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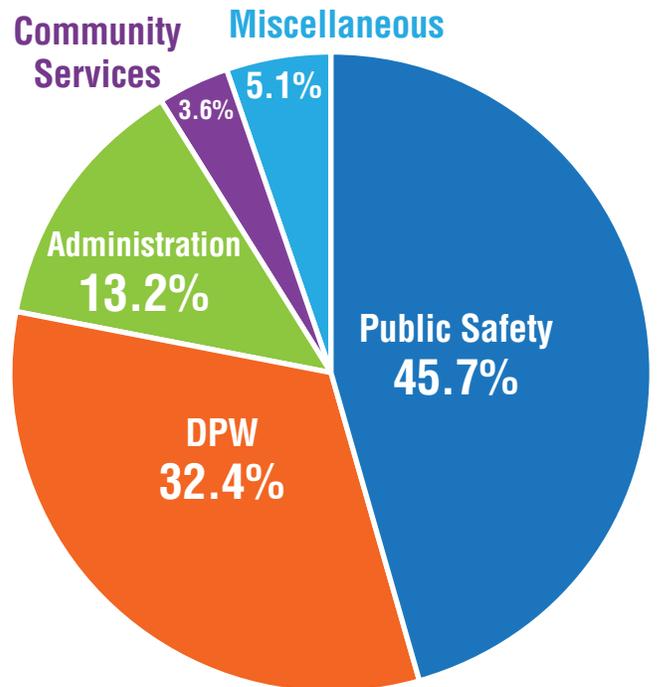
A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2016 Budget Highlights

- The 2016 General Fund Budget was approved by a unanimous vote of Council on December 21, 2015. The 2016 Budget sets revenues and expenses at \$3,316,517.
- The real estate property tax millage for 2015 will be 7.185 mills.
- As has been the case in the past three years, Council will continue to prioritize roadway repairs in 2016. Loan payments for previous roadwork will total \$114,600. In 2016 roadway improvements will total \$390,000, and will pave approximately 2,945 feet of roadway. This work is part of a long-term and ongoing roadway improvement plan, where roads will be paved each year to avoid having to incur debt to pave roads in the future.
- The salt storage facility is in poor condition, and in order to protect the Borough's investment in road salt, a new facility will be built in 2016. The new building will hold approximately 500 tons of road salt, and will be bid in early 2016.

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2015 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



Newly Elected Council Members Being Sworn Into Office by Mayor Cook



Patricia Schaefer sworn in by Mayor Cook.



Marc Wallace sworn in by Mayor Cook.



George Fuller sworn in by Mayor Cook.

Budget Highlights (Continued from page 1)

- Health care premiums for the Borough's employees are expected to increase 10% in 2016, but final numbers are not yet known at the time of this newsletter's printing.
- The Borough's pension obligation in 2016 is \$144,566.
- The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania charges a tax on gallons of gasoline purchased in the state. A portion of this tax is distributed to municipalities to help offset the costs of road maintenance. The reimbursement is based on the number of road miles in the municipality and its population. This funding will increase in 2016. As a result, Edgewood Borough will receive \$83,290.33 from the state in 2016. This is an increase of almost \$8,000 over the Borough's 2015 allocation and an increase of over \$17,000 from the 2014 allocation. These funds go toward offsetting the costs of street lighting and road salt purchases.



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Revenues	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	% of Revenues 2016 Budget
Property Tax	1,825,000	1,829,600	55.17%
Local Tax Enabling Act (Income Tax)	740,000	761,000	22.95%
Business Licenses/Permits	71,725	74,325	2.24%
Non-Bus Licenses/Permits	56,450	61,400	1.85%
Fines (Vehicle Code/Ordinance)	63,000	58,010	1.75%
Koenig Field/Train Station Rent	18,000	18,610	0.56%
Interest Earnings	129	30	0.00%
State Capital and Operating Grants	6,000	6,500	0.20%
State Shared Revenue	97,479	113,479	3.42%
Allegheny Co. RAD Tax	80,000	85,000	2.56%
Miscellaneous Revenue	12,565	10,275	0.31%
Newsletter Advertising	4,500	6,000	0.18%
Recreation/Playground Grants	13,700	15,100	0.46%
Contributions & Donations (Pensions, Crossing Guards, etc.)	169,682	175,274	5.28%
Refunds of Prior Year Exp.(Dividends)	25,000	33,000	0.99%
Fund Balance Forwarded	0	68,914	2.08%
TOTAL REVENUES	3,183,230	3,316,517	100.00%
Revenues	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	% of Expenditures 2016 Budget
Legislative Body/Dues	6,300	6,500	0.20%
Administration	232,625	243,681	7.38%
Tax Collection	19,752	21,652	0.65%
Legal	35,400	34,250	1.03%
Workers Comp./Insurance	155,500	132,915	4.01%
Newsletter	14,500	13,600	0.41%
Police	1,233,506	1,246,577	37.59%
Traffic Safety (Crossing Guards, Lights)	113,750	113,934	3.44%
Communications (Police and Fire)	52,910	51,011	1.54%
Fire	98,800	102,793	3.10%
Public Works Administration	205,805	266,291	8.03%
Street Maintenance	516,000	506,600	15.28%
Snow & Ice Removal	35,000	28,500	0.86%
Public Works Vehicles	77,758	44,258	1.33%
Facility Maintenance	67,701	227,969	6.87%
Building, Planning & Zoning Fees	15,620	20,970	0.63%
Shade Trees	43,500	42,000	1.23%
Recreation	23,150	10,400	0.31%
Library Contribution	38,500	38,500	1.16%
Community Day/Misc.	12,000	15,000	0.45%
Debt Interest	183,153	147,116	4.44%
Refunds	2,000	2,000	0.06%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,183,230	3,316,517	100.00%

SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Caliber Contracting Services

Kevin McNulty has been an Edgewood resident, hailing from Mifflin Avenue, for five years. When office space located on East Swissvale Avenue became available, McNulty jumped at the chance to move his large-scale commercial contracting business from Carnegie to his home neighborhood. Caliber is still within their inaugural year in Edgewood, and Mr. McNulty is pleased with their move, their office space and their commercial neighborhood. "It's a good location, a good value—it's really a hidden gem" McNulty says of Edgewood and also the specific corner of Swissvale Avenue that has recently bloomed in 2015.



Kevin McNulty, President/Owner

Caliber Contracting is a relatively new large-scale commercial contractor, run by Kevin McNulty who boasts a wide range of impressive projects across the eastern seaboard in his career. Formerly a Director of Contracting with Allegheny Health Network, he is now working to build Caliber's reputation as a company that goes above and beyond to get the very best in quality services for their clients. Working in a large geographic scope, Caliber is currently working with the Bellefonte County Office Building project, the New Brighton Public Library and a Kent State Branch in Canton, Ohio, among a variety of others.

Caliber is also a part of the Green Building Alliance and the U.S. Green Building Council. According to McNulty, Green Building is now considered best practice, "So now we try to implement Green Building wherever we can. Whether it's salvaging materials or incorporating in the design phase, it's really a mentality that can sometimes translate to cost savings for our clients", McNulty says.

McNulty says he's very happy with his current location on East Swissvale Avenue. "We like the character, the access to the parkway and downtown—we even love the coffee shop next door! This is a great neighborhood and we don't plan to leave anytime soon!"

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 Sales Associate

Republic Services Information

Republic Services is now Edgewood's Trash Hauler and Recycling Collector! Below find all the information you need to continue to recycle as much as possible. If you have questions regarding Republic Services, call their customer service line at 412-429-2600.

Please place all of your recyclable materials loosely in your recycling bin. Do NOT put items in plastic bags. NO separating or sorting is needed. We'll do it for you! Here are examples of what you can put in your bin:

Acceptable Materials for Biweekly Recycling:

- Aluminum Cans
- Bottle Glass—all colors & shapes
- Clean Pizza Boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard—broken down so it is flat and no more than 3 feet in length or width and tied in a bundle
- Dry Food Boxes
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Newsprint & Inserts
- Office Paper
- Paperback Books
- Plastic Containers #1-7
- Plastic Milk Containers, Juice Boxes, etc.
- Phonebooks
- Steel Cans
- Tissue Boxes

Unacceptable Materials for Biweekly Recycling:

- Aerosol Containers
- Boards
- Branches
- Ceramics or Dishware
- Diapers
- Electronics
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Light Bulbs
- Mirrors
- Plate Glass, Pyrex or Window Glass
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Utensils
- Plastic Wrapping Film
- Waxed Box Containers
- Styrofoam Materials
- Tires

Recycling services are every other week on Fridays along with regular trash. Pickup days will be pushed to Saturday if there is a holiday that week. You may continue to use your current recycling bin—there is no need to purchase a new one.



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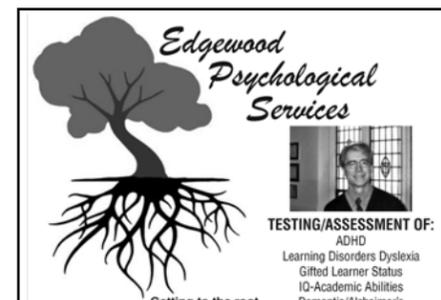
Republic Services Collects Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste in Edgewood

Your hazardous waste and e-waste can now be safely collected by calling this toll-free number: 1-800-464-2120. Data destruction is assured.

Look through your home for hazardous items that need to be discarded—everything from batteries and paint to computers and chemicals—and feel secure that Republic Services will safely handle these items, protecting both you and the environment.

Residents who call will be asked to describe the items to be collected. They will be told how to package their household hazardous waste (HHW) in a special HHW Kit, which will be sent to residents. (Electronics do not need to be packaged.) Each kit includes a collection date, a 42-gallon clear plastic bag, and detailed instructions on how to package the items to be collected safely and securely. Both HHW and e-waste must be kept in a secure location, NOT at the curb, until collected.

On the day of collection, Republic Services will arrive at your home to collect the HHW packaged items and/or electronics to be taken for recycling or disposal.



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Acceptable HHW and e-waste (5 gallons or less):

- Aerosols
- Batteries—Lead Acid, Alkaline, NiCad
- Cleaners—Acidic & Basic
- Discharge (HID) Lamps
- Ethylene Glycol, Antifreeze
- E-Waste—TVs, Computers, Monitors, VCR and DVD Players, Printers, Fax Machines, Cable Boxes, Gaming Equipment and similar electronic waste
- Light Bulbs—Fluorescents, Compact Fluorescents (CFL), High-Intensity
- Mercury, Mercury Debris
- Oil, Petroleum-based lubricants
- Paint—latex & Oil-based
- Paint thinners, Gasoline, Solvents
- Pesticides, Herbicides
- Pool Chemicals
- Resins and Epoxy

Unacceptable HHW and e-waste:

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Biological/Infectious Wastes
- Explosives
- Fire Extinguishers
- Medical Sharps (Call or visit Republic Services online for details for methods of disposing Medical Sharps)
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If any of the unacceptable items are placed for collection, a large Republic Services sticker will be placed on those items, explaining why they could not be collected.

To make a collection date appointment, call 1-800-464-2120 Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. You may leave a message at all other times.

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Police Report

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Prevention is everyone's responsibility. We are one neighborhood, one state, one nation; and it is the responsibility of all to remain vigilant and to report suspicious behavior.

ONE CALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Suspicious Activity—Trust Your Instincts

One of the most important roles you have as a member of our community is to report suspicious activity.

How do you determine what is suspicious activity?

A suspicious activity is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of our neighborhood—an occurrence that is out of place and should not be happening in our neighborhood.

REMEMBER—If you observe something unusual or think something looks wrong, follow your instinct and report it. You WILL NOT get in trouble with the police—and you WILL be doing a service to your community!

Consider the following activities as suspicious and call the police:

- A person or vehicle stays in the same place for an unusual length of time.
- A parked car with the engine running—regardless of a person inside or not.
- A person behaves strangely or exhibits unusual movements, looks out of place, or is wandering aimlessly.
- A person concealing an object, carrying a weapon or suspicious bag.
- A person looking into cars, moving from car to car, and/or tries door handles.
- A person looking into windows of homes, or forcibly entering a car or home.
- A person running from a home for no apparent reason, especially at night.
- A person carrying/transporting unusual/valuable objects, day or night.
- A person sells/conducts business out of their car, van, truck, or other vehicle.
- A vehicle drives around your block frequently, slowing down, speeding up.

- A vehicle without lights on, arriving or leaving at night.
- A person you don't know offering candy or gifts to children.
- A person leaving a neighbor's house who isn't the neighbor or someone you recognize or uniformed.

Many activities can be considered suspicious. And, there could be reasonable explanations for some suspicious activities. By thinking things through, being observant and using common sense, you will be able to make a good judgment about whether an activity is suspicious. Your role as a concerned citizen is to report whatever you think is wrong or suspicious.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

Police Emergency Number—911 If you suspect that the suspicious behavior that you detected is actually a crime-in-progress, please call the police emergency number. Remain calm. Avoid taking any risks. Your safety is most important. Keep away from the crime scene to preserve evidence.

Information that the police telecommunicator needs include:

- What is the person's last known location and direction of travel?
- What made the person's actions suspicious?
- Did the person say anything? If so, what?

- Did the person appear intoxicated?
- Were any weapons displayed or was there threat of a weapon?

Also, be prepared to give information about the person including:

- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Complexion
- Eye and hair color
- Facial hair
- Scars
- Tattoos

Finally, if the suspicious person is in a vehicle, please provide the vehicle make, model, color, and license plate number if you can, along with any other identifiable aspects.

Remember!

If it's suspicious to you, then it's suspicious to the police. It's better to be safe than sorry.

In your neighborhood, the police don't always know what is suspicious and what is not. So, it's up to you to let the Edgewood Police Department know when you see suspicious activity!

Remember—you are our best defense against crime. One call can make a difference!

POLICE ACTIVITY

2015 Oct. Nov.

Total Calls for Service 1284 1048
 Complaints Received405 ..393
 Accidents Investigated.....410

Part I Crimes 17 18
 Robbery, Burglary.....10
 Motor Vehicle Theft.....00
 Shoplifting119
 Assault.....10
 Arson00
 Other Thefts.....49

Part II Crimes 12 15
 Liquor Laws.....01
 Vandalism/Mischief.....02
 Narcotics Offenses.....10
 Weapons Offense.....00
 Sex Offense.....11
 Disorderly Conduct.....65
 Other Crimes.....24

Arrests 15 13
 Adult Arrests.....1513
 Juvenile Arrests00

Officer's Activity
 Traffic Stops.....8162
 Traffic Citations.....2323
 Non-traffic Citations.....25
 DUI22
 False Alarms1515
 Medicals47
 Suspicious Person.....119
 Public Nuisance Complaints..0.....2

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Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Happy 2016 Edgewood Residents!

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department had its busiest year on record protecting the people and property of Edgewood. I wanted to share some stats with you to close out the year 2015.

Total Calls:.....	628
Working Fires:.....	18
Accidents with entrapment:.....	5
Car Fires:.....	3
Average Turnout time (Dispatch to enroute):.....	1 minute and 53 seconds
Average number of personnel per call:.....	5

We wish all of you a safe and happy 2016. It is our hope that you will not need us, but if you do we will be there, day or night.

Looking for a Few Good Citizens

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is constantly on the lookout for dedicated individuals who want to serve their community. Being a volunteer doesn't necessarily mean you have to run into burning buildings or cut apart cars to effect rescues. It takes a great deal of energy and time to make a department function smoothly and includes things like administration, fund raising, community event planning as well as public education. No contribution is too small when done in service to your town. Consider joining the EVFD. Do it for your community. Do it for your family. Do it for yourself.

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Journey to Beethoven's 9th with the ESO

Did you know that Beethoven, Dvorak, Mahler and Schubert all died soon after completing their 9th Symphonies? Mahler was so terrified of the "Curse of the 9th" that he refused to number his symphonies. Composer Arnold Schoenberg (who only wrote 2 symphonies and lived a good long life) wrote: "It seems that the Ninth is a limit. He who wants to go beyond it must pass away. It seems as if something might be imparted to us in the Tenth which we ought not yet to know, for which we are not ready. Those who have written a Ninth stood too close to the hereafter."

Many composers have escaped this so-called curse—for example, Mozart finished 41 symphonies and Haydn made it all the way to 106.

The ESO performed Schubert's huge 9th Symphony in October as a warm up to a 5 year long project of playing all of Beethoven's 9 Symphonies. Join them on this journey, starting in May with Beethoven's Symphony No. 1.

Check out www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information, and make sure to save the dates for these upcoming concerts in the new year!

Britten, Zahab & Shostakovich

March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Katz Auditorium, Pittsburgh JCC

Guest soloist Hanna Levinson joins the ESO for Britten's poignant *Lachrymae* and Zahab's inspiring *Angelic Consort*. Shostakovich's stirring *Fifth Symphony* mingles tragedy and triumph for an unforgettable finale.

Bach, Beethoven & Respighi

May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Katz Auditorium, Pittsburgh JCC

This stunning program highlights the virtuosity of the ESO in Bach's brilliant *Second Brandenburg Concerto* and Beethoven's youthful *First Symphony*. The season concludes with Respighi's magnificent *Pines of Rome*.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Do you have a flexible schedule? Are you retired? Want to help serve your community? If so, join Edgewood Home Delivered Meals to feed homebound seniors and help keep them at home. Based at the Turtle Creek Senior Center, volunteers deliver lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to Edgewood, Swissvale, Rankin and Braddock. If you are available several mornings a month, we need your help! Volunteer go out in teams of two—meet a new neighbor or bring a friend. A PA State Criminal History is required but covered by the Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Diane Bradford at 412-271-3053 or dianebradford54@gmail.com for more information.

To inquire about receiving meals for yourself or a family member, contact Eastern Area Adult Services, Turtle Creek Center Manager Jan McDowell at 412-824-6880.



The Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner



The Edgewood Foundation is pleased to announce that the Annual Edgewood Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 6-11 p.m.

This Edgewood tradition is a lovely event where residents visit with their neighbors and have a wonderful meal together. The sign-up form is included on page 14 this newsletter. The sooner you sign up, the more likely it is that you'll get your first choice of jobs for the evening.

This event is one of our adult-only events, in order to get to know new neighbors and to catch up with old friends. The evening starts at one of the appetizer parties where you can mingle with around 45 people for 1-1/2 hours. Then, we move on to dinner at one of the many homes hosting dinner for 8 to 14 people. The evening ends with everyone gathering for desserts at yet another location.

We are always in need of host homes for 8 to 14 people, so please consider setting your table for guests this year. The main dish is provided by a caterer. Guests will provide either a salad and bread, appetizers, desserts or wine. Hosts of appetizer parties should be comfortable hosting between 30 and 50 people.

All guests are contacted the week before the event to confirm their appetizer location and their assigned job for the evening.

Please email any questions to progressivedinner@edgewoodfoundation.org

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Senior Brunch 2016

The Edgewood Foundation is looking for all of Edgewood's graduating seniors. We are holding our annual Senior Brunch on Sunday, May 15 at the Edgewood Club/Community House. This event is for all resident seniors, no matter what school they've attended and we need your help! Please email any names of seniors and their contact information to seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org. If you have neighborhood friends that are graduating, please include their names with yours! None of the high schools release personal information, so we rely on local residents to let us know about the graduates. Invitations and scholarship applications will be sent to every Edgewood senior that we know is graduating. The Mel Douglass scholarships are given out at this lovely event, which is a great opportunity for college funds!

Mel Douglass Scholarships to Be Awarded For the Ninth Year

If you are a high school senior with community service or volunteering experience, then you have the opportunity to earn a scholarship! The \$6,000 Mel Douglass Scholarship will be awarded again in May. Honorable mention scholarships of \$500 also are available. This unique program to recognize and reward our young leaders helps make Edgewood a special place.

The goal of this scholarship program is to honor Mel's legacy by benefiting young people in Edgewood. Mel grew up here, 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 business career. 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.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded these scholarships every year since 2008. Eight Mel Douglass Scholarships and 33 honorable mention scholarships have been awarded to date. Jenna Hebert, one of our 2012 winners and a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, was recently named a 2016 Rhodes Scholar.

The 2016 scholarships will be announced and presented in May at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible. To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 9 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to freydk@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 experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. This will be the only time before the April 9 deadline this information will appear in the newsletter. You can also find an application form at meldouglassfund.org. If you have questions or would like to contribute to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at 412-371-0278 or freydk@gmail.com.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 23

The scouts would like to thank everyone who came out and purchased a tree at our annual Christmas Tree Sale this past December. We had very good community support and sold out all of our trees! 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 to complete the task, and the time it takes them. It's a fun way to practice and maintain their skills in the winter months.

Boys who are interested in joining the Troop can attend our meetings every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

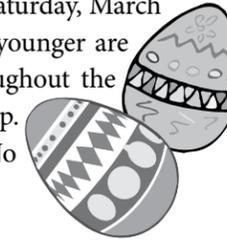


BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Easter Egg Hunt

Edgewood Borough's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 19 at noon at Koenig Field. All area children ages 10 and younger are invited to attend. Thousands of eggs will be hidden throughout the field for kids to find! The hunt will take place by age group. Remember to bring a basket with you to collect your eggs. No registration necessary.



Basketball

Basketball is going strong for ages 6-9 and 10-12 for 2016. Due to a lack of interest, the older league was put on hold for this year. Hopefully next year we can be sure kids of all ages get a chance to play.

We would like to welcome our new Basketball Coordinator, Mike Burke! Mike has been a coach with the league for many years, and now is taking the helm coordinating the league. Mike has been very attentive and helpful to all the parents, coaches and players, and the Borough would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication!



Softball and TBall Registration

Softball and TBall Registration will be open from April 15 to May 15 2016. Registration forms are available in the Borough Office at 2 Race Street, or online at www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us. Softball is open to girls ages 7-13, and TBall is open for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. Practices and games will be held for both sports at Koenig Field through June and July.

These fun leagues are a yearly tradition our coaches and players look forward to every year. Call the Borough Office with any questions at 412-242-4824.



Baseball

Edgewood does not have its own Baseball program, although 14th Ward Baseball regularly uses Koenig Field for practices. If you are interested in joining this league, visit their website at www.sports.bluesombrero.com or contact Jeff Stein at jeffstein.14thwardbaseball@gmail.com.

Squirrel Hill Baseball Association also has a league that practices nearby. Visit their website at www.sqhillbaseball.org. Contact Randy Frankel at 412-306-0369 or email rafrank3@aol.com for more information on joining this league.

FEBRUARY FREE DAYS

Nine Pittsburgh-area cultural organizations are thanking supporters by offering free admission to members of the following participating museums on select dates next month. In other words, members of ANY participating museum gets free admission at any of the other eight on designated days.

Free admission extends to two adults and four children.

They (and the dates) are:

- Westmoreland Museum of American Art, February 1
- Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, February 2
- Sen. John Heinz History Center, February 8
- Mattress Factory, February 9
- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, February 15
- Frick Art & Historical Center, February 16
- Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, February 17
- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, February 22
- National Aviary, February 23



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DON'T MISS OUR BIG BOOK SALE...MARCH 18 – 22

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 nearly 10,000 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 18 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 scanners.

Weekend hours for the sale are Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 20 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 23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 24 from 9 a.m. 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.

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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Book Clubs

The **Drop Dead Book Club** will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Unless otherwise noted groups meet in the Edgewood Board Room

- February 3 – *Expats* by Chris Pavone
- March 10 – *Visitation Street* by Ivy Pochoda
- April 1 – *The Dinosaur Feather* by Sissel-Jo Gazan

The 4th **Tuesday Book Club** meets at the Forest Hills Library at 1:30 p.m. to have lively discussion of recent fiction and non-fiction books.

- February 23 – *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- March 22 – *Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King.

Community Groups that meet weekly at the library in Edgewood.

- **Knitting and Crochet Group** meets Wednesdays, February 17 and March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Bring projects that you are working on or pick up patterns for items that can be donated to people in

need. The group is working on a Pop des Fleurs project. Look for bright floral works adorning our gardens over the winter.

- **Clutterer's Anonymous** Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- **Toastmasters** Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Board Room
- **Backroom Quilters** meet very Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. Bring lunch and a project.

Wise Walk

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. for an hour long walk in Frick Park. The group meets in the parking lot at the base of Lancaster Avenue. If park trails are icy we'll meet at the top of Lancaster and walk in Regent Square.

Mind Body Adult Exercise

Join us on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. for exercises that include easy dance move, Pilates-based stretching and strength building and yoga inspired movement. The cost is \$5 a class or \$25 for 6 sessions. You'll need comfortable clothing, athletic footwear of sturdy rubber soled shoes and a thick mat.

Mahjong

Ever want to learn to play Mahjong? Here's your chance with a new program offered at CCM on Tuesdays from noon to 3 p.m. You'll learn the official rules, how to set the game up, and how to play. All cards and tiles will be provided. Classes are free. Please call the library to register.

Memorial Gifts

The library has received gifts to honor the memory of Harriet Fuller. A plate will be placed in the book in her honor.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Calling artists of all ages! Make art to support the library. Throughout the month of April we will hold a silent art auction of handmade items to benefit children's services. So now is the time to make an item in any media based on your favorite children's book or this year's One Book Every Young Child entitled *Kite Day* by Will Hillenbrand. For more details ask at the children's desk. Donations will be accepted up to April 1.

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 2015 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 April. The winner will be announced in May. Go to www.rcsclubhouse.org for a list and description of the nomi-

nees. This initiative is a collaboration between 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.

Weekly Programs

- Family Story Children birth-5 Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
- Growing Readers Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
- Creative Movement 3-5 years Fridays 10:30 a.m.
- Baby Lap Sit birth to 18 months Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Register for Programs in the Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood

Special Programs

Valentines! 5-10 year olds. Make Valentines for families and friends on Saturday, February 13 at 11 a.m.

Baby Sign All ages welcome. Learn basic signs to help develop language skills in your baby. Class will be geared toward participants interests. Older siblings welcome to come as well on Sat-

urday, March 2 at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, March 15 at 3:45 p.m.

Maker Morning 8-12 year olds. Put your design skills to use and make stuff with us. We'll have a host of electronic projects for you to try on Saturday, February 27 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dr. Seuss Day Ages 5-10. A Seuss-tacular spectacle of fun. Come help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Saturday, March 5 at 11 a.m.

Chess Club Kids 6 and up can hone their chess skills on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. Upcoming dates are February 1, March 7 and April 4.

Eco-Geeks. 5-8 year olds explore the world of nature with local experts on Saturday, February 20 and March 12 at 11 a.m.

Crazy 8's. A math club for K-2 graders who build stuff, make music, run and jump and more on Saturdays February 20 and March 12 at 10 a.m.

Books and Brunch. A book club for 8-11 year olds and their special grownup who come together for book discussion, trivia, games and crafts on Saturdays, February 27, and March 19 at 11 a.m. Pick your book up at the children's desk.

Read it. Make it. Take it. Teens grade 6 and up will join a local artist to discuss books, eat food, and make art on Friday, February 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Princess Tea A spectacular event for girls ages 3-7 and a favorite grownup. Come dressed as a princess or as you are for stories, games and a snack on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. in Edgewood. Registration opens March 1. \$10 fee.



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On the Edge...



We are so pleased to share that our daughter, Jennifer (Jenna) Hebert, Shady Side Academy grad-

uate 2012, and University of Pennsylvania, class of 2016, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and will join the 2016 cohort for two years of study in Oxford, England in October, 2016.

Jenna's family resides in Edgewood and she is the daughter of Rebecca and Martial Hebert. She was awarded a \$500 Mel Douglass scholarship in 2012.

Congratulations Jenna, on your incredible achievements! We can't wait to see where your journeys lead you!



Ryan McLeigh Gilbert, an author with local ties, has published his first book. When he was young, his grandparents would always take him to the Edgewood Library so that he could enrich his mind with creativity and books. Gilbert's book, *A Red Sky Is Upon Us*, is a self-published novel telling the story of Riggs and Julia Hamond, a pirate and a noblewoman. Together, they encounter the English Navy, other pirates, magic, and an ancient evil as Riggs tries to become the most notorious pirate of all time. The novel is the first of five books in the Red Sky Series and is available on Amazon.com in print and Kindle editions.



CALENDAR at a glance...

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 1 & 16, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycling: 5 & 19

Progressive Dinner RSVP's due: 12

Progressive Dinner: 27

Boy Scouts: Mondays 7pm @ FPCE

Toastmasters: Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C.C. Mellor Library

Story Time: 10:30am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ C.C. Mellor Library

MARCH

Council Meetings: 7 & 21, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 4, 11, 18 & 25

Recycling: 4 & 18

Easter Egg Hunt: 19, 12pm @ Koenig Field

Library Book Sale: 18-22

Boy Scouts: Mondays 7pm @ FPCE

Toastmasters: Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C.C. Mellor Library

Story Time: 10:30am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ CC Mellor Library

2016 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

February 27, 6-11pm \$35 per person RSVP by February 12. Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

- _____ 1. Provide salad/bread for 12 guests
- _____ 2. Host an appetizer party for 45 guests
- _____ 3. Provide Appetizers for 30-40 guests
- _____ 4. Host a dinner for 8-12 guests
- _____ 5. Provide dessert for 30-40 guests

Please provide the best contact info. for the week before the event. *We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification.*

Guest 1: _____
 Address: _____
 Guest 2: _____
 Cell: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Vegetarian (#) _____ Allergies? _____
 (We cannot accommodate all requests)

Please provide a **check payable to the Edgewood Foundation** for \$35/person. Send check and RSVP to Amy Hooks/Progressive Dinner (327 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218).

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