention Team, Confined Space Rescue Training, Water Rescue Training, First Aid and CPR Training, Essentials of Firefighting Training, Firefighter 1 certification, Hazardous Materials Training, Pump Operations and Driver Training.

Average response time from dispatch: 2 minutes.

Edgewood Borough is fortunate to have a staffed VOLUNTEER fire department throughout the year.

We have responded to the following areas to assist our mutual aid departments:

Braddock Hills.....	24
Churchill.....	3
Edgewood	393
Forest Hills.....	2
North Braddock	1
Penn Hills.....	7
Swissvale	58
Homestead	1

Officers for 2014

President.....	Ben Reynolds
Vice-President.....	Steven Halle
Secretary.....	Eric Rosner
Treasurer.....	Steve Krumholz

Line Officers

Chief.....	Steven Halle
Assistant Chief	Ben Reynolds
Captain	Jared Amos
Lieutenant	Richmond Nye
Lieutenant	Paul Nye

Honorary Mentions

Junior Firefighter of the year	Dylan Amos
Firefighter of the year	Fred Caprio

LUMINARIA

Thank you to all of our residents who helped continue the tradition of placing luminaria outside their home on Christmas Eve.

FUND DRIVE

Our fund drive is still ongoing. Please consider donating to help your department.

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is always seeking VOLUNTEERS. Please call us at 412-242-9994.

COMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Save the date for the Edgewood Symphony's Upcoming 2014 concerts!

Your neighborhood symphony orchestra continues their 26th season into 2014 with two very exciting concerts.

Join the ESO on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. to experience the *Myths and Legends* of some amazing classical music including Rimski-Korsakov's *The Snow Maiden Suite*, Faure's *Pelleas and Melisande Suite*, Stravinsky's powerful *The Firebird Suite* and Sibelius's *Swan of Tuonela* featuring ESO oboist Charlotte Devere.

Then mark your calendar for May 10 to experience *Russia with Love* and hear Tchaikovsky's beautiful *Symphony No. 6, "Pathetique"* as well as the fun *Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture* by Glinka. A special treat will be Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*, featuring renowned violinist Monique Mead.

Tickets are just \$15 (less for seniors and students!) and both concerts will be held at the Pittsburgh JCC in Squirrel Hill. Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for tickets and more information.



Edgewood Foundation

Annual Appeal

Thank you to our many neighbors that have sent in support for the Edgewood Foundation's 2014 programs/events. We could not do what we do in the community without your help. If you have not received an appeal letter in the mail and would like to support the Edgewood Foundation, please visit our website and donate online, <http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org/>



Earth Day Clean Up: Saturday, April 26, 2014 (rain date April 27)

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 a.m. to enjoy light refreshments before setting off to help clean up/pick up trash around the neighborhoods. 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 in April!

If you'd like to help us by working at the booth, please send your info to Joy Goethert at joygoe@gmail.com.

Attention 2014 Graduating Seniors: Senior Brunch May 11, 2014

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! Brunch includes speakers and the Mel Douglass Scholarship awards. This year, the brunch will be on Sunday, May 11 at 11 a.m. at the Edgewood Club.

Please email the foundation your contact information: name, phone, address, parent names, and school attending. We will be sending invitations in April and would like to find as many seniors as possible. You can also add the names of friends and neighbors whom you know will be graduating in 2014. Please email to info@edgewoodfoundation.org.

Mel Douglass Scholarships to Be Awarded Again

Are you a high school senior with a record of volunteering and community service? Then you have an opportunity to earn a scholarship from the Mel Douglass Fund! The primary scholarship is \$6,000, paid in \$1,500 installments during college as long as several academic standards are met. Honorable mention scholarships of \$500 also are available.

The mission of the Mel Douglass Fund is to honor Mel's legacy by ben-

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efitting young people in Edgewood. Mel grew up in Edgewood, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Mel actively volunteered in multiple community service roles in Edgewood, ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon, before he passed in an airplane accident in 1994. These facts only hint at Mel's true legacy, which is the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, unquenchable spirit, and deep commitment to serving others.

Mel's friends have awarded these scholarships every year since 2008 to sustain Mel's legacy and his love for Edgewood. The scholarships are awarded to high school seniors living in Edgewood for outstanding community service achievements. Our first two groups of winners have graduated from college and have launched careers. The first two Mel Douglass Scholarship winners, Andi Thieman in 2008 and Anne Hazlett in 2009, both continued to demonstrate their commitment to community service during college and are now engaged in careers that build on that commitment. Six Mel Douglass Scholarships and 24 honorable mention scholarships have been awarded to date.

The 2014 scholarships will be announced and presented in May at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors liv-

ing in Edgewood are eligible. To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 12 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or at frejdk@gmail.com:

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

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. This is the only time before the April 12 deadline that this application information will appear in the newsletter. If you prefer to apply using a paper application, forms are available at the C.C. Mellow 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.

Edgewood 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 fellow newcomers, but also to Borough officials and other involved citizens and members of the local organizations.

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 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 a Thursday evening in May. 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. Feel free to RSVP to us at info@edgewoodfoundation.org.



Girls Night Out

The Woodland Hills Certified School Nurses partnered with Dr. Elizabeth Miller, Chief of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Dr. Miller's third year medical student Nancy Fang, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School (who was awarded a Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellowship Grant.) Nancy's project through the grant titled, "Pittsburgh Growing Healthy" supported our Girls Night Out endeavor. Approximately 200 parents, children, teachers, administrators and nurses attended the event at Dickson Elementary School on Tuesday night.

Adults and students began the evening in the cafeteria where a pizza dinner was served. Nancy and Dr. Miller spoke to the group about living a healthy lifestyle and healthy relationships. The girls were then excused to the gym to go on a scavenger hunt as they visited informational tables. Parents remained in the cafeteria to hear a presentation on the dangers and prevention of meningococcal meningitis from Mr. Bob Werner, a

parent who lost a child to this preventable disease. A parent engagement session with Dr. Miller completed the adult part of the evening.

Each girl received a large bag with a wristlet and a small cosmetic bag filled with personal care items inside. The scavenger hunt consisted of the girls visiting each of ten tables and finding the answer to questions listed on a scorecard. Any student with seven out of ten correct answers became eligible to enter a raffle for one of 13 gift baskets. Table topics included Living Well, Nutrition, Dental Health, Exercise and Adolescent Health, Expect Respect (healthy relationships) and Hair Care.

BOY SCOUTS

The scouts would like to thank everyone who came out and purchased a tree at our annual Christmas Tree Sale this past December. The scouts use the money raised from the Christmas Tree Sale to fund their many activities. For example, in January the scouts attended the Laurel Highlands Council's Klondike Derby. In the Klondike Derby each patrol of scouts must push their sled laden with supplies around a course, proceeding from station to station. At each station the scouts are tested on their outdoor and first aid skills by completing different tasks. The scouts are awarded points based on their ability and time it takes to complete the task. It's a fun way to practice and maintain their skills in the winter months.



Scouts unloading Christmas trees.

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Three new members have joined the Board of Trustees of the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House. We are happy to welcome Molly Eggleston, Judy Gough and David Anthony who will serve as at-large representatives. They join Christine Probert, Ed Cook, Ralph Hamilton, Andy Mihm, and Mike Bonavita on the Board. Christine Probert serves as President. The Board is responsible for maintaining the historic building and for overseeing operations of the Library.

DON'T MISS OUR BIG BOOK SALE... March 14 - 18

Make plans to attend the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, which promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the thousands of books, movies, books on tape and CD, music CDs and tapes, magazines, and children's games. And everything is at bargain prices!

The weekend kicks off with a preview party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 14 from 6:30-9:30 p.m., hosted by the Drop Dead Book Club. This is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of good food, drink and good conversation. The cost per person is \$20. Call the Library to make reservations. Please no dealers.

Weekend hours for the sale are Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books are \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and 50¢ for kids' books (5 for \$2). Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days. Fill a bag for \$6 (the Library provides the bags). Bag Sale hours are Monday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 18 from 9am to noon.

We are happy to take donations of books and other items up through the sale. **We are also looking for volunteers;** we need help setting up the sale, running the sale, and tearing down the sale. To volunteer, call Sally Bogie at 412-731-0909.

One Book One Community

Join us as we celebrate the twelfth year of One Book, One Community with this year's featured book *Transatlantic* by Colum McCann. Three iconic crossings are featured—Newfoundland, 1919: an attempt to make the first nonstop flight across the Atlantic; Dublin, 1845-46: Abolitionist Frederick Douglass finds the Irish people sympathetic to his cause; and New York, 1998: Senator George Mitchell departs for Belfast to shepherd the

bitter and volatile peace talks. The crossings are connected by the stories of remarkable women whose personal lives are caught up in history.

On Monday, March 10 Colum McCann will be at Woodland Hills High School for a videoconference event for students county-wide. You can also participate in the conversation via live streaming at the library in Edgewood between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. If you are interested, call the library at 412-731-0909 so we can reserve a computer for you.

Mr. McCann will be speaking that evening at the Pittsburgh Arts and Lecture Series Program at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. The Library will be raffling two tickets for the program on Monday, March 3. Stop by the library to enter.

The 4th Tuesday Book Club will discuss *Transatlantic* on Tuesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. at the Forest Hills branch. We will hold a discussion in Edgewood on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. Copies of the book in a variety of formats will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.



Tax Preparation

Once again VITA and AARP volunteers will be on hand to help individuals with their federal and state income taxes as well as local wage taxes and rent rebate filings. The program is for senior citizens, individuals with limited income, and uncomplicated returns. Volunteers are unable to handle estate or business taxes. Sessions are done by appointment in February and March. Appointments fill up quickly; call the Adult desk at 412-731-0909 to make an appointment.



Honor and Memorial Gifts

We will be adding books to the collection in memory of Paul McCaffrey, Norm Johnson, Dr. James Finlay and Virginia Scuro. Honor books will be added for Joe Emanuele, Marrie Foland, and Gus Hughes.

Check Out Our Programs for Adults

Unless otherwise noted groups meet in the Edgewood Board Room

Drop Dead Book Club

Discussions on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

- February 12 *A Killing in the Hills* by Julia Keller
- March 12 *Gods of Gotham* by Lyndsay Faye

Edgewood Toastmasters

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Clutters Anonymous

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Back Room Quilters

Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m. Bring lunch and a project.

Computer Classes

- **Resume help**
Tuesday, February 11, 1 p.m.
- **E-mail basics**
Wednesday, February 19, 11 a.m.
- **Getting Started with Facebook**
Tuesday, March 4, 1 p.m.
- **E-mail basics**
Wednesday, March 11, 1 p.m.



4th Tuesday Book Group

Meets at the Forest Hills Library on Tuesday, February 25, 1 p.m. to discuss *Songs of Willow Frost* by Jamie Ford and on Tuesday, March 25 to discuss *Transatlantic* by Colum McCann.

Activities for Children

The **Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child** selection for 2014 is *Stripes of All Types* by Susan Stockdale. The book brings to life a patterned parade of animals, showing young readers some of the many reasons stripes are found so often in nature through wonderful art and bouncy rhyme. An afterword pro-

vides more information on each featured animal and where it lives, and explains the role its stripes play.

The library is holding a silent auction of items based on *Stripes of all Types* throughout April in the Fred Rogers Children's Room in Edgewood. We're looking for handmade and original items to auction. They can be in any type of medium or format such as fabric, wood, paper—use your imagination. Each object however must use the theme of stripes. Young artists are also encouraged to get involved. Copies of *Stripes of all Types* are available at the Children's Desk to help you get ideas. For more information, contact Erin Pierce Youth Services Librarian at 412-731-0909.

Proceeds from the auction will help underwrite the costs of providing a paperback copy of *Stripes of All Types* to all young children who attends a library programs in April. We have ordered 250 copies of the book and want to raise \$600. Be sure to stop in to view the clever creations and place your bid in April.

Children's Choice Awards

It's time for 3-6 graders to start reading the eight books that have been selected as finalists in the 2014 Allegheny County Children's Choice awards. Students are asked to read as many of the books as they can and then cast their votes in March and April. The winner will be announced in May. Go to www.rcsclubhouse.org for a list and description of the nominees. This initiative is a collaboration between

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the Allegheny County Library Association and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and is designed to encourage 3-6 graders to read for fun beyond their classroom requirements.

Family Story Times

We offer a full week of Family Story Times to fit into the schedules of busy young families. No sign up is necessary for these free programs. Unless otherwise noted, programs are geared towards preschoolers. Join the stories, finger plays, songs and crafts at any of these locations:

- Forest Hills Library: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
- Fred Rogers Children's Room, Edgewood: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Fred Rogers Children's Room, Edgewood: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Churchill Borough Building: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkins Township Community Center: Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- Baby Lapsit for 6 to 18 months Fred Rogers Children's Room, Edgewood: Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Programs in the Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood. Please register in advance.



Kid Art for 5-8 years olds

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.
Create fabric projects.

Tween Crafts for 8-12 year olds

Saturday, March 1, 12:30 p.m.
Paracord bracelets.

Eco-Geeks for 5-8 year olds

Saturdays, February 22 and March 22, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the world of nature

Design Challenge for 8-12 year olds
Saturdays, February 22 and March 22, 12:30 p.m. A limited set of materials. A limited amount of time. Create an object! February is rocket cars and March is TBA.

"Read to Rover"

A program designed to build confidence and encourage early readers as they read out loud to a four legged friend. Saturdays, February 15 and March 8, 10:30 a.m.



Pokemon Club

Looking for a group to play Pokemon with? We are starting a Pokemon club. First meeting is on January 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Science Fridays

At the Forest Hills Library we have developed a science program for early elementary students who are homeschooled. Students participate in hands on activities on the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Upcoming dates are February 14 and March 14. Call Brenda at 412-824-3567 to register.



Winter Weather and the Library

Since most employees live very close to the library, we stay open during winter weather. If you are unable to get out, you can renew your items online at www.ccmellorlibrary.org or call the library at 412-731-0909.



Help C. C. Mellor Library and other libraries in Allegheny County by joining a county-wide conversation about public libraries at:

www.countycitylibraries.org

Your answers to a 4 question survey will shape future library services to you and your family and ensure that libraries remain strong, sustainable community assets.

Complete survey by February 14.

On the Edge...

Syl Damianos architect and sculptor and 49 year resident of Locust Street, has been appointed to the


Board of Directors of the **Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture.**

Headquartered in San Diego, the "mission of the Academy is to promote and advance knowledge that links neuroscience research to a growing understanding of human responses to the built environment.


The Academy benefits from the expanding body of research that has evolved within the neuroscience community in the last two decades, and the promise of even more in the coming century. Some observers have characterized what is happening in neuroscience as the most exciting frontier of human knowledge since the Renaissance. All humanity stands to benefit from this research in countless ways still to be determined.

The profession of architecture has become a partner in developing the application of this knowledge base in order to increase its ability to be of service to society."

Damianos is former national president of The American Institute of Architects, Chancellor of the AIA College of Fellows and Chairman of the American Architectural Foundation—all headquartered in Washington DC.



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 & 1:30pm Wednesdays @ C.C. Mellor Library

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Progressive Dinner:
 22, 6pm

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A note from the tax collector...

The 2014 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax will be sent out April 1. The millage this year will be 5.90, which is up slightly from last year. This tax is due at discount from April 1 until May 31.

The 2013 Woodland Hill School tax is due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The third installment is due by February 28, 2014. Please remember if you forgot to pay your second installment, you must add an additional 10% to that installment. I will accept tax payments until the end of March, then the bills will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector.

My office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., beginning April 1. If you have changed mortgage companies or have changed your mailing address, please call my office at 412-731-0200. You as a homeowner are responsible for making sure the tax office has this information.

*Thank you,
 Maureen Smith, Tax Collector*





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