

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

The Borough of Edgewood would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos in 2019.

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

LUMINARIA

Take part in this beautiful Christmas Eve tradition by purchasing Luminaria kits from the Fire Department. Details inside.

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From The Manager's Desk

Junior Councilperson Sought—Edgewood Borough Council is accepting applications for the Junior Council Person Program. High school and college aged individuals who are residents of the borough are encouraged to apply by submitting a letter of interest to borough council outlining why they want to be a JCP. As a JCP, you must attend monthly meetings, will be seated with council and participate in borough business and learn how a local government operates. A commitment of at least six months is required but an appointment can last for up to two years. Please submit a letter of interest via email to manager@edgewood-boro.com with "Junior Councilperson Application" in the subject line by January 30, 2020 for consideration in the program.

Council vacancy—There will be a vacant seat on Edgewood Borough Council starting January 1, 2020. Any resident interested in serving on council should submit a letter of interest by Thursday, December 12, 2019 to 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, Attn: George Fuller. Council will appoint one individual to the vacant seat for a period of two years until the next local election.

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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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Tips for Winterizing Your Yard in the Watershed



As the fall weather turns cooler, it is that time of year when a gardener or homeowner must prepare the outside of their property for winter. As much as you may love spending time gardening and landscaping during the summer, some of the most important work you can do is in the fall by preparing for winter from a habitat and watershed ecosystem perspective. The goal is to create a welcoming environment for pollinators, birds, insects, and critters that are looking for high-energy food and places to find cover during winter weather.

We encourage you to follow the steps listed below to winterize your yard:

1. Plant vegetation that produces berries, nuts, or seeds to offer winter food for wildlife.
2. Leave the dried stalks and seed heads of perennial flowers for food.
3. Plant native evergreens which provide much needed cover for birds and mammals.
4. Leave dead trees standing to provide safe habitat for small animals.
5. Create a brush pile of yard debris (branches, twigs, and leaves) for habitat.
6. Consider planting a cover crop to protect small animals and insects.
7. Let fallen leaves lie on the ground or use them as mulch in the garden.
8. If you must remove leaf litter, consider shredding it and adding to compost bin.

Thank you for being an active member of the Nine Mile Run Watershed by helping to make your property more natural. If you would like any advice on creating a native habitat or landscape, please reach out to StormWorks for a property consultation. Our experts would love to create a garden that contributes to the local ecology.



Photo caption: This winter take some simple steps to help the watershed ecosystem flourish.

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Music Studio of Susanna Sonnenberg

We already know that Edgewood is a great place to be for anyone who has a love of music. Susanna Sonnenberg has made it her business to share her musical interest with the community, teaching lessons at her home studio, Music Studio of Susanna Sonnenberg.

Susanna, who is also the Associate Principal Violinist with the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra, has been involved in music for much of her life. She started learning the violin in public school in 4th grade, and played in a number of youth orchestras and competitions. She earned her Bachelors in Fine Arts in Music Performance from SUNY Purchase and her Masters in Music from Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver. She also attended Carnegie Mellon University where she earned her Music Education Certification. She taught in public schools for 15 years in Georgia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, and taught private lessons on the side. "I became a music teacher because of my love of music and children. I found teaching fun and that



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the more I teach, the more I learn." She has been in Edgewood since 2015.

Susanna now offers beginner/intermediate/advanced violin and viola lessons, as well as beginning and intermediate cello lessons, 7 days a week. She teaches both children and adults, starting at age 5, with an annual spring recital each year for school age students, and a second one for adult students. Lessons are also available via online platforms, like Skype and Facetime. In fact, her 60+ students include people from 20 different states, and one international student in Finland. In the past she has had students in Italy, France, Singapore, China, and the Bahamas.

She has students who play in school and youth orchestras, and hold leadership positions with their orchestras; and she has adult students who play with community orchestras, including our own Edgewood Symphony. She currently has an 8 year old student, taking online lessons, who has entered a competition the past 2 years, placing 3rd both times, and was able to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City! They are preparing now for next year's competition.

When asked what she likes best about being in the neighborhood, she says, "I love getting to meet people in my community. It is wonderful to see all of my students improve and progress each year." We're glad to have Susanna as a part of our community!



In keeping with its annual tradition, the Edgewood Fire Department is pleased to make luminaria available to Borough residents. The lighting of the luminaria at curbside brings back memories of a time when nearly every home in Edgewood participated in this wonderful event. Again, this year the tradition takes on added significance as we use the event to remember friends, family and our military personnel who are not able to make it home for the holidays.

As in the past, we ask that the luminaria be lit at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. If you purchase your kit(s) from the Fire Department you will receive 10 paper bags, 10 candles and approximately 10 pounds of sand. Please keep in mind that the luminaria should be placed 3 to 5 feet apart, so you may need more than one kit. If you have questions please call (412) 242-9994.

Kits are once again \$10.00 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Dept. During December you may also purchase kits at the Borough Building Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon if you prefer.

As always, we thank you for participating in this magical event and we wish you:

ALL THE BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Luminaria Order Form

Enclosed is \$ _____ to purchase _____ kit(s).

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Address: _____

Edgewood Borough Police Department Addresses Gun Violence

Since the tragic deaths of 11 worshipers at the Tree of Life Synagogue occurred a little over a year ago just a few miles from Edgewood, the police department has taken measures to address gun violence head on. This fall, Edgewood Police Officers and officers from 19 other departments around the Turtle Creek Valley are participating in a two-day active shooter training to ensure police officers from different municipalities can work together in a critical incident. "It's absolutely vital that neighboring departments interact with each other and train to the same level of preparedness so that we can effectively respond to these tragic events," said Edgewood Borough Police Chief Bob Payne. The training is being made possible through the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments and funding from State Senator Jay Costa.

In an effort to understand the some of the reasons that lead to mass shootings specifically in schools, The Edgewood Police Department and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf recently partnered to host former Columbine High School Principal Frank

DeAngelis for an evening of discussion about bullying and societal factors that have contributed to the increase in violent attacks. Mr. DeAngelis addressed a crowd consisting of law enforcement, educators, and civilians about signs to watch out for in school-aged children and his thoughts on how to respond to this crisis. A special thanks to Officer Fred Livingston for arranging the event, State Senator Jay Costa and UPMC for funding and the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for hosting. Proceeds from the \$10 ticket sales went to benefit the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League.

Lastly, Edgewood Borough Council and the Edgewood Police Department created the "Make the 2nd Count" gun safety campaign to remind all gun owners to be responsible gun owners. Some municipalities have tried to enact their own gun legislation which has gotten tied up in costly legal battles with no real effect on the problem. Make the 2nd Count is meant to hold gun owners accountable for their firearms through a few basic monthly safety checks.

On the **second** day of every month, gun owners are encouraged to:

- Verify the location of their gun(s);
- Confirm it is in a locked and secured case;
- See that it is unloaded;
- Check that the ammunition is stored separately in a locked and secured place;
- Know the keys for both the gun and ammunition are secured and out of reach of children.

At the least, checking every month provides a time frame for owners and law enforcement of the theft/loss. It may save the life of a family member or neighbor—more people are accidentally shot by someone "just looking" at a family owned gun, or struggling with emotional issues. This also helps law enforcement track trends in types of theft and areas targeted in our community. Reporting a gun lost or stolen protects owners should their weapon be used in a crime and gives weight to the charges brought when a felon is found with a stolen weapon.

Gun ownership is a Right with responsibilities. Be a part of protecting our community. On the Second of every month, go through the check list. Keep your guns secured. NEVER LEAVE YOUR GUN IN YOUR CAR. And report any gun lost or stolen to Edgewood Police Department as soon as it is discovered missing. Make the Second Count stickers and post cards are available at the Borough Building. Your actions can help our police address gun violence.

Overnight Parking Rules

As many of our residents and visitors are well aware, a parking permit is needed to park on a public roadway in Edgewood Borough between 3-5 a.m. We hope that most, if not all residents have already purchased a permit by now if they plan on parking on the street. A parking permit can be purchased at the Edgewood Borough building between 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. The cost for a yearly, on street parking pass is \$20.00. A visitor pass can also be purchased for \$20.00. To purchase an on street parking permit, you must provide the vehicle registration, proof of insurance, as well as proof of residency.

Once you purchase a permit sticker, please adhere it to THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE BACK WINDOW. The permit is to be placed on the OUTSIDE of the window so that it can be visible at night. Most sport utility vehicles are equipped with factory tinted rear windows. Our officers will NOT be able to see your permit if you place it on the inside of your window. This will result in you receiving a parking ticket. Officers check every vehicle in Edgewood Borough and you will receive a parking ticket if your permit is not in the correct location. Once an officer has written a parking ticket and walks up to your vehicle, it is too late if he/she notices a permit or visitors permit lying on the dashboard.

The visitor permit is made to hang on your rear view mirror. Officers understand that there is a small percentage of vehicles that this will not work on. Officers suggest utilizing a rubber band to temporarily attach it to the mirror so that it is visible. Once again, you will receive a parking ticket if the officer does not see a permit on your rear view mirror.

On the parking ticket, there is a box that can be checked that reads, "Prohibited truck parking midnight—6:00 A.M." This section refers to commercial vehicles, trailers, and similar equipment. No vehicle may be parked on an Edgewood Borough street that is used in the furtherance of a business. This would be vehicles that have advertising on them, ladder racks, tool boxes, etc. This section also applies to work trailers, recreational type trailers, boats, etc. These types of trailers are not permitted to be left on the roadways, or left overnight while still attached to the vehicle.


REMINDER:
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If you have any questions regarding parking permits, or if you can park a certain vehicle on the street, please call 412-242-9994

POLICE ACTIVITY


Part 1 CRIMES	SEP	OCT	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	3
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	2	0	8
Burglary	0	0	5
Larceny/theft			
Shoplifting	4	1	18
Other	2	1	31
Motor vehicle theft	2	0	6
Arson	1	0	2
TOTAL-PART 1	12	2	73
PART 2 CRIMES			
Liquor laws	5	1	13
Vandalism/criminal mischief	2	1	14
Weapons offences	0	0	1
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	2	0	10
DUI	0	0	10
Disorderly conduct	1	3	29
All other offenses	6	4	44
TOTAL-PART 2	16	9	121
GRAND TOTAL (P1 & P2)	28	11	194
Adult arrests	13	3	77
Juvenile arrests	0	1	7
Total arrests	13	4	84
Incidents/calls	336	329	3068
Animal complaints	1	0	2
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	2	4	69
PART 1 CRIMES	12	2	73
PART 2 CRIMES	16	9	121
Domestic complaints	4	1	16
Juvenile contacts/complaints	1	4	12
Miscellaneous reports	265	277	2396
Police reports filed	71	52	732
False alarms	7	4	102
Public nuisance/disturbances	0	2	36
Suspicious person/incidents	3	5	64
Missing person	0	0	1
Medical assists	5	4	34
Traffic-related			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	2	3	22
Non-reportable accidents	8	7	84
Traffic stops conducted	91	73	914
Traffic citations	38	21	418
Non-traffic citations	6	2	38
Parking tags	0	0	1528
GRAND TOTAL- ALL CALLS	881	803	9814

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Light Up Edgewood

Friday, December 6

Join Santa for the ceremonial lighting of the borough Christmas Tree at Memorial Park on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. Then take a short stroll to the Edgewood Club to enjoy refreshments and a holiday movie for the kids.

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, February 22 from 6-11 p.m.

The Edgewood Progressive Dinner is a great way to meet new neighbors and spend time catching up with old friends. This event is held every year in February. You start at one home for appetizers, switch groups to move to another house for dinner, and then rejoin the larger neighborhood for dessert and cocktails.

The Annual Evening's Agenda

- 6 p.m. Appetizers with groups of approximately 50 people
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with groups of 8-12 people
- 9 p.m. Dessert & Cocktails with the entire group

Look for our sign up form on our website: www.edgewoodfoundation.org and on the last page of this newsletter. Have any questions about our next Progressive Dinner? Email us at progressivedinner@edgewoodfoundation.org

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Edgewood Foundation Board Opening

The Edgewood Foundation is looking for members of the Edgewood community to join its Board. If you are interested, please email info@edgewoodfoundation.org for more information.

Annual Appeal

Help families create cherished memories in 2020. Donate to the Edgewood Foundation today.

Your gift will enable the Edgewood Foundation to host 10+ community events where families and neighbors connect and make memories. Your donation will be put to good use immediately to enhance and strengthen our community, while supporting your Edgewood neighbors. Please check the mail for our annual appeal letter. All donations—at any level—are greatly appreciated!

Remember to make your donation no later than December 31 to be eligible for the 2019 tax year.

Your contribution is 100% tax deductible. If you prefer to make your year-end gifts online, you can do so on our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org

Chartered in 1984 as a not-for-profit organization, the Edgewood Foundation arose from the merging of the Edgewood School District with others into the Woodland Hills School District.

New Ideas Welcome

If you have an idea for an event in Edgewood, please email us prior to January 1, 2020. We have our annual retreat in January to set our budget and events and would like to include some new ideas for 2020!

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Edgewood Symphony Orchestra

A Favorite Holiday Tradition!



It's time once again for one of the borough's most beloved holiday traditions—the annual concert by the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra!

It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood on Saturday evening, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance on our website www.edgewoodsymphony.org or at the door—but don't wait, it's been SRO for many years.

This year the concert will offer both classical and jazz! The first half will use the full orchestra for selections including Taylor's Christmas Overture, Pittsburgher Mark Fromm's What Child is This, Lully, Lullay, Mascagni's Ave Maria, our traditional sing-along, and the world premiere of the orchestral version of Eli Tamar's Canticum Fratrisc Solis, with soprano soloists Molly May and Charlene Canty. The second half will feature the ESO jazz ensemble performing the full Strayhorn/Ellington version of the Nutcracker Suite! It's an evening you won't want to miss!

And another evening not to be missed is the Edgewood Symphony's annual fundraiser Rhapsody in Brew. The event brings together home brewers, beer lovers, musicians, and music lovers to sample beer, enjoy live music, and raise funds for the ESO. This year's event is Saturday, February 8, starting at 5 p.m. at Spirit, 242 51st Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15201. Visit the ESO website for further details.

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Annual Appeal

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) is celebrating 150 years of educating Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (D/HH) children across Pennsylvania. What an amazing and humbling milestone! WPSD has been a proud member of the Edgewood community for more than 100 years. We are always working to maintain and improve our relationships with community partners and invest in our neighborhood.

In all of our programs, our focus and dedication is on the students' success through academic excellence, quality athletic, extracurricular opportunities, and tailored employment opportunities.

We are thankful for our dedicated faculty, staff, and administration who truly believe that quality education among Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students is not an option—it is a must! Because of the tremendous support from our friends and family throughout Pennsylvania, we are able to continue to support our students and watch them grow into independent and productive citizens, ready to face the world when they graduate.

As 2019 comes to a close, would you consider a gift to one of our programs? Your support will help us to continue to provide quality academic, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities to D/HH children in Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania. Please consider a tax-deductible gift and donate securely online by clicking the "Donate" button at www.wpsd.org. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support this season.

Boy Scout Troop 23



The Troop 23 Christmas Tree Sale begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 30th) and runs until Sunday, December 22nd, at Koenig Field in Edgewood. Regular hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 12 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Come out and pick yourself a great tree while supporting a great cause.

The scouts use the money raised from the Christmas tree sale to fund their activities. For example, this summer Troop 23 spent a week at Heritage Scout Reservation in Farmington, Pennsylvania. The scouts enjoyed hiking, kayaking, sailing, and other outdoor activities, as well as earning merit badges in areas such as environmental science, emergency preparedness, woodcarving, and archery. Summer camp provides the opportunity for the boys to experience fun in the great outdoors while learning valuable life skills.

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).

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Join First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 8 p.m. for our traditional Christmas Eve service complete with communion and candlelight service. All are welcome!



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Futsal

Edgewood is pleased to announce a new winter athletic opportunity for our youth. We will be offering Futsal open gym nights every Tuesday starting in January 2020. For anyone unfamiliar, Futsal is similar soccer but played in a smaller, indoor space on a hard surface. Children ages 8-12 are welcomed on Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Edgewood STEAM Academy Gymnasium. This is not a competitive league, but rather an opportunity to get some exercise during the cold winter months and learn an exciting new sport. There is no charge to participate but registration through TeamSnap is required. For more information and to register, please visit our website, <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/> or our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. Questions about Futsal can be directed to Dr. Justin Petrolla at 330-503-4492 or jprolla@edgewoodboro.com.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball will start in early January, 2020, still on Thursday evenings, at the Edgewood Primary Gymnasium. Please note, Matt Dettore will be organizing the sport this year. For questions, please email mattdettore@gmail.com.

This sport will register via paper forms, which are available on our website (www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us) and in the Borough office at 2 Race Street.

Tai Chi Fall Session

Tai Chi begins January 13 and runs every Monday through March 2 at the Koenig Fieldhouse. The eight week series is available for \$75, or you can pay \$15 per session. Classes start at 7:30 p.m.

See page 11 for more information on Tia Chi.

Sponsorship

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit www.edgewood.pgh.pa.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!

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Wu-style Tai Chi:

A grounding health practice and Martial Art

Some people may have seen the advertisements for Tai Chi classes hosted at the Koenig field house over the past year. In this brief article, I wanted to share what is covered in the classes as well as some background on Tai Chi practice and its benefits.

Wu-Style is simply one of the many styles of the art form. The other two most common are Yang and Chen. Wu-style uses more naturally spaced stances that don't require as much lower body flexibility and focuses on 100% weight shifting between feet while moving. The curriculum of the classes centers on the Wu-Style Tai Chi Essential Form, which is comprised of five core postures, and takes around 5 minutes to practice once learned, requiring very little space. We also cover basic standing postures that help build stability and strengthen the lower body. Forms are tools and are fundamental in Tai Chi practice. They also contain self-defense applications, but these aren't the direct purpose of learning them. By using the mind to direct our movements in a sequence, we retrain the body's natural movement to one that is more efficient, effectively building new habits. This, in turn, improves posture and mobility, as well as coordination, balance, and agility.

Being a health-oriented class, we also discuss underlying Tai Chi principles and philosophy and how they apply to wellness and mobility. Tai Chi uses slow, deliberate movements aimed at deepening the mind-body connection, while teaching the practitioner how to relax while moving as well as standing. Through practice of the standing postures and form, students gain subtle but profound insights into how they hold themselves upright, how much of their movement patterns are unconscious, where there is internal resistance or tension, and how to integrate their body to move as one piece. A common saying passed down from my teachers is that Tai Chi practice can improve whatever it is that you do. This is also why we increasingly see athletes practicing it as well as those just beginning a physical practice. My goal is to help people uncover a more thorough understanding of their mind-body connection through the art form and provide students with tangible tools they can take with them to improve their well-being.

Although using Tai Chi as a health-focused practice alone is very beneficial, it is also important to note that Tai Chi is a Martial Art, and all of its core principles derive from this purpose. Loosely translated, T'ai chi ch'üan or simply Tàijí quán, means 'Grand Ultimate Fist'. As a Martial Art, its goals have a long learning curve. It seeks to create full-body integration and have the greatest possible effect on an opponent, using the least amount of force. This feature in particular, makes it very flexible and efficient. Wu-Style, like the other styles of Tai Chi, also has longer forms, partner drills, and weapons training for those that wish to continue down that path.

*Feel free to email me with any questions.
Best wishes for a warm and healthy winter!*

-Jon Wilson Jon@steel-dragon.org

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C.C. Mellor Library is now FINE FREE!

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

For more information about fine forgiveness, library programs, resources and more, visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Special Events

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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED! There are still spaces available at our Arts & Crafts Fair! CCM is accepting applications for the Arts & Crafts Fair until **November 15**, or until all spaces have filled. Download an application on our website or email Erin Pierce at piercee@einetwork.net for more information.

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.

Pre-order your holiday greens and pick them up at our Arts & Crafts Fair on December 7. Pre-order forms are available on our website. **Please submit all pre-orders by December 1.** A limited selection of greens will be available for purchase at the Arts & Crafts Fair.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—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.

Save the Date for CCM's Book Sale

CCM Edgewood, March 7-10—C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's annual book sale promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find plenty to choose from among the thousands of books, movies, audiobooks, music CDs, and more. Everything is at bargain prices!

The weekend will kick off with a preview party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m., hosted by the library's community groups. This is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of food, drink and conversation. The cost per person

is \$25 at the door. Dealers and scanners are welcome at the preview party.

Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 are the main sale days. Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 are bag sale days. Fill a bag for \$6. Bring your own bag or get one at the sale.

VOLUNTEERING—An event of this size requires many helping hands! We will need volunteers to help set up for the sale and clean up afterwards. If you're interested in volunteering, sign up at CCM Edgewood or email Erin Pierce at piercee@einetwork.net.

DONATIONS—Doing some spring cleaning? We're happy to include your unwanted books, movies and music in the sale so they can find new homes! Your donated items allow us to raise funds for new library materials. Donations may be made at CCM Edgewood only. Before donating, please read CCM's donations guide on our website—there are some items we cannot accept.

Local Author Collection

Calling all authors! Are you an author, or do you know one who lives or works in our community?

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is creating a local author collection! We think that our community will be amazed by the number of talented neighbors they have, and what better way to do it than by highlighting them at the community library?

We want works by all authors (fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, you name it) that live and work in the municipalities that we serve (Edgewood, Forest Hills, Braddock Hills, Wilkins Township, Churchill, Regent Square).

For more information, email Erin Pierce at piercee@einetwork.net.

Adult Featured Programs

Medical Marijuana 101

CCM Forest Hills, January 10, 2 p.m.

CCM Edgewood, January 15, 6 p.m.

Do you or someone that you know suffer from anxiety, chronic pain or other serious medical condition? Are you interested in learning more about the PA medical marijuana program but not sure where to start?

Please join Nurse Shelly of Medical Marijuana Specialists, as she will be teaching the history, science and benefits of medical marijuana and how it is helping patients increase their quality of life while decreasing their prescription pain medications.

She will guide you through the 3 easy steps on how to become a medical marijuana patient and what your journey with plant based medicine will look like.

Children's Featured Programs

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.

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I Made It Myself (Ages 5+)

CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in December, 10:30 a.m.—Every Saturday we'll have a new art or craft project to work on at the library! Whether you give them as gifts or keep them for yourself, nothing makes us prouder than hearing you say "I made it myself!"

Registration opens November 1. Please register online for this program.

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Crazy 8s (Ages 5-8)

CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in January, 10:30 a.m.—Crazy 8s is an after school math club that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities! We'll play games, crack codes, build, and more!

Registration opens December 1. Please register online for this program.

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Tech Toy Petting Zoo (Ages 3-13)

CCM Edgewood, February 22, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Curious about the new technology toys coming out? Hoping to find a screen-free robot for your preschooler, or how to teach your fourth grader to think like a coder? From Spheros to BeeBots, Ozobots to Cubelets, try them out today at the library! We'll have a variety of different toys and programs to try at this drop-in program, so bring an adult and plan to play!

Registration opens August 24.

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Online program registration is at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com. For adult programming, contact Megan Zagorski at zagorskim@einetwork.net. For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at tobiasze2@einetwork.net.

Tape Town (Families—All Ages)

CCM Edgewood, February 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

CCM Forest Hills, February 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

ONE DAY ONLY, your library will transform into a city's worth of fun! Bring your toy car or borrow one of ours to drive our masking tape roads and explore different stations around town. From the car wash to the police station to the farm, we'll have books and activities all over the children's area, so cruise in any time!

Teen Programs

Teen Group (Ages 13-18)

CCM Edgewood, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, September-May, 2 p.m.—Get excited, because teen programming is taking off at CCM Edgewood! There's a new theme every meeting, so watch our website and social media for updates and register today to reserve your spot! Registration opens August 24.

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CALENDAR at a glance...

DECEMBER

Parking Passes: 2

Council Meetings: 2 & 16,
7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 5, 12, 19, 27*

Recycling: 5, 19

Light Up Edgewood: 6, 7:00pm
@ Memorial Park then
Edgewood Club

Borough Office closed: 25, 26

**Due to Christmas holiday.
Collection delayed
until Friday*

JANUARY

Council Meetings: 6 & 21*
7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Recycling: 2, 16, 30

Borough Office closed: 1, 20

**Due to Borough holiday.*



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Proud of your new baby? Enjoyed a great vacation? Got a promotion or attended a convention? Please clip this coupon, stick it on the fridge and fill it out when you have some news to share in the Edgewood Newsletter. Photos welcome.

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



Borough Directory

Borough Office Information

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone 412-242-4824

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Email:..... manager@edgewoodboro.com

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Email:..... inspections@edgewoodboro.com

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

Tax Office

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

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2019 Edgewood Borough real estate tax is due at penalty and will be turned over the delinquent tax collector the end of December. Please have your payments sent to me by December 5 to avoid any additional penalties. These payments should be made out to Edgewood Borough.

The 2019 Woodland Hills School tax is also due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The first installment had to be made by October 31. The second installment is due by January 31, 2020. These checks should be made out to Woodland Hills School District.





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2020 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER



February 22, 6-11pm \$35 per person RSVP by February 11, 2020.

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
- _____ 6. Host a dessert party for 100+ guests

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

Guest 1: _____

Address: _____

Guest 2: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Email: _____

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

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Please provide a check payable to the **Edgewood Foundation** for **\$35/per person**. Send check and RSVP form to Luke Klein/Progressive Dinner 300 Maple Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218 by February 11, 2020. All guests must be over the age of 21.