

EDGEWOOD

December / January 2018-19

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

The Borough of Edgewood would like to thank the residents and organizations who submitted articles and photos in 2018.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season full of joy and love!



Luminaria

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

More details on Page 11

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From The Manager's Desk

The Borough of Edgewood is looking for volunteers for its planning commission and civil service commission. Interested candidates should submit letters of interest and any relevant qualifications to **manager@edgewoodboro.com**.

Planning Commission member responsibilities include applying the borough zoning code to new and existing development, interpreting and enforcing the borough zoning code, and acting as an advisory body to Borough Council on all planning and development matters. Members are appointed to a four year term.

Civil Service Commissioners are appointed by borough council to uphold the civil service rules of the borough. Commissioners are responsible for hiring, promoting, and disciplining police officers under the direction of the Borough Code and civil service rules. Members are appointed to a six year term. Applications for this position must be received by December 14, 2018.





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These items will be tagged and left at the pickup location as a notification that these are no longer accepted for recycling. After the first notification, any items inside plastic bags will be picked up by trash collectors and taken to the landfill. Additional recycling bins may be purchased at the Borough Building for \$20.

Be sure to remove all food waste from all containers. Remaining food waste in recyclables can contaminate an entire load rendering it unrecyclable.

Edgewood Borough offers Household Hazardous Waste collection to all residents. Service can be arranged by dialing 1-800-464-2120 or emailing **EdgewoodBoroughPAEWaste-HHW@republicservices.com**. More information about Household Hazardous Waste is available at: www.republicservices.com/residents/household-hazardous-waste

Watershed Forest Master Plan

Nine Mile Run's new Watershed Forest Master Plan, published this December, includes a series of recommendations which will put us back on the path toward reversing the trend of watershed canopy loss and eventually increasing the watershed canopy. Between 2010 and 2015 the watershed experienced 97 acres of lost tree canopy, the equivalent of one city lot every other day. Through a targeted community effort—working with residents, businesses, and local government—we hope to facilitate a reinvestment in our region's trees. The plan is a guide to a future where existing trees are better maintained and cared for, and new trees are planted and supported such that they can replace the existing canopy as it begins to age and decay.

We're excited about the direction this new plan will take us; it was crafted by and for residents and stakeholders of the watershed, and with your help we can reverse the trend of tree canopy loss in the watershed. If you're interested in helping us reach our ambitious goal, please let us know by contacting Urban Forestry Coordinator Jan Raether (jan@ninemilerun.org; 412-371-8779)

To read the plan, visit: <https://ninemilerun.org/our-work/urbanforestry/watershed-forest-master-plan/>

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SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Winthrop Partners

Brian Werner, CPA, CFP

Brian Werner is one of less than a dozen Financial Planners in the Pittsburgh area that can boast both a Charter Financial Analyst as well as a Certified Financial Planner certification, but he was most excited to talk about his unique office—The Edgewood Train Station. Winthrop Partners, a fee-only Investment Management and Wealth Planning company has four offices in the Northeast—in Doylestown, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh—all in unique or historic buildings. Werner's office in Philadelphia is housed in an old Brewery. The Edgewood Train Station has been home to Winthrop Partner's Pittsburgh office since January of 2018.

Brian Werner grew up in Point Breeze, and was then a Pittsburgh expat for nearly two decades. He came back to Edgewood to raise his family. Brian worked for years with the big banks, including First Niagara, but felt he wanted to deliver more personal service to his clients. So four years ago, Brian and his collaborators began Winthrop Partners. Brian's initial office was downtown, because that was "sort of expected", he says. The train station had always been interesting, and when it became available in 2017 he debated about the move, hesitant to leave the downtown environment. But having been located in the Edgewood Train Station has been "a successful move", he says. He gets a very positive response from his clients.

Of course, having an office outside of the traffic and parking hassles of downtown is one thing, but the historic building of the Edgewood Train Station adds a level of comfort and style to Brian's business. "It's a more convenient, interesting space," he says. He's been proud to host impromptu "Happy Hours" on weekends in the space—giving a chance for clients to mingle and network. He's assisted with a number of events that mix business and pleasure—the Edgewood Foundation's well-attended Art Night, and a recent Bourbon event were both very successful. Even holding everyday meetings on the Train Station patio on fair weather days has been a boon.

Now that his office is located in Edgewood, Brian's dedication to the area has come full circle. He's involved with nearly every Edgewood organization from Edgewood Foundation events, Edgewood Club, coaching for Edgewood Youth Sports, hosting for the Progressive Dinner, and is in talks with the Edgewood Historical Society for an event. "It's a lot of fun", he says "there's no travel—it's so unique and open", he says of Edgewood. Even the 9 Mile Run Watershed Association has ties with Winthrop Partners, as it cares for the rain garden outside of the Train Station offices.

For Edgewood's future, Brian hopes that more young families choose to stay in the area. "We have such a great community," he says "I hope that we can build the momentum of the people who started these organizations and continue to grow."

The Winthrop Partners office at the Edgewood Train Station certainly has a relaxing and fascinating atmosphere, but it's clear that Brian is in the business of nurturing growth and furthering the possibilities for his community. Both his work and his social events show that he sincerely enjoys helping people grow and prosper. If you attend one of the many fun events in Edgewood, you're sure to run into Brian Werner!



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Edgewood Police
Police Report

The Edgewood Police Department would like to pass along important information from an article published by the Mayo Clinic Staff about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that's triggered by a terrifying event—either experiencing it or witnessing it. Symptoms may include flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety, as well as uncontrollable thoughts about the event.

Most people who go through traumatic events may have temporary difficulty adjusting and coping, but with time and good self-care, they usually get better. If the symptoms get worse, last for months or even years, and interfere with your day-to-day functioning, you may have PTSD.

Getting effective treatment after PTSD symptoms develop can be critical to reduce symptoms and improve function.

Post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms may start within one month of a traumatic event, but sometimes symptoms may not appear until years after the event. These symptoms cause significant problems in social or work situations and in relationships. They can also interfere with your ability to go about your normal daily tasks.

PTSD symptoms are generally grouped into four types: intrusive memories, avoidance, negative changes in thinking and mood, and changes in physical and emotional reactions. Symptoms can vary over time or vary from person to person.

Intrusive memories

Symptoms of intrusive memories may include:

- Recurrent, unwanted distressing memories of the traumatic event
- Reliving the traumatic event as if it were happening again (flashbacks)
- Upsetting dreams or nightmares about the traumatic event
- Severe emotional distress or physical reactions to something that reminds you of the traumatic event

Avoidance

Symptoms of avoidance may include:

- Trying to avoid thinking or talking about the traumatic event
- Avoiding places, activities or people that remind you of the traumatic event

Negative changes in thinking and mood

Symptoms of negative changes in thinking and mood may include:

- Negative thoughts about yourself, other people or the world
- Hopelessness about the future
- Memory problems, including not remembering important aspects of the traumatic event
- Difficulty maintaining close relationships
- Feeling detached from family and friends
- Lack of interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Difficulty experiencing positive emotions
- Feeling emotionally numb

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Changes in physical and emotional reactions

Symptoms of changes in physical and emotional reactions (also called arousal symptoms) may include:

- Being easily startled or frightened
- Always being on guard for danger
- Self-destructive behavior, such as drinking too much or driving too fast
- Trouble sleeping
- Trouble concentrating
- Irritability, angry outbursts or aggressive behavior
- Overwhelming guilt or shame

For children 6 years old and younger, signs and symptoms may also include:

- Re-enacting the traumatic event or aspects of the traumatic event through play
- Frightening dreams that may or may not include aspects of the traumatic event

Intensity of symptoms

PTSD symptoms can vary in intensity over time. You may have more PTSD symptoms when you're stressed in general, or when you come across reminders of what you went through. For example, you may hear a car backfire and relive combat experiences. Or you may see a report on the news about a sexual assault and feel overcome by memories of your own assault.

When to see a doctor

If you have disturbing thoughts and feelings about a traumatic event for more than a month, if they're severe,

or if you feel you're having trouble getting your life back under control, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional. Getting treatment as soon as possible can help prevent PTSD symptoms from getting worse.

If you have suicidal thoughts

If you or someone you know has suicidal thoughts, get help right away through one or more of these resources:

- Reach out to a close friend or loved one.
- Contact a minister, a spiritual leader or someone in your faith community.
- Call a suicide hotline number—in the United States, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) to reach a trained counselor. Use that same number and press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line.

Make an appointment with your doctor or a mental health professional.

When to get emergency help

If you think you may hurt yourself or attempt suicide, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

If you know someone who's in danger of attempting suicide or has made a suicide attempt, make sure someone stays with that person to keep him or her safe. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately. Or, if you can do so safely, take the person to the nearest hospital emergency room

This article is courtesy of The Mayo Clinic Staff dated July 6, 2018

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Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0	0
Shoplifting	1	1
Assault.....	0	0
Arson	0	0
Other Thefts	17	3

Part II Crimes	10	11
Liquor Laws	2	0
Vandalism/Mischief.....	1	1
Narcotics Offenses.....	0	1
Weapons Offense.....	0	0
Sex Offense.....	0	0
Disorderly Conduct.....	3	2
Other Crimes.....	4	5

Arrests	8	6
Adult Arrests.....	6	6
Juvenile Arrests	2	0

Officer's Activity		
Traffic Stops.....	63	58
Traffic Citations.....	15	17
Non-traffic Citations.....	6	3
DUI	1	2
False Alarms	3	8
Medicals	2	1
Suspicious Person.....	10	3
Public Nuisance Complaints..	4	3

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Light Up Edgewood

Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m.

Koenig Field

Santa will kick off the festivities by lighting up our neighborhood tree and then children of all ages are invited to the Koenig Fieldhouse for refreshments and a chance to mix and mingle with friends and neighbors.

We're continuing our traditional "Toys for Tots" Toy Drive again this year. Toys will be collected at the Koenig Fieldhouse. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or two!

If you are unable to make a donation of toys at the Koenig Fieldhouse that evening, please email us at lightupedgewood@edgewoodfoundation.org to arrange an alternate drop-off.

New Ideas are Welcome!

Please keep the traditional activities of Edgewood happening and help fund new ones too! Donate to the Edgewood Foundation. If you have an idea for an event in Edgewood, please email us at info@edgewoodfoundation.org prior to January 1, 2019. We have our annual retreat in January to set our budget and events and would like to include some new ideas for 2019!

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Progressive Dinner

Saturday, February 23 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

High School Senior Brunch

May 5 at the Edgewood Community House "The Club!"

We would like to invite all Edgewood residents that will be graduating in 2019 to the Annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch,

We are gathering names and addresses so we can complete the invitation list. If you know a senior please let us know.

We do not want to miss anyone, as the schools can no longer give us names due to privacy laws. The Mel Douglass scholarships are given out and every graduate has an opportunity to be awarded college funds. We are also looking for other interested parents to help with this event.

Send an email to seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org or leave us a message at 412-897-4296.

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Longtime Edgewood Resident

2018 Limpert Award Winner: Amy Andrews

The Edgewood Foundation is honored to announce that Amy Andrews has been given the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service at our Wine & Chocolate event held at the Edgewood Clubhouse on October 27, 2018. The award originated in 1991, and is named for the founder of the Edgewood Foundation. It's given to an Edgewood resident whose contributions have served in making our community a desirable place to live, and whose dedication has improved the lives of those who live here.

Amy joined the Edgewood Foundation board in 2004 and was elected President in 2006. She served as Board President until 2014, when she moved to the role of Vice President, serving an additional two years before retiring from the board in 2016.

Her most enduring work while serving on the Board went into establishing partnerships between the Edgewood Foundation, Borough council, government and other community organizations. It was through her desire to coordinate the goals of the Edgewood Foundation with local government and other local organizations that she served to foster the quality of events that we participate in as Edgewood residents each and every year. She was (and is) an active supporter, proponent and participant in nearly every community activity, always seeking a way to foster greater involvement, greater participation and communication between residents and local organizations.

As a result of her commitment to these partnerships, while acting as Board President, she was instrumental in spearheading the effort to secure grant funds for new playground equipment at Koenig Field. She worked with the Board in raising additional funds and partnered with the Borough in the planning and construction of the newest children's play area.

By working with the Borough council and management she helped to ensure that our Edgewood Community Day continued as a quality event bringing together neighbors and families. The Edgewood Fire Department continues their involvement with Edgewood community events in part because of the work she did while serving on the Edgewood Board.

Given all those efforts, she may yet be most well known for her work as chief coordinator of the annual Edgewood Progressive Dinner. Her involvement grew this annual event into a real Edgewood tradition and ensured that Edgewood remains a community of friends as well as neighbors.

We also appreciate her volunteer efforts (and gardening skills) through the time she's taken to beautify the public spaces in the borough. Her work is a continual effort, as Amy can (and will) be seen planting bulbs around the Edgewood sign, pulling weeds, and gathering volunteers to help keep Edgewood looking beautiful.

In addition to her volunteer work with the Edgewood Foundation Dr. Amy Andrews has served the Edgewood Community through her practice at Edgewood Family Chiropractic. By basing her practice within the Edgewood Community she's chosen not only to give with her time and with her heart, but with her hands, and her expertise as a doctor of chiropractic to neighbors, friends and area residents alike. This is yet another way that we see how the health of the Edgewood community is truly her focus and her passion.

Kick off the Holidays with the ESO

Join your friends and neighbors to ring in the holidays with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra! The ESO's annual holiday concert is a favorite tradition for the neighborhood!



This festive night of music brings you classical and holiday favorites, including Carol Symphony, the Nutcracker, The Night Before Christmas, John Rutter's Gloria and the ESO's favorite Sleigh Ride. Continuing a long term partnership, the Renaissance City Choirs will join the fun and the performance will also feature Judith Dorian as well as WQED's Anna Singer.

This concert warms the heart and gives everyone a chance to come together in music. Please mark your calendar for Saturday December, 1 at 7:30 p.m. and join us at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door—but come early to get a good seat! It will be a full house!

Visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information on this concert as well as others coming up in 2019.

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Junior High Musical—Into the Woods Jr. (grades 7-9 from both the Jr/Sr High and Academy) is presented at the Thomas G. Crone Auditorium at Woodland Hills Junior Senior High January 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 and available at the door, or 6-8 p.m. on January 3, 8, and 9, and one hour before each performance. There will be a chance for some audience participation!

Important Dates:

- December 21, Early Dismissal for Students
- December 24—January 1 Winter Break

Woodland Hills School Board Meetings:

- 2nd Wednesday of the Month, Agenda Setting
- 3rd Wednesday of the Month, Legislative

Woodland Hills School District Committee Meetings:

- 4th Tuesday of the Month—Athletics, Community Relations, Curriculum, Pupil Personnel Services, Special Education, Technology
- 4th Wednesday of the Month—Facilities, Finance, Food Service/Transportation, Policy, Safety

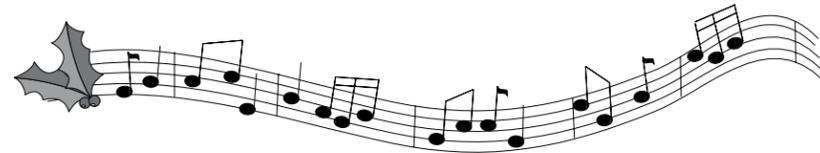


Boy Scout Troop 23

The Troop 23 Christmas tree sale begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving and runs until Saturday, December 22, at Koenig Field in Edgewood. Regular hours will be 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 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).



The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

The Edgewood Symphony's presentation of
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A traditional *Service of Lessons and Carols* • December 23

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 at 7 p.m. • Holy Communion and Candlelighting

Weekly Celebration—All Invited

Beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 10

The members, choir, and leadership of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood invite you to join us for our weekly service of thanksgiving, discovery and celebration. People of all faiths, or no faith, please come. People looking for friendship, acceptance, joy, and purpose, so are we—all of that is available for all of us. It is not something we have to give; it is something we discover and create together.

Come dressed up or come as you are (like most of us)—you will be welcomed warmly. Bring the Infants and children, too.

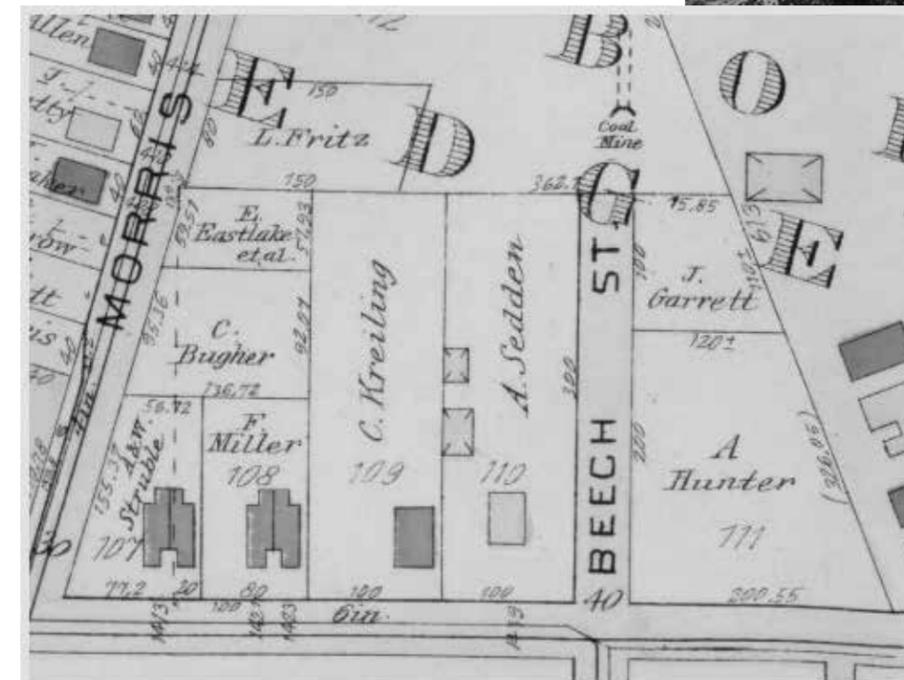


Edgewood Historical Society

Do you have information on the history of your house—or any building or place—in Edgewood? If so, the Historical Society would be most appreciative if you would share what you have. People frequently ask us about various homes and buildings in the community, and we would like to add to our library of materials.

Perhaps you have old photos (or even newer photos that one day will be old), deed records, list of previous owners, a detailed history or just bits of notes here and there. Whatever you have, we are interested.

Brian Finch shared a treasure trove of information he discovered about his house on Walnut Street, as shown in



this old photo and map section. The house was built in July 1888—"... this would make my house just very slightly older than Edgewood," Brian noted. The village was incorporated as a borough in December 1888—and was first occupied by attorney Henry Bigger and his wife, Sallie Pears Bigger—the daughter of John Pears of Bakewell, Pears & Company, a prominent glass house company on the South Side.

Please contact us at EdgewoodHistory@yahoo.com if you have something you would like to share. Even if you need us to make copies or scan any documents or photos, The Historical Society would be glad to do so.

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Edgewood Recreation

Tai Chi Winter Session

Join us for adult (18+) Tai Chi inside the Koenig Field House for eight weeks of classes Mondays from 7:30-8:30pm January 7 through February 25.

Pre-register by December 31 for \$70 by returning the registration form and fee to Recreation at 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA 15218. Drop-in fee is \$15. Registration form is found online at www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.us or in the Borough Building. Drop-ins must arrive 15 minutes early to each session to complete the registration form. Be sure to wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing.

If you have any questions, contact Jessica at office@edgewoodboro.com or 412-242-4824.

Edgewood Basketball

Registration for this winter sport began on November 1, and ends Wednesday, December 5, 2018. All our sports registrations are now taking place online through TeamSnap. This system has made registration so simple, and keeps everyone in touch with their team! The link to Basketball registration can be found on the front page of our website: www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.us and also on our Facebook page: Edgewood Borough Community Events.

Girls and boys ages 6-15 are welcome to play basketball, and you do not need to be an Edgewood resident to play. Play begins January 2 and runs through the second Saturday in March.

All play is held at Edgewood primary gym. Contact Jessica at 412-242-4824 or office@edgewoodboro.com with any questions.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball plays Thursday nights at Edgewood Primary School Gym starting November 1, but enrollment is ongoing. 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 and in the Borough Office at 2 Race Street.

Edgewood Baseball

Registration will begin in February of 2019! Wooden bat baseball is open to boys and girls ages 7-12. You do not need to be an Edgewood resident to play. Season plays through April and May at Koenig Field. This is a brand-new sport for Edgewood, and gives everyone a chance to hone their skills on the baseball field! Watch for registration announcements and the online link to register through TeamSnap. Join us for this great new sport!

Edgewood Soccer

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered their precious time to make Edgewood Soccer such a success! Our league was proud this year to run scrimmages with Pittsburgh Dynamo, broadening the horizons of our players to interact with the best known Soccer league in our area. We hope you all join

us again next year! Remember Soccer Registration begins just after the 4th of July!

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Edgewood Youth Sports provide year-round programs for children in Edgewood and surrounding communities. Our programs include Basketball, Baseball, TBall, Softball and Soccer. Every year, approximately 300 children participate in our programming, which is aimed at keeping fit, teamwork, and cooperation. Our families come back to participate in our leagues because we strive to focus on the fun and power of interactive play. Our leagues are popular, but also infused with love and dedication from our coaches, families and participants. Edgewood Youth Sports are a big part of what makes our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.

Your sponsorship will make it possible for Edgewood to run these popular leagues while making it affordable for every family in our region. Team sports not only teach children the importance of responsibility and working together, but bring our whole community together. We would love to have you as a part of our team.

If you would like to Sponsor Edgewood sports, visit our website: Edgewood.pgh.pa.us/BecomeASponsor. Your donation will help Edgewood Sports continue to help our kids grow, learn and develop!



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 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.

All The Best of the Holiday Season!

Luminaria Order Form

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

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Follow us on Facebook to find out about neighborhood events, and happenings with local organizations!

Facebook.com/EdgewoodBoroughEvents

Contact Jessica at the Borough Office with any questions at 412-242-4824 or office@edgewoodboro.com.

Special Events

Arts & Crafts Fair

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 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House.

Raffle

Take a chance and win something special! Each local artist has donated an item for a raffle benefiting the library. Tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 7, and \$10 for 20, available at the sale or at CCM Edgewood through December 21. Winners will be drawn December 21.

Greens Sale

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 8 or have them delivered straight to your door. Pre-order forms are available on our website. Please submit all pre-orders by November 21. 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 8). If you are interested in volunteering, email Erin Pierce at piercee@einetwork.net.

Programs for Adults

Wise Walk—Fridays beginning January 4 at 10:30 at CCM Forest Hills. Looking for company to motivate your exercise? A group of like-minded walkers is forming for weekly neighborhood walks in Forest Hills. We will meet at CCM Forest Hills every Friday at 10:30 and walk for about an hour.

Forest Hills Writers Group—1st and 3rd Thursdays beginning in January at 7 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills. The Forest Hills Writers Group is forming and will be meeting twice monthly to discuss and encourage work on members' writing projects. No registration required, but please call CCM Forest Hills to indicate your interest.

Intergenerational Craft Night—Second Thursdays, 6 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills. Craftspeople of all ages are invited to drop by with a favorite hand-work project for crafting and company. Work could include knitting, crochet, or anything else portable that you'd like to bring. Crafting books will be available to learn more. All skill levels are welcome.

Tech Help—By appointment during library hours at CCM Forest Hills. Get your computer questions answered! A knowledgeable staff member can provide assistance whether you need help using Microsoft Office, creating an email account, searching the internet or

using an e-reader. By appointment only: to schedule a one-on-one appointment, ask a library staff member or call CCM Forest Hills 412-436-2390.

For children & families

Maker Corner—First Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at CCM Forest Hills. This maker open house provides a space for families to learn and work together on inventive projects with their school-age kids. We'll have new ideas each month, so bring your imagination! No registration required.

After School STEAM—Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills. Stop by the library after school for a hands-on, fun activity exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Make slime, race robots, play games, and more! We'll be meeting at the Westinghouse Lodge whenever weather permits.

Board Game Night—Second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at CCM Edgewood. Ready to move on from Monopoly? We will be featuring a new strategy-based game every month and will have old favorites on hand as well.

Book Clubs

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming book selections. Copies of this month's book are available at the library location where the book club meets.

4th Tuesday Book Club—Fourth Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills

Century Book Club—Third Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at CCM Edgewood

Under-40 Book Club—Fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at CCM Edgewood. CCM's Under-40 Book Club won't be meeting in November and December, so we're taking this time to choose our books for 2019! Tell us what

you want to read for our next meetings by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/T3TXNWX

Drop Dead Book Club—First Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at CCM Edgewood

For children and families

Family Storytime—Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. at CCM Edgewood. Ages 0-5. Come share books, songs, rhymes and stories all geared toward early literacy skills.

Kindergarten Readiness—Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. at CCM Edgewood. Ages 4-6. Join us for songs, stories, games and activities designed to develop skills to ease the transition to kindergarten.

Baby Lapsit—Fridays, 11:30 a.m. at CCM Edgewood. Ages 0-18 months. Stories, nursery rhymes and books for babies.

Music and Movement—Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Churchill Borough Building. Ages 0-5. Sing, dance, wiggle, and shake with us every week at this active story time! We'll share a story, sing songs, practice rhythm and movements, and dance.

Homeschool Book Club—Home-school students, join our new book club starting this fall! Our Chapter Chat readers will try a new first chapter book series every month, while Novel Ideas will tackle middle grade reads. Books

available at the children's desk or at the previous month's meeting.

- Chapter chat: Second Fridays 2 p.m. at CCM Edgewood

- Novel Ideas: Second Fridays 3 p.m. at CCM Edgewood

Gingerbread House Decorating—Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at CCM Edgewood. Come join us for a delightful family tradition to kick off your holiday season. We supply all the things you need, just come down with your holiday spirit and creative ideas! Please register online for this program. There is a \$5 supply fee per family for this event.

I Made It Myself—Saturdays in December at 10:30 at CCM Edgewood. Ages 5+. 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!" Please register online for this program.

Tape Town—Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at CCM Edgewood. 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!

Upcoming Library Closures

The Edgewood and Forest Hills libraries will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Monday, December 31.

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.

Boy Scout Troop 23 Annual Christmas Tree Sale



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CALENDAR at a glance...

DECEMBER

Council Meetings: 3 & 17, 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

Refuse: 4, 11, 18, 26*

Recycling: 4 & 18

Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday @ C.C. Mellor Library

Light Up Edgewood: 7, 7 p.m. @ Koenig Field

Borough Office closed: 25

*Denotes Christmas/New Year's holiday. Collection delayed until Wednesday.

JANUARY

Council Meetings: 7 & 22, 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

Refuse: 2*, 8, 15, 22, 29

Recycling: 2*, 15, 29

Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday @ C.C. Mellor Library

Borough Office closed: 1



SHARE YOUR NEWS...

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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OR....drop off at the borough building.
Email: newsletter@edgewoodboro.com
If you have any questions call: 412-242-4824.



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A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2018 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 5th to avoid any additional penalties. These payments should be made out to Maureen Smith, Tax Collector or Edgewood Borough.

The 2018 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 Jan 31, 2019. These checks should be made out to Maureen Smith, Tax Collector or Woodland Hills.

When paying your taxes, I cannot accept a check made out to Edgewood Borough for the school taxes, it is a different account which goes directly to the school district. Also make sure your written amount and your numeric amounts are the same and legible, the banks are refusing more checks because of this. If you are paying close to the due date, please put your phone number on your check so that if there is a mistake I can call you and we can fix the problem.

I have had complaints about my office hours. The job of a tax collector is a part time, elected position and the only time I am required by law to be in my office is during the last two weeks of the discount periods. I choose to be in the office for the convenience of the residents. I also work in my office during off hours to get my work done, deposits, reports, tax certifications and answering phone calls. I try to make all changes in ownership, address changes and assessments changes as I get them but sometimes these slip through the cracks. If you do not receive a tax bill in April for the borough or in July for Woodland Hills call my office, don't wait! Residents have two months to pay them at discount, I do not send out another bill until they are due at penalty because, by tax collectors law, I'm not allowed to. I do not purposely wait for the penalty period to send you another bill, I do not get additional compensation if your bill is paid at penalty. I will help you with a problem any time I can, just ask, but I cannot waive penalties or accept a payment past the due date, I don't have the authority to do that. So if you have a true problem, feel free to call my office at 412-731-0200 and I will return your call when I get in.

I would like to thank the residents for your kindness and understanding this past year. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and also Happy New Year!

Thank you,
Maureen Smith, Tax Collector



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RSVP by Feb. 12, 2019

Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

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| ____1. Provide salad/bread for 12 guests | ____4. Host a dinner for 8-12 guests |
| ____2. Host an appetizer party for 45 guests | ____5. Provide dessert for 30-40 guests |
| ____3. Provide Appetizers for 30-40 guests | ____6. Host a dessert party for 100+ guests |

We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification one week in advance.

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/per person**. Send check and RSVP form to Luke Klein/Progressive Dinner 300 Maple Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218 by Feb. 12, 2019. All guests must be over the age of 21.