

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## Edgewood Community Day 2019







## From The Manager's Desk

### Tips on preventing and deterring rats

Recently, the borough has received a number of complaints related to rat sightings and infestations in certain areas around Edgewood. Below are some tips and suggestions for protecting your home and property. This information is meant to inform residents of possible signs of rats and educate home owners on the nesting habits of these unwanted vermin.

**Signs of an infestation**—rats try to remain hidden from view so they are often hard to spot. Some signs of an infestation may include

- Burrows near compost piles, plants, or trash cans. A burrow is roughly 3-4 inches across, or about the size of a baseball.
- Rats can nest indoors and will use shredded paper, cloth, or insulation to build a nest. They will also nest inside piles of debris on a ground level floor.
- Small, dark droppings left in lines or piles behind furniture, along baseboard, in attics, sheds, basements or garages.

**Secure storage**—place trash in garbage bags in metal or hard polyethylene resin cans with securely fitted lids to keep rats from feeding on the contents. Animal waste should be bagged and placed in a metal can.

**Seal holes and gaps**—conduct a thorough inspection of your home including the roof, under the porch, around a chimney and windows. Openings larger than a dime must be sealed to keep out rats and other unwanted vermin. A professional exterminator can be helpful in identifying hidden points of entry.

- Gaps can be filled with copper or steel wool, caulking, mortar, or another appropriate material. Add or replace worn weather stripping around doors, especially garage doors, windows, and other leaky entry points.

This can also help keep your heating and cooling bills.

- Replace or repair any damaged vents or torn screens. Most vents are fitted with insect screens but they can become dislodged over time.
- Mice and rats tend to establish their home near a constant source of water. Areas of pooled or running water should be addressed and mitigated. This also keeps mosquitos from breeding.
- Rodents generally feel safer in areas with overgrown vegetation. Keeping the growth under control will deter these creatures.

**Keep gardens and lawns clean and mowed**—rats hide in dense vegetation and wood piles. Make sure to regularly clear any piles of branches or leaves. Store firewood on a platform at least 1 foot off of the ground and away from surrounding structures. Keep all grass below 6 inches per borough code. Any ripe or overripe food grown in your garden can attract rats. Make sure all food that falls to the ground is regularly picked up. Vegetation like ivy or vines or tall shrubs should be kept 4 feet away from the roof line or any eave or soffit vents.

**Bird seed, pet food and pet waste**—Install a rodent baffle on your bird feeder or use a rodent-proof feeder. Regularly clean up underneath the feeder to prevent an accumulation of feed on the ground. Store feed in a metal rodent-proof container.

Pet food containers left outside are an easy snack for rats and other vermin. Make sure to clean up any leftover food and remove the dish once feeding is complete. Pet waste should be cleaned up and placed in a metal container for disposal in the trash. Use a container with a snug fitting lid and make sure to inspect regularly for holes. Please do not discard pet waste and bags into storm drains, both items pollute our rivers and can clog storm lines.

**Use a metal compost tumbler**—Look for one that is completely sealed or that has a locking lid and that sits up off the ground. Food scraps in the compost can attract rats so it's advisable to limit their introduction if you're already dealing with an infestation.

**Repellants and snap traps**—snap traps quickly and humanely kill rats. Be sure to check them daily. Repellants when combined with a clean house and waste management may add an extra layer of defense from infestation. You can:

- Soak cotton balls in peppermint oil and leave them in drawers;
- Put mothballs on shelves and in drawers;
- Sprinkle crushed red pepper or pepper spray near openings and holes;
- Scatter cat litter near rat-prone areas like in attics, window wells, or sheds.

*Please notify the Edgewood Code Enforcement Officer at (412) 242-4824 x 119 to report any unsanitary or unsightly conditions.*

## Climate Change Arrives in the Nine Mile Run Valley

If you've taken a walk in lower Frick Park this summer, you undoubtedly noticed the unusual amount of trash and debris scattered around the flood plain and dangling from trees and shrubs, as well as some significant erosion of the walking trails. What you are seeing is a graphic manifestation of how climate change is impacting our region.



For years the accepted average amount of annual rainfall in Pittsburgh was 37.7 inches—and if you ask Google, that is still what you will find. But in 2017 we had 40.6 inches, and last year the total was an extraordinary 57.8 inches. This year, the rain gauge at the bottom of Nine Mile Run had already recorded 37.1 inches by July 31st. So we will almost certainly exceed 2017's total this year, and may come close to another record year. Not only are the totals higher, but the way the rain arrives has changed as well. Only a few years ago, a summer thunderstorm 'tropical downpour' would last for just a few minutes, and then it would gradually taper off to a more moderate rate, or even stop altogether. Now we frequently experience intense downpours that last for 30 or 40 minutes, or more.

What's going on here? Well, it's pretty simple. Warmer air holds more water vapor, and eventually that will find its way to earth as snow, sleet, rain, or hail. And as anyone who hasn't been living in a cave knows by now, our temperatures are getting warmer, both here in Pennsylvania and globally. Worldwide, the five warmest years on record were the past five years—and the 20 warmest occurred over the past 22. The warmest year on record for the earth's oceans was 2018.

Since much of the watershed has separated storm sewers, heavy rains carry any trash on the streets into the storm sewers and directly into Nine Mile Run, during major rain events, the stream spreads out across the flood plain, which is exactly what was intended in the re-design of the stream when it was restored between 2003 and 2006. But this year's storms have carried more trash, and deposited it over a wider area, than ever before. While it isn't safe to be in the middle of the valley during one of these prolonged intense storms, you can find out later how high the water



*Trash dangles from tree branches along the stream.*

got by just looking at where the plastic bags and other debris are hanging from the trees.

One of our core missions here at the Watershed Association is to steward the NMR restoration area. Come to the Fall Stream Sweep on October 5<sup>th</sup> to help clean up Nine Mile Run. Visit [www.ninemilerun.org.events](http://www.ninemilerun.org.events) for more info.



*Volunteers helping at last year's Fall Stream Sweep.*





# Police Report

## POLICE ACTIVITY 2019 July Aug.

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>838</b>
Complaints Received .....	301	321
Accidents Investigated .....	9	9
<b>Part I Crimes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
Robbery, Burglary .....	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft .....	0	2
Shoplifting .....	2	1
Assault .....	1	1
Arson .....	0	1
Other Thefts .....	3	6
<b>Part II Crimes</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>
Liquor Laws .....	1	0
Vandalism/Mischief .....	3	1
Narcotics Offenses .....	2	0
Weapons Offense .....	0	1
DUI .....	3	2
Disorderly Conduct .....	5	6
Other Crimes .....	4	6
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Adult Arrests .....	8	10
Juvenile Arrests .....	0	0
<b>Officer's Activity</b>		
Traffic Stops .....	92	85
Traffic Citations .....	46	26
Non-traffic Citations .....	2	4
False Alarms .....	10	14
Medicals .....	1	3
Suspicious Person .....	7	5
Public Nuisance Complaints .....	3	4



### Community Day Appreciation

Community Day 2019 is now behind us, and we would like to congratulate the lucky winners of the children's raffle! The prizes included a Nintendo DS with a game, a Scene 75 gift basket, a Fugi Instax Camera, GameStop gift cards, Scene 75 gift cards, virtual reality glasses, bike accessories, and a karaoke system. Thank you to Scene 75, GameStop, and an unnamed resident for your generous donations!

We would like to extend thanks to those that participated in the police activities. Wilkinsburg Police Officer Granger, Officer Coffee, and K-9 Officer Mako provided an amazing canine demonstration! The demonstration allowed the crowd to see Officer Mako at work. We would also like to extend gratitude to Allegheny County 9-1-1 personnel for staffing the 9-1-1 van throughout the day and providing children with important information concerning the use of 9-1-1. Thank you to Allegheny County Sherriff's Reserves for fingerprinting and helping us to keep everyone safe!

Special thanks to our own officers for working long hours that day. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the Edgewood residents who support their police, making it all worthwhile!

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## Edgewood Volunteer Department



### The Edgewood VFD would like to thank the following business for the donations to make community day a successful event

D's Six Pax and Dogz; Dino DeFlavio, Giant Eagle Edgewood; Jordan Marckisitto, Mancini Bakery; Thomas Sutton, Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority; Vanessa Davis, PepsiCo McKee's Rocks, Costco, Sam's Club and Walmart.

The weather held off for us again this year and it was the coolest for any community day. We would like to thank all of the residents for supporting the Edgewood VFD! We are always looking for people to be come members of the fire department.

Please stop on any Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. to meet our volunteers and tour the station.

### Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Sale

Join us in the fight again this year to extinguish breast cancer! The Edgewood VFD will be selling t-shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Shirts are \$18\* and donations are also always welcome! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition to help fund programs providing breast cancer education and outreach, support for diagnosed women, and research initiatives. **Link is available on the Edgewood VFD Facebook page, and online at [www.edgewoodfire.com](http://www.edgewoodfire.com).**

Shirts will be printed locally and can be picked up from the Edgewood Borough Building early November. (NOTE: we will not be able to ship at this time.) Thank you for your support!

\*XXL \$20, 3XL \$21, 4XL \$22



### Edgewood VFD & Swissvale FD Blood Drive, with Vitalant

Saturday December 7, 2019 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
7400 Irvine St, Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Sign-up at [www.vitalant.com](http://www.vitalant.com), group code F0010128

## 2020 Parking Permits

Each driver with a vehicle registered in the Borough is able to purchase a Residential on-street parking pass. A Visitor's pass may also be purchased. Visitor passes may not be used on any vehicle registered within the Borough. The fees for on-street parking permits, as well as Borough off-street lots and recreational/commercial vehicles are listed below. Permits for 2020 will be available at the Borough Building beginning December 2, 2019.

Forms are also available online for those who cannot purchase a pass in person. You must mail the completed form along with the requested documentation and payment to the borough building. Completed applications will be processed and your pass will be mailed to the address provided.

Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots will be accepted starting on December 2, 2019. On December 16, 2019, permits will be issued based upon requests. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, a lottery will be held. No resident will be issued a second permit until all initial requests are processed.

### Parking Permit Fees are as follows:

- **Residential Permit**  
\$20 per year (\$10 after June 30)\*
- **Visitor Permit**  
\$20 per year (\$10 after June 30)\*
- **Borough Parking Lot Fees**  
\$60 per vehicle\*
- **Rates for Parking Larger Vehicles in Borough Lot at 2 Race Street**
- **Recreational vehicle**  
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- **Commercial vehicle**  
\$120 per year\*

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# Scene75 Pittsburgh

Jonah Sandler

As the weather cools down, residents of Edgewood and the greater Pittsburgh region start looking indoors for leisure activities. One fun-filled place to go is Scene75, at the Edgewood Towne Center. "Scene75 Entertainment brands the largest indoor entertainment centers in the country!" This is a family owned and operated business, with other locations in Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and soon Columbus. In 2016, Scene75 was named the 'Top Family Entertainment Center in North America.' Scene75 Pittsburgh features 90,000 square feet of entertainment, one of the largest indoor entertainment centers in the region. It offers more than 150 arcade games and 10 attractions for all ages, including indoor go-karts, blacklight mini-golf, bumper cars, a motion theater dark ride, a two-story laser tag arena, mini-bowling, a laser maze, bouncing inflatables with toddler play space, virtual reality, and more. The facility also features a full-service bar and a Food Truck Alley. "Scene75 Pittsburgh will host more than 1,000 birthday parties this year as well as a few hundred company events and group outings...Scene75 can service groups of all sizes."

What attracted Scene75 to Edgewood? "Edgewood welcomed us from the moment we started exploring locations in the greater Pittsburgh area. Edgewood's population base, its passionate community, its proximity to so many great neighborhoods, and its convenient highway access were compelling drivers to bring us to the Pittsburgh market. Often times we find we have to choose between city opportunities or neighborhood opportunities when identifying a potential site. In Edgewood, we have the ability to service both."

If you are wondering what is new at Scene75, they will soon be launching the SuperPass 2.0. "For \$39, guests will be able to purchase 5 attractions of their choice and 1 hour of unlimited video gameplay. In the coming months, guests will be able to add an entrée to this offering for only \$5 more." Plus in October, they will be hosting their annual HalloScene event—"an event through which we provide a warm, FREE, and safe indoor trick or treating opportunity for the community." There is a lot of fun to be had, at this unique venue, right here in our neighborhood.



To learn more, you can join their Facebook page, plus check out their website at [www.scene75.com](http://www.scene75.com). Or, if you wonder how to have your own event there, you can get in touch with an event specialist at 412-336-2330.

# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## Edgewood Symphony

### Bridges to the Future— Edgewood Symphony's New Season



The ESO's 32nd season focuses on Pittsburgh! World premieres, Pittsburgh jazz, exciting soloists and Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony (not related to Pittsburgh, but number six towards the ESO's goal of playing all ten of Beethoven's symphonies in sequence) will be featured throughout the year.

The first concert of the season will take place on Saturday, October 19 at 7:30 PM at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill. Paying tribute to the community, the concert features the works of three passionate Pittsburgh composers. Listeners will experience a new work by Robert Schultz titled Monument that is dedicated to the victims of the tragic Tree of Life shooting. Modern works by Pittsburgh composers Devin Arrington and David Stock round out the program and Bernstein's Jeremiah Symphony finishes the concert.

Be sure to save the evening of December 7 for Edgewood's favorite holiday concert, taking place, as always, at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood! This year's concert will bring back holiday favorites and will ring in the season with some Pittsburgh jazz and new works as well!

Visit [www.edgewoodssymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodssymphony.org) for more information on both of these concerts as well as the upcoming concerts in the Spring.

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- ALCOSAN
- Boy Scout Troop 23
- Diagnumb Publishing
- Dr. Chris
- The Edgewood Foundation
- Edgewood Green Party, and Republicans
- Edgewood Historical Society
- Edgewood Neighbors for Gun Safety
- Edgewood Police Department
- Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department
- Nine Mile Run Watershed
- Pittsburgh Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring
- Pittsburgh Urban Christian School
- Propel Schools Braddock Hills
- Robert Sonnenberg Real Estate
- Steel City Ukes

### Food Vendors:

- Caustelot Creamery
- Dad's Mobile Grub
- D's Six Pax and Dogz
- Hoshi Hibachi
- Joe & Pie
- Leena's Food
- Mobile Munchies
- Pgh Crepes
- Pittsburgh Shaved Ice
- Rogue Barbeque
- Vagabond Taco

### Entertainment:

- Strange Cocktail
- Slagle Rock and Sue
- Milepost 6

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- Safety Last
- Wild World of Animals
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- Edgewood Symphony Orchestra
- Zambelli Fireworks

## Fall Fest

Saturday, October 26 at 6 p.m.

Edgewood will be hosting Fall Fest at Koenig Field. Come down for this free, family event, featuring snacks, crafts, and of course hayrides around the neighborhood by the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department!

## Trick or Treat

Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.



## Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf 150th celebration

Join the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at the 2019 Gala & Auction as the school celebrates 150 years of serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in Pennsylvania. We are thrilled to announce that Nyle DiMarco will be joining us that evening!

The 2019 Auction & Gala on Saturday, October 26 offers two ticket options.

**VIP Patron Ticket** (\$250 each) 4:30 to 6 p.m. This includes a private meet and greet reception with Deaf model, actor, and activist Nyle DiMarco and entrance to the 150th Anniversary Gala.

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**Individual Gala Ticket** (\$150 each) 6 to 9:30 p.m. This ticket includes a night filled with delicious food, great entertainment, silent and live auction items, a special appearance by Nyle Di-Marco in the elegant atmosphere of the Westin Hotel and Convention Center.

In addition to individual tickets, there are several sponsorship opportunities, which include...

- Event Sponsor .....\$15,000
- Platinum Sponsor .....\$5,000
- Gold Sponsor .....\$3,500
- Silver Sponsor .....\$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor .....\$1,500

More information about each sponsorship can be found under the "Support Us" tab at [wpsd.org](http://wpsd.org) and clicking on the "150th Anniversary Gala" page. @WPSDprograms

### Volunteers needed for tree planting

Please join the Edgewood Borough Shade Tree Committee on Saturday, November 9, 2019 for a morning of tree planting around the borough. We'll meet at 9 a.m. at the dead end of Oakview Avenue at Dickson Park, rain or shine. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please remember to dress appropriately and bring gloves!

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### Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

All are invited to worship with FPCE as we return to our 11 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary preceded by Choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m., Adult Class at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship hour following worship around 12:15 p.m. in the Lounge.

### Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday, October 5, 12-1 p.m.**

Walking in the way of St. Francis, a visionary lover of all creation, Pastor Michael will be Blessing the Animals who come his way. He will be on the side lawn (weather permitting). All creatures great and small—and their guardians—are welcome.

### World Communion


**Sunday, October 6**

It's not about us. It's about the world. On this Sunday, Christians in every nation and time zone, ethnicity and race will gather around the table of our Lord. A table large enough to accommodate everyone.

### CROP WALK

**Sunday, October 13**

The Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 42nd year of walking to end hunger one step at a time. The oldest walk in the country is sponsored by Church World Service ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)). 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Common Ministries and Wilksburg Community Ministry.

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Youth and adults from this congregation will gather at the South Avenue United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. to gather in preparation for the 10K loop through Squirrel Hill and back. The walk distance is 6.2 miles. Walking time is approximately 2.5 hours.

You can participate by either walking or sponsoring a walker. You can also go to their website: [www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburgheastpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburgheastpa) to electronically send money or sponsor a walker. Watch for upcoming bulletin inserts, emails, and/or announcements.


### Stay tuned for more details about these upcoming holiday events in our December/January newsletter, including:

#### Annual Tree Sale

Boy Scout Troop 23 will be having their annual Christmas Tree Sale this year at Koenig Field. Trees go on sale Saturday November 30, 2019. Come on down and get yourself a great tree! 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 (120 East Swissvale Avenue).

#### Light Up Edgewood

The first Friday of December is the evening that Santa always visits Edgewood. Hosted by the Edgewood Foundation, Light Up Edgewood will take place Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org). Details coming soon.

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## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

### Edgewood Soccer

We're finishing up another great year of Edgewood Soccer. I can't say enough about the dedication of our amazing volunteer coaches, who make the season possible! And thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time, assisting on the field, or otherwise! It is a true community effort to make this a wonderful experience for all of our young participants.

#### 2019 Coaches/Assistant Coaches:

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Dan Cody         | Matt Aquiline    |
| Jack Ellenberger | Laina Aquiline   |
| Dennis Simon     | Maris Mednis     |
| Miguel Hoyos     | Mike Sheaffer    |
| Ryan Wentling    | Mickey McGlasson |
| Randy Crawford   | Chris Ellis      |
| Richard Reilly   | Ayesha Crawford  |

### Basketball

Registration for this winter sport begins on **Tuesday, October 15, and ends Saturday, November 30, 2019** through TeamSnap. Once registration opens, the link to Basketball registration can be found on the front page of our website: [Edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://Edgewood.pgh.pa.us) and also on our Facebook page: Edgewood Borough Community Events.

Girls and boys in grades K\*-8 are welcome to play basketball, and you do not need to be an Edgewood resident to play. \*(Children in Kindergarten wishing to play will need to be at least 6, as of December 1). A draft will be held at the beginning of December to form team assignments. The regular season is January through March. All play is held at Edgewood primary gym. Contact Abigail at 412-242-4824 or email [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com) with any questions.

### Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball plays Thursday nights at Edgewood Primary School Gym starting in December. If you have any questions about the program, please call George Fuller at 412-247-1472.

*This sport will still register via paper forms, which are available on our website ([www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.us)) and in the Borough office at 2 Race Street.*

### Yoga

Yoga will be taking a break during the busy Fall/Winter season. Please check back for updates in the Spring. Thank you Julie Straub for leading this well-loved class in 2019!


### Tai Chi Fall Session

Jon Wilson leads this popular class for adults 18 and over on Mondays from 7:30-8:30pm, September 2 through December 30, at the Field House. No pre-registration is needed for the Fall session. Drop-in fee for individual classes is \$15, or purchase a 5-pack of classes for \$60, or a 10-pack for \$100. Packs can be used for any session throughout the Fall. Packs expire on December 30, 2019. Payment is made directly to Jon Wilson at the time of class.

### Sponsorship

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit [www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor](http://www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor). Edgewood continues our tradition of offering youth sports leagues to children in our area, and we are dedicated to keeping registration costs for families low, while still maintaining our field and equipment. Our sponsors make it possible to maintain safe, new equipment for our players, and keep registration fees reasonable. Thank you for your support!

Follow us on Facebook to find out about neighborhood events and happenings with local organizations!  
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## Special Events & NEWS

### CCM is now a fine free library!

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is going fine free! Starting in September 2019, all CCM patrons will have their overdue fines automatically waived. From September onward, all items checked out from CCM or returned to CCM will not generate fines, including items that have been overdue for a long time.

Along with our new fine free policy, CCM is also instituting automatic renewals. If your item is eligible for renewal (a renewable item with no one on the waiting list), it will automatically renew three days before the due date.

For more information about fine forgiveness, library programs, digital resources and more, visit [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

### Arts & Crafts Fair

#### CCM Edgewood, December 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Join us for CCM's annual curated fair featuring arts, crafts and gifts made by dozens of local artists. Find the perfect something for your loved ones in our wide selection of pottery, paintings, photographs, fiber art, home goods, jewelry and much more. This year's fair will be held for ONE DAY ONLY on Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS.** CCM is currently accepting applications for artists to sell at our annual Arts & Crafts Fair! If you are a local artist interested in selling your work, visit our website to download an application. The deadline for applications is November 1. For more information, email Erin Pierce at [piercee@einetwork.net](mailto:piercee@einetwork.net).

### Holiday Greens Sale

#### CCM Edgewood, December 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Deck the halls with fresh and fragrant holiday greens! CCM's annual holiday greens sale is your source for wreaths, evergreen roping, centerpieces, and more. We buy our greens straight from the distributors, so they are full and fresh, delivered the day before the Arts & Crafts Fair.

Pre-order your holiday greens and pick them up at our Arts & Crafts Fair on December 7 or have them delivered straight to your door. Pre-order forms are available on our website. A limited selection of greens will be available for purchase at the Arts & Crafts Fair.

**VOLUNTEERS.** CCM is seeking volunteers to help with our holiday greens sale. The greens sale is run in conjunction with the Arts & Crafts Fair. We are seeking several volunteers to staff the greens table the day of the sale (December 7). If you are interested in volunteering, email Erin Pierce at [piercee@einetwork.net](mailto:piercee@einetwork.net).

### Adult Featured Programs

#### Health Insurance Literacy

##### CCM Forest Hills, October 26, 2-4 p.m.

##### CCM Edgewood, October 29, 6-8 p.m.

This program offers information for health insurance consumers so you are better informed to make smart insurance choices. Open enrollment for 2020 health plans starts November 1, 2019—make sure you're prepared! This program is presented by the Healthcare Council of Western Pennsylvania.

Please call CCM Edgewood or CCM Forest Hills to register.

#### AARP Smart Driver Course

##### Refresher course: CCM Edgewood,

##### October 10, 10 a.m.

##### Basic course: CCM Edgewood, October

##### 18 & 25, 10 a.m.

Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course! You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. There are no tests to pass—simply sign up and learn. Upon completion, you could receive a discount on your car insurance.

Each course is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Please call CCM Edgewood to register. These classes will fill up, so call early!

To find other classes in the area, visit the AARP website. You can also register for the driver safety online course.

### Discover Medicare

#### CCM Forest Hills, September 7, 2 p.m.

#### CCM Edgewood, October 19, 10 a.m.

#### CCM Edgewood, October 23, 6 p.m.

Discover Medicare makes it easy for everyone to understand how Medicare works and how to get the most out of it. This program will discuss how and when to enroll, your supplemental coverage options, Rx drug costs, and more.

Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Call 1-800-800-1999 to register.

### Children's featured Programs

#### Tree Month (Families—all ages)

##### CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in October,

##### 10:30 a.m.

October is Tree Month at CCM Edgewood! Come in for a month of Saturday activities for the whole family! Can't make the programs? Check the Edgewood and Forest Hills locations for a photo scavenger hunt you can complete in your own neighborhood! No registration required.

• **October 5—Art with Leaves:** Draw, paint, transfer, and sculpt with leaves!

• **October 12—Animals in Trees:** Join C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Nine Mile Run Watershed Association as we explore our neighborhood! How do animals and trees help each other? We'll start at CCM Edgewood for a story, then head outdoors for a walk and a scavenger hunt! We'll be out rain or shine, so dress for weather!

• **October 19—Seeds and Trees:** How does a seed grow into a tree? What kinds of seeds do different trees create? Come and explore seeds with us!

• **October 26—Identifying Trees:** What kinds of trees are in our neighborhood? Learn how to identify them using leaves, bark, seeds, and other features!

### Halloween Parade (Families—all Ages)

#### CCM Edgewood, October 29, 6 p.m.

Dress up the whole family and walk with us in our annual Halloween parade, then join us at the library after for a dance party! The parade will start at 6 outside Edgewood Primary School. The party will be directly afterward at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.

This event is sponsored by the Edgewood Police Department.

**All are welcome at the parade, but you must register for the party. Registration opens October 1. This event WILL FILL UP. Please register early!**

#### Hydroponics (Ages 8-12)

##### CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in November,

##### 10:30 a.m.

Gain your green thumb in November by growing a variety of plants in the children's room at CCM Edgewood! Hydroponics is a system that allows plants to grow in water rather than soil. Join us all month as we experiment with the lights, nutrients, and water systems that help our plants grow!

This program is sponsored by Penn State Extension 4-H. **Registration opens October 1.** Please register online for this program.

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit

[www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

Online program registration is at [ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com).

For adult programming, contact Megan Zagorski at [zagorskim@einetwork.net](mailto:zagorskim@einetwork.net).

For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at [tobiasze2@einetwork.net](mailto:tobiasze2@einetwork.net).



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 Introduction to Violence in America's Schools 5:30 PM  
 Officer Fred Livingston  
**FRANK DE ANGELIS**  
 RETIRED PRINCIPAL COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL  
 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AUDITORIUM  
 300 E Swissvale Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Frank DeAngelis, retired principal of Columbine High School, served as an educator for the Jeffco School District in Littleton Colorado, since 1979, starting as a Social Studies teacher and filling the roles of Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Dean of Students, and Assistant Principal, before becoming the Principal in 1996.

Frank is a Colorado native, completing his K-12 education in Denver-area schools, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Education from Metropolitan State College and a Masters Degree in Secondary Education and Social Studies from the University of Colorado. He later earned his Principal's License and Masters Degree from the University of Phoenix. Frank has been involved in numerous professional activities and associations, and has received multiple awards for his teaching, leadership and coaching skills.

A national-level speaker, Frank has addressed numerous professional and school audiences on the topic of recovery after a school-based tragedy. He has visited, consulted, and assisted school communities across the country following incidents of violence and tragedy, including Platte Canyon, Chardon, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook. Frank received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his lifetime of service as an educator.

He was selected as Colorado High Principal of the Year and was one of the three finalists for National Principal of the Year. He recently received the Jefferson Country Lifetime Achievement Award and the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders Award. He retired in June of 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School. He is presently serving as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District in Colorado, and continues to travel nationally and internationally, speaking and consulting.

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# On the Edge...

## Local Producer's *Strange Negotiations* Debuts in Pittsburgh

*Strange Negotiations*, a documentary about Seattle band Pedro the Lion frontman David Bazan, produced by Edgewood resident Ty Morse debuts 8 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Regent Square Theater. The documentary film explores the spiritual, artistic, and personal turmoil of musician David Bazan set against America's own crisis of faith highlighted by the 2016 presidential election. Tickets at [cinema.pfpc.org](http://cinema.pfpc.org).

## Edgewood Elementary Alumna and Former Resident Publishes First Novel

Katherine Forbes Riley is a former Edgewood resident and alumna of Edgewood Elementary School and Woodland Hills High School. She is an award-winning writer and computational linguist in Vermont. She is represented by Pamela Malpas of the Jennifer Lyons Literary Agency in New York City.

Her debut novel, *THE BOBCAT*, released by Arcade/Skyhorse in June 2019, has been long listed for the 2019 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize. Katherine's creative writing appears in the *Wigleaf* 2018 top 50 list, as well as numerous other literary journals, including *Buffalo Almanack*, from whom she received the *Inkslinger's Award for Creative Excellence*. She received her BA from Dartmouth College and her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, and has published many scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings.

She finished *THE BOBCAT* while a fellow traveler at the American Academy in Rome; her husband, painter Enrico Riley, was a Rome Prize recipient.



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## Advice from a longtime REALTOR

My previous installment shed light on the negative repercussions of the "Real Estate Love Letter". I would now like to start to look at the "offer" and the terms and conditions that can inhibit you from putting your best foot forward with the Seller from the start.

The price you offer a Seller is important but just as important can be the other terms in the agreement. One of the more important terms in the offer is the Initial Deposit which is often referred to as "Earnest Money" or "Good Faith Money". You are making your offer on that dream home. How much Earnest Money will you put down as a deposit? "Earnest" is defined as showing intense and sincere conviction. If your method of determining how much Earnest Money to deposit centers around figuring out how much you are willing to walk away from if you default, then you are going about this completely wrong.

The Earnest Money should show an intense and sincere conviction that you as a Buyer want to go through with the transaction and aren't going into the process already thinking about a way out. In other words, an amount considering the situation that would make you truly pause and where you would also feel the pain of defaulting on the transaction. The contract is written in way that if you aren't satisfied with inspections during that time-frame or something happens that is no fault of your own and your mortgage is rejected,

the Buyer gets that Earnest Money back. The only way the Buyer loses the Earnest Money is to stick it to the Seller and default on the contract refusing to close. The Seller may be out many thousands of dollars in moving expenses, leases, repairs, etc. Put yourself in the Seller's shoes for a minute and imagine the Seller is your Mother or Grandmother.

There is an old saying: "Put your money where your mouth is." So, when you are trying to put in your best offer, put down the best Earnest Money that you can. It could make the difference of being a winning bid or not.



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## Pappas Art Showing

Local artist Phillip Pappas of Maple Avenue had a successful showing of his paintings at the Mendelson gallery in Shadyside. Those interested in purchasing one of his pieces should contact the artist at 412-731-3427.

## Advertising and Publishing Requests

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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### OCTOBER

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

**Refuse:** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Recycling:** 10 & 24

**Fall Festival:** 26, 6 pm  
@ Koenig Field

**Halloween Parade:** 29, 6 pm  
@ Edgewood Primary

**Trick-or-Treat:** 31, 6-8 pm

### NOVEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 4 & 18 7:30pm  
@ Borough Building

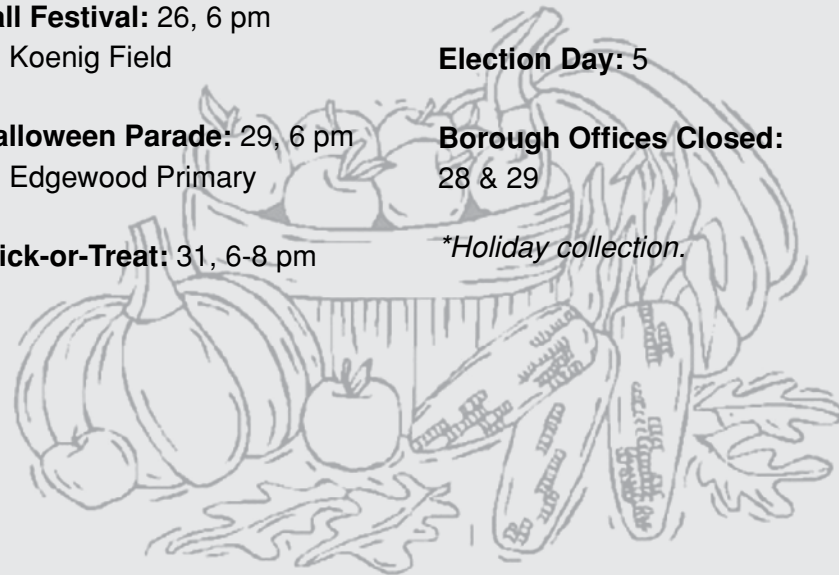
**Refuse:** 7, 14, 21 & 29\*  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**Recycling:** 7 & 21

**Election Day:** 5

**Borough Offices Closed:**  
28 & 29

*\*Holiday collection.*



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Fax..... 412-242-4027

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### Borough Manager

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Email:..... [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com)

Public Works..... 412-242-2410

### Code Enforcement

Lee Miller..... 412-242-4824

Email:..... [inspections@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:inspections@edgewoodboro.com)

Tuesday and Friday ..... 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Tax Office

Jordan Tax Service ..... 724-731-2311

Pay in person October 31 9:00 a.m. – noon

### Wage Taxes

Keystone Collections ..... 724-978-0300

### Police and Fire

Emergency ..... 911

### Police Chief

Robert C. Payne..... 412-242-4824, ext. 112

Email:..... [policechief@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:policechief@edgewoodboro.com)

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Jared Amos..... 412-242-9994

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Republic Services..... 1-412-429-2600

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## A note from the real estate tax collector...

Jordan Tax Service, Inc. will be available at the Borough Municipal Building on October 31st from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to accept any 2019 Borough or School payments. Please note, this is the last day to take advantage of the Face Tax amount or Installment option on the 2019 Woodland Hills School Tax. If you have any questions, please contact 724-731-2311.

If you have any questions about your assessment, call the Allegheny County Assessors Office at 412-350-4600. If you no longer have a mortgage company and are paying your taxes yourself you should call the County Treasurers office at 412-350-4100 and notify me as well. Section 7 of the tax collectors law, "Failure to receive notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received notice."







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Coal Street	East End Avenue	Dewey Street	Greendale Avenue
E. Hutchinson Avenue	East End Ext.	Elmer Street	Harlow Street
E. Swissvale Avenue	Mifflin Avenue	Hawthorne Street	Ivy Street
Edgewood Avenue	Monongahela Alley	Locust Street	Laurel Street
Elm Street	Sanders Street	Maple Avenue	Lincoln Avenue
Gordon Street	Savannah Avenue	McKelvey Avenue	McKay Street
LaCrosse Street	Short Race Street	Morris Street	Pennwood Avenue
Lehigh Street	Trenton Avenue	Walnut Street	Race Street
Linden Avenue	Vine Street		Seddon Road
Lloyd Avenue	Washington Street		W. Swissvale Avenue
Love Place	W. Hutchinson Avenue		
Oakview Avenue	Willow Place		
Westmoreland Avenue			

***Please Note: This is LEAF Collection ONLY—Do Not Include Yard Waste.***

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Collection is weather dependent. Heavy rain or snow weighs down the leaves making them harder to vacuum.

Additional time can be required if we experience several consecutive days of bad weather.

Crews strive to collect each street on the posted day but that is not a always possible.