

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



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for more
information!*

EDGEWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

DRIVE-THRU PASTA DINNER



\$10

PER DINNER

In lieu of our famous Community Day chicken & rib dinners this year, we will instead be hosting a "socially distant" pasta dinner – stay in your car and drive through the fire station!

**SATURDAY
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2-7PM**

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Baked goods will also be available for sale, items priced between \$1-10.



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Covid-19 Resources:

- **United Way helpline** (to connect to a variety of social services), call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211
- **PA Covid 19 hotline** (available 24/7): 888-856-2774
- **For Meals on Wheels and other help for those 60+** (no income requirement), Allegheny County Department of Human Services Area Agency on Aging: 412-350-5460
**if you normally receive meals at a senior center, please contact your center for info on continuing meals while the center is closed. Eastern Area Adult Services: 412- 829-9250*
- **Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank:** 412-360-3663
- **Prescriptions by mail** are available through CVS Pharmacy: www.cvs.com, click on 'Free Rx Delivery,' or call your local store (Swissvale: 412-271-6733)
- **Talk mental health:** text PA to 741-741
- **Apply for Medicaid or SNAP:** 1-800-692-7462
- **Apply for WIC:** 1-800-942-9467
- **File for unemployment compensation:** 888-313-7284
- **Get help with home heating:** 1-866-857-7095
- **Get help with paying your electric bill through LIHEAP:** 412-645-7400
- **Edgewood Towne Center Giant Eagle:** 412-371-4614



From The Manager's Desk

Observers of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department may have already noticed a big change in the fire station. This spring, borough council authorized the purchase of a 2009 Spartan Fire Engine to replace the department's 2000 Pierce Fire Engine at a cost of \$231,400. The borough will sell the Pierce to offset some of the purchase cost.

Truly a unique find, the 2009 Spartan met every requirement of the department including the fact that its custom construction meant it fit inside our 1930's-era borough fire station. The decision to purchase a used engine over a brand new one was heavily debated by members of the public safety committee, borough council, and fire department. Opting to purchase a used engine with very low miles and in excellent condition was determined the best way to meet the needs of a busy department in need of a new apparatus. The decision also leaves an exit strategy for future councils should the regionalization of local volunteer fire departments across the state gain popularity or become a necessity in the coming years.

This purchase was made without issuing new debt or entering into a multi-year lease. The borough began building a purchase reserve fund several years ago and tapped that fund, along with additional reserves, to complete the purchase. Future budgets will contain an allocation to replenish the purchase reserve.

Residents can see the new engine by following the department on **Facebook @Edgewoodfire**. Those who want an up close and personal experience are encouraged to become a volunteer! The department is always accepting new recruits. Contact Chief Jared Amos for more information: 412-242-9994 or jared2fire@yahoo.com.

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Drive-thru Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, August 15 2020; 2-7 p.m.

The Coronavirus Pandemic forced the cancellation of Edgewood's Community Day and our Chicken and Rib fundraiser. However, the department came up with a socially distant way of connecting to the community via a drive thru pasta dinner at the fire station. For the first time ever, hungry donors can literally drive through the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Station where our dedicated volunteers will place your order in your car.

Here's what to expect:

Once you arrive in the parking lot a firefighter will direct you to the back of the building where you will enter the garage. Your order for your dinners will be taken and placed into the vehicle. While you are waiting for your order, you'll be given a chance to purchase several homemade baked goods for dessert. Once your order is loaded you'll simply pull out of the garage and head home to enjoy your dinner. We will be accepting cash, checks, debit and credit cards for sales.

The fire department's new engine



POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	APR	MAY	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	1	0	1
Burglary	0	0	2
Larceny/theft			
Shoplifting	1	1	8
Other	1	0	7
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	3
Arson	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I	3	1	23
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	0	0	0
Vandalism/criminal mischief	0	0	0
Weapons offenses	2	0	2
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	2	0	4
DUI	0	0	3
Disorderly conduct	1	4	16
All other offenses	1	6	19
Total-PART II	6	10	44
GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)	9	11	67
Adult arrests	3	3	24
Juvenile arrests	0	0	5
Total arrests	3	3	29
Incidents/calls	135	210	1247
Animal complaints	0	0	3
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	5	5	23
PART I CRIMES	3	1	23
PART II CRIMES	6	10	44
Domestic complaints	1	0	4
Juvenile contacts/complaints	0	1	3
Miscellaneous reports	100	164	1004
Police reports filed	35	46	243
False alarms	4	5	31
Public nuisance/disturbances	5	3	17
Suspicious person/incidents	4	4	21
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	1	3	14
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	1	2	8
Non-reportable accidents	4	8	38
Traffic stops conducted	7	47	305
Traffic citations	0	9	134
Non-traffic citations	0	1	4
Parking tags	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS	314	522	3195

SPOTLIGHT ON ALLEGHENY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Get to know your Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

by Abigail Ault

Our focus for August/September is on the elected officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Governor presides over the Commonwealth and is assisted by the Lieutenant Governor. Laws are debated, drafted and voted on in the House of Representatives and Senate. Both the Governor and Lt. Governor are elected to their positions for a 4-year term (although there is a proposal to have the Lt Governor chosen as running mate by the candidate for Governor), and each may be re-elected for one additional term. The State Treasurer manages cash flow and Auditor General ensures funding is spent properly are both eligible to run for two 4-year terms. Edgewood is in District 43 of the 50-seat Senate, where each senator is elected to a 4-year term, and in District 34 of the 203-seat House of Representatives, who have 2-year terms.

The names and titles of our current elected state officials are listed below. We contacted these officials and included responses of those who replied.

**Please note, we did hear back from the office of Summer Lee, but she was not able to respond to our questionnaire in time for the writing of this newsletter due to her work schedule related to recent events. We will be including her response in our next edition as she does wish to provide a personal message to our community.*

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor: Tom Wolf (D)

Lt Governor: John Fetterman (D)

Auditor General: Eugene DePasquale (D)

Treasurer: Joe Torsella (D)

Senate (District 43): Jay Costa (D)

House of Representatives (District 34):

Summer Lee (D)

Senator Costa offered the following responses to our questions:

Can you tell us briefly about yourself (previous experience, time served, etc)?

I am currently the Leader of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus, a position my colleagues elected me to in 2010. I've served four terms as the Senator of the 43rd district, and before that I served Allegheny County as the Register of Wills, and prior to that was a Sheriff's Deputy in the county. I grew up in this area, graduating from Taylor Allerdice High School, Allegheny County Community College and eventually Duquesne Law School.

Why did you decide to run for public office?

My family has always emphasized public service, and I believe as a proud product of this region, one of the best ways that I could give back was by serving in the legislature.

How do you view your relationship with the constituents you serve?

I believe in being their advocate. I know this community, my neighbors, the families that have grown up here, and those that have chosen to live here and raise their families. I think of myself as their champion in Harrisburg, and I try to meet with as many groups and individuals as possible. The 43rd district covers several municipalities and I try to make sure that their needs and concerns are heard in the Capitol.

What do you want to accomplish and/or is your biggest accomplishment so far while serving on in your position?

Some of my proudest work has been in the field of education. I have been a huge proponent of early education dollars since I came to Harrisburg, and I be-

lieve that pre-k is one of the best investments we make at the state level. I had the opportunity to experience so many education opportunities in this state: public high school, Allegheny County Community College, training at our police academy, public higher education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a private university education at Duquesne Law School. I want to ensure that those opportunities are available for all young people in many generations to come.

Please take this opportunity to provide a personal statement to the residents of Edgewood.

I'd like to thank you for your support so far, and assure you that my office is always open to you. We are more than happy to help you with any roadblocks you run into with the state, whether COVID related or not. We've been able to help quite a few folks get through to the Unemployment Compensation Center, or file for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and in June we will be holding virtual town halls for small business owners to get the assistance that they need after a multi-week closure.



C.C. MELLOR LIBRARY

Starting Monday, July 13, CCM Edgewood will be open to the public for limited hours. CCM Edgewood will be open 12-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. A dedicated browsing hour for seniors and high-risk individuals is 11 a.m.-12 p.m. on Wednesdays.

CCM Forest Hills remains limited to curbside pickup. It will not reopen until approved by the Forest Hills Borough.

The safety and health of our patrons and staff is our priority. Thank you for your support, patience and flexibility while we transition into this new model of library service. We are excited to welcome you back to the library!

Curbside pickup is available at both locations, even while the building is open. We strongly encourage library patrons to take advantage of curbside pickup to reduce in-library traffic. To schedule a curbside pickup, call CCM Edgewood or CCM Forest Hills.

Holds can be placed through the countywide online catalog starting on July 13. Holds placed through the online catalog are eligible for curbside pickup!

Library items can be returned to the book drops at both CCM Edgewood and CCM Forest Hills at any time. Returned books will not be checked in for at least 72 hours while they are quarantined in the library.

While the building is open, patrons may use the public computers at CCM Edgewood. Seven computers are available for adults and two computers are available for children. To make an appointment to use a computer, call CCM Edgewood at 412-731-0909. Walk-ins may be accommodated if computers are available.

Please monitor the library's social media channels and website for updates. Contact the library directly (412-731-0909 or ccmellor@einetnetwork.net) with any additional questions regarding reopening, curbside pickup, returning books, and more.



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Edgewood Recycles

Edgewood Refuse and Recycling Requirements:

Republic Services asks that all recyclables be empty, clean, and dry. This means that all containers must be completely free of food, grease, or liquids. When in doubt, throw it out.

Edgewood residents can recycle flattened cardboard, paper, newsprint and mail; cleaned metal and aluminum cans; cleaned #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and clamshells; and clear or colored glass bottles. Clamshells for produce or fruits made of #1 or #2 plastic that can be rinsed clean can be recycled. Small containers (travel sized) can be recycled but must be clean. Please discard ALL containers that cannot be rinsed clean. A dirty container can contaminate the recycling stream rendering it unrecyclable.

All items should be placed loose in a recycling bin. Do not bag recyclables, they will be treated as refuse and landfilled.

Plastics #3-#7 are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. Many common items made of plastic or metal including children's toys, household appliances and furnishings, and flatware should be discarded as trash. More examples include clothes hangers, plastic bags and wrappers, scrap metal and aluminum foil. These items are not recyclable and clog the sorting machines.

Take out containers are not recyclable. Any container made of Styrofoam, laminated paper, or plastic, even if it's #1 or #2, contaminated with food waste should be discarded as trash. Cardboard pizza boxes are not recyclable. Drinking straws, stirrers, and plastic utensils are not recyclable.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, residents are asked to firmly tie all bags. All trash must be placed in a trash can.

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Watch Out for the Invasive Spotted Lanternfly

Look out Pittsburgh, here comes the dreaded Spotted Lanternfly (SLF). This beautiful and destructive invasive pest wreaks havoc wherever it goes. It has been sighted in Allegheny County, adding us to the list of counties in Pennsylvania that are now under SLF quarantine. To learn more about the quarantine, permits, etc., please visit the PA Dept. of Agriculture's website www.agriculture.pa.gov.

SLFs are really good hitchhikers and spread easily. Adults can easily hold on to a tractor trailer or train and egg masses are often well hidden out of sight and/or camouflaged. It is important to note that this insect does not bite or sting and poses no physical threat to humans. While it does not harm humans directly, its presence can have major repercussions.

SLF feed in swarms through sucking the sap out of plants. While their preferred food source is *Ailanthus altissima*, commonly known as tree of heaven, they are known to feed on a number of plants, including grape, apple, peach, black walnut, sycamore, maple, staghorn sumac, various vegetables, blueberries, and hops. SLF also releases a substance called honeydew, a sticky, sugary liquid that sticks to natural and manmade surfaces alike. Honeydew attracts stinging insects and leads to the growth of sooty mold that damages the plants that it covers.

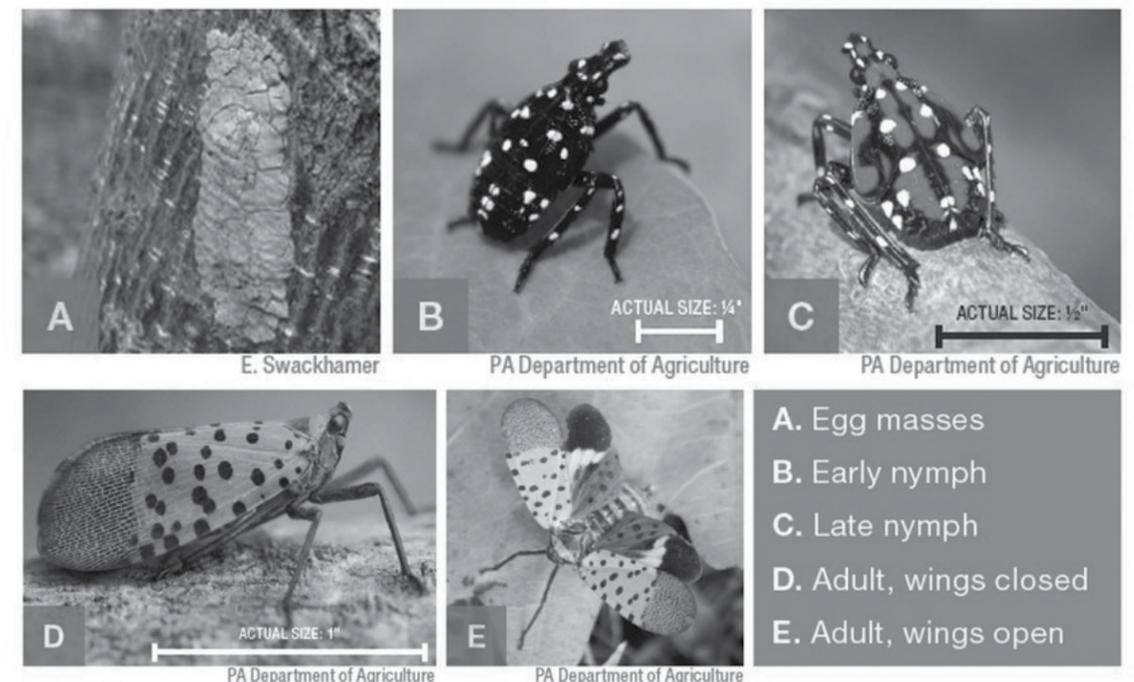
So, what can you do to stop the spread of SLF? First and foremost, be vigilant about checking your vehicle, landscaping materials, and landscaping for these insects. Over the winter, you can check for eggs masses, which consist of rows of small oblong grey brown eggs and a grey putty-like covering (usually) that may be smooth or cracked. They blend in very well, so be careful! Starting in April, eggs begin to hatch. The young SLF nymphs are small and black with white spots. They transform around July and will be bigger, and black and red with white spots. Adult SLF can be spotted starting in July.



If you find a SLF specimen in any stage, please do the following:

1. Take a picture (with GPS activated, if possible)
2. Destroy it!
 - a. Scrape eggs into a plastic bag with alcohol or sanitizer and place inside ANOTHER bag. Or simply smash them thoroughly.
 - b. Kill all nymphs and adults
3. Report it to the Penn State Extension <https://extension.psu.edu/have-you-seen-a-spotted-lanternfly>

Visit www.ninemilerun.org/blog for more photos and details about the Spotted Lanternfly. If you have questions feel free to contact Lindsey-Rose at lindsey.rose@ninemilerun.org.





2020 Edgewood Senior Brunch

On Sunday, June 28 The Edgewood Foundation hosted the 35th Annual Edgewood Senior Brunch “live and in person!” 2020 Edgewood graduates from several schools gathered with their families at the Edgewood Club to celebrate, enjoy some delicious food from Ladyfingers Catering, hear words of wisdom from Edgewood’s own, Wayne Dean, the keynote speaker, and wish them well in their future endeavors. Dallas Frey and members of the Mel Douglass Scholarship were also in attendance to award scholarships and give Edgewood Seniors a congratulatory send off!

Winning the Mel Douglass Scholarship of \$2500 a year for four years was Joseph Cirilano. Honorable mention scholarships of \$1000 were awarded to Oyinkan Adebajo, Emma Cahill, Mark Goggin, Bridget Hughes, Claire Hughes, Tanner Maue, Christopher Samek and Olivia Zelinsky. This was the largest number of scholarships ever given out!

Well done to all our Seniors! You are part of what makes Edgewood such a special place! The Class of 2020 has much to celebrate after a difficult ending to their Senior year; your community wishes you well in your future endeavors, you deserve it!



Oyinkan Adebajo



Emma Cahill



Tanner Maue



Devon Young



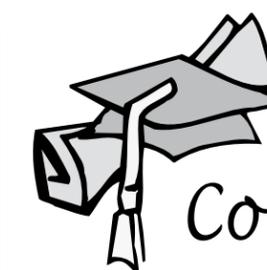
Joseph Cirilano



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*Congratulations
to
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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Please be advised: due to COVID 19, all activities below are subject to date/time changes, postponement, or cancellation. Check our website, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events for updates.

Everyone needs an outlet, which is why we are doing our best to continue offering our popular recreational opportunities. We thank everyone who has helped to make these opportunities possible, with a special thank you to all of our T-ball and Softball coaches! Thank you to all of our participants and families, and thank you to everyone who has provided feedback and encouragement along the way!

Youth Soccer

While we remain in the Green Phase, we will be proceeding with our Fall Soccer season, with some modifications. We are planning to have regular weekly practices and games, with limited team sizes and fewer teams, to allow time between practices and games, and limit the number of people on the field. We are always welcoming dedicated volunteers to help coach, and this year is no exception! We are hoping to have more coaches/parent volunteers to help make sure kids stay distanced as much as possible, and to help with hygiene and sanitizing of equipment. Clearances are required for anyone assisting with the kids. The success of our league depends on our volunteers!

This recreational league is open to boys and girls ages 4-14. We are planning to start the week of August 24, and run a 6 week season. Dates are subject to change based on circumstances. The cost for this sport is \$65. Registration is open NOW until Friday, August 14. This is a short registration period, so if you are interested in participating, please sign up ASAP.

Please register here: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/237541>

Participants should have cleats, and it is strongly recommended to bring a practice ball. T-shirts and socks will be provided. Spectators should bring their own chairs/blankets to sit on, with at least 6 feet between households. Face masks are required per Pennsylvania's public health order unless a medical condition precludes an individual's wearing a mask. Two spectators may attend per child at both practices and games. Vulnerable populations should stay home. Participants and spectators should use proper hygiene, including hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer. Game balls will be disinfected between games, with additional disinfecting during games as needed. Players do not huddle together; no hand slaps. Sportsmanship continues in a touchless manner. Anyone testing positive for Covid 19, or showing signs of illness, should stay home.

Edgewood Borough will continue to follow all public health directives from Allegheny County and the Governor's office. We are going to plan our

summer recreation offerings as we are reasonably able to do so. Please understand that game-play depends entirely on the guidance offered by the aforementioned agencies. The borough will explore modifying or refunding all or part of the registration fees if an activity's season needs to be cancelled or significantly reduced due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. We will continue to provide any necessary updates leading up to, and throughout the season.

Yoga/Tai Chi

Looking for a way to relax and re-center? Consider joining either Yoga or Tai Chi! Please continue to check our website, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events for the latest updates and offerings.

Yoga

Julie Straub, of Inner Wellness Yoga, is offering abbreviated Yoga sessions for adults and kids in the month of August. The cost is listed below, and payment should be turned in to Julie (checks should be made out to Inner Wellness Yoga). Classes will take place at Koenig Field, and will move to Zoom when there is inclement weather. Courses offered include:

KIDS (Ages 5-8): Tuesday/Thursday, August 11, 13, 18, 20 from 9:30-10 a.m. \$45 for 4 classes or \$15 per Drop-In.

ADULTS: Wednesdays, August 12 and 19 from 7-8 p.m. \$25 for 2 classes or \$15 per Drop-In.



The registration link for each Yoga course is accessible on our Facebook page and webpage. Class updates will be announced there as well, including any possible courses offered for September

Tai Chi

Jon Wilson will be leading Tai Chi at Koenig Field on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This course is being offered to adults and youth age 16 and older. Participants will be distanced, and masks will be required. The session begins August 3 and runs through September 21. To ensure the best experience for everyone, this course will be offered in-full only. The cost is \$80. Interested participants should email Jon at jon@steel-dragon.org. Jon will respond with the waiver and payment information.

For questions about any of our athletic leagues, unless otherwise noted, please contact Abigail Ault at 412-242-4824, or email office@edgewoodboro.com.

SPONSORSHIP If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit 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!

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Pastor Michael Retires

As pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, I write the Edgewood community to inform you of my recent retirement. After 8 years as head of staff at FPCE and 40 years as student intern and ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, the time has come for me to step aside. I officially resigned on June 30.

I consider myself blessed to have ended my career with the Edgewood community. Though a small borough, it is rich with talented organizations and people. FPCE has partnered with the stellar Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, the always present and helpful borough officials, police and fire departments, the deeply committed and very talented Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, and the always prepared Boy Scout Troop 23.

These are tumultuous and transformative times, I am confident the Edgewood borough will rise to the challenge.

God bless,
the Reverend Michael P. Rucker

FPCE Partially Reopening With Safety

Many of us have hoped for the time when we could worship in person in the sanctuary. That hope can be partly realized on Fridays, at 1 p.m. That is when Shaun, Sunny, John Foster (videographer) and the minister meet in the sanctuary to video record the worship service. You are invited to join us. But the session and worship committee invites you to follow these guidelines.

- If you are not feeling well, please remain at home.
- If your health is compromised (COPD, diabetes, medical treatments that lower your immunity, for example), you are advised to remain at home.
- People over 65 are at more risk. Of course, I, your pastor, am over 65; but I will be safely distanced from everyone.
- Wear a mask to and throughout the service.
- Enter through the Swissvale Street door.
- There will be two cans of spray disinfectant (that meets guidelines) in the back of the church and paper towels. Please disinfect your seating area.
- Sit in the back few rows of the sanctuary—at least 6 feet apart.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- When we will be serving communion, the bread and cup will be available for you to pick up when you enter and take to the pew with you. You will be invited to consume the elements at the appropriate time in the service.
- No handshaking or physical touching.



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Woodland Hills School District; Learning Through the Pandemic

By Maria Miller, with contributions from Jamie Glasser

When schools closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in March, the staff, volunteers, parents and community of Woodland Hills School District came together to ensure that students were able to continue their education as seamlessly as possible.

At Woodland Hills, the closure meant going above and beyond to ensure that students had the tools they needed to learn at home, were offered the free breakfast and lunch program that they were accustomed to, and a special graduation for seniors that celebrated them while maintaining safety.

When the state required schools to provide virtual instruction during the shutdown, The Pennsylvania Department of Education gave all school districts access to online curriculum (Odysseyware and Edgenuity.) In addition, The Allegheny Intermediate Unit provided training for all teachers and administrators.

Woodland Hills High School Principal Dr. Philip K. Woods immediately stepped into action. First, Dr. Woods distributed devices that were housed at the High School to Seniors to ensure that they had “the training, support, and technology to move into the adult world,” he said. Realizing quickly that underclass students would also require supports as the District moved to online instruction, Dr. Woods decided to ask the Woodland Hills “Village” for donations to purchase Chromebooks (lightweight laptops) to ensure that all students had access to learning technology at home. “I thought we could ask Alumni to donate five to ten additional devices for needy students. We posted a letter and within 45 minutes, donations poured in,” Dr. Woods said.

Seeing the influx of donations and support through social media, the Woodland Hills Foundation, an independent non-profit organization that supports the district and communities by strengthening educational experiences, joined forces with Dr. Woods and the District to facilitate the donations. The Foundation was onboard with the campaign immediately when Dr. Woods asked for support, according to President Steve Gough. “Seeing the ‘Village’ come together to make something very positive happen for students” was the best part of the campaign, according to Dr. Gough. In the end

the District and the Foundation were able to use the \$233,453 raised purchase enough Chromebooks to ensure that each student—3,300 in total—will have a device for use in the fall.

Dr. Jennifer Damico, who manages College & Career Services at Woodland Hills High School, was a leader in the Chromebook drive as well, not only raising funds, but also delivering devices directly to students when necessary. She was moved by the response throughout Wolverine Nation. “The generosity of Wolverines all over the country and their passionate support to help out their alma Mater was overwhelming,” she said. “Honestly, I have never been more proud to be a Wolverine. It was these thoughts and the communities’ reaction that drove the motivation to keep the Chromebook Drive going.” In addition, Dr. Damico worked with seniors on college entrance, scholarship and financial aid applications for seniors in person and virtually throughout the closure.

While efforts were underway to ensure technology resources would be available to students, District administrators took steps to ensure that there would be instruction available for students. At the recommendation of the Commonwealth and in an effort to ensure that all students had access to the Free Appropriate Public Education that is their right, the District employed Odysseyware and Edgenuity, pre-existing online learning platforms. To train teachers, videos and short guides were created by District Technology staff to supplement training that was available from the Department of Education and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The District also sought to support parents, according to Director of Curriculum Eddie Willson. “We created FAQs, guiding documents, and a step-by-step implementation letter for families to follow each day. We also set the expectation that educators were to communicate with each family at least once per week and encouraged families to reach out to their child(ren)’s educator(s) directly with any needs or concerns. School administrators and central administration staff members also made their contact information available to families in order to support them to the best of our ability.”

ALLEGHENY COUNTY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM 2020 SIDE YARD & BLIGHTED STRUCTURE PROGRAM

For a limited time only, Allegheny County will be accepting applications to acquire vacant properties in 48 municipalities at reduced cost to the applicant. The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP) acquires blighted, tax delinquent properties and resells them to applicants for a reuse outlined in their application and approved by the municipality.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- This limited-time program will be available in Baldwin Borough, Bethel Park, Brackenridge, Brentwood, Collier, Crafton, Crescent, Dormont, Dravosburg, East Deer, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Elizabeth Township, Etna, Forest Hills, Frazer, Green Tree, Harmar, Harrison, Heidelberg, Ingram, Leet, Leetsdale, Liberty, Lincoln, Marshall, McCandless, Moon, Munhall, Neville, North Fayette, North Versailles, Oakdale, O'Hara, Penn Hills, Plum, Reserve, Ross, Scott, Shaler, South Park, South Versailles, West Deer, West Homestead, West Mifflin, West View, White Oak, and Wilkins.
- Other municipalities that join AVPRP may be eligible to participate depending upon the timing.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than **September 30, 2020**. Up to 60 applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. No more than 5 applications will be accepted per municipality.
- Each participating municipality must submit evidence of a program marketing strategy to ensure that all residents have an equal opportunity to apply.

PRODUCT	PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS*	COST TO APPLICANT
Side Yard to Owner-Occupied Primary Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with the parcel on which the applicant’s primary residence is located • Must be a vacant lot or a vacant structure that will be demolished by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee of \$3,000 will be <u>waived</u> • Good faith deposit of \$181.75 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000 • Closing costs, which average \$500
Demolition of Blighted Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with a parcel owned by the applicant that contains a primary structure, such as a residence or business • A vacant structure to be demolished by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400 • Good faith deposit of \$181.75 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000 • Closing costs, which average \$500
Rehabilitation of Blighted Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant structure to be rehabilitated by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400 • Good faith deposit of \$181.75 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000 • Closing costs, which average \$500

* Additional requirements may apply, as outlined in the program application. Other types of applications may be considered through our Standard Program, under which applicants are responsible for all costs of acquisition.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County.
- Must have no outstanding code violations or municipal liens on properties owned in Allegheny County.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Visit our website: www.alleghenycounty.us/VPRP Contact (412)350-1090 or (VPRP@AlleghenyCounty.us)

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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

AUGUST

Council Meetings: 3 & 17, 7:30 p.m. Meetings will be held online unless otherwise advertised.

Refuse: 6, 13, 20, 27

Recycling: 13, 27

VFD drive-thru pasta dinner fundraiser: 15, 2-7 p.m. @ fire station

Tax Collector office hours: 28, 9 a.m. – noon.

Please be advised, the public meeting schedule may be altered due to ongoing Coronavirus concerns. Every effort will be made to inform the public of any change.

Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.

SEPTEMBER

Council Meetings: 8 & 21, 7:30 p.m. Meeting location will be determined by public health guidelines.

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 24

Recycling: 10, 24

Borough Office closed: 7

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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A note from the real estate tax collector...

Jordan Tax Service will be taking payments for the borough and school district in person at the borough building on the following date: August 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Alternatively, payments may be mailed to the following address:

**JORDAN TAX SERVICE, INC.
102 RAHWAY ROAD
MCMURRAY, PA 15317**

Borough taxes are due at Face Value on or before July 31, 2020. Taxes not paid after July 31 are considered delinquent and subject to penalty. Please call 724-731-2311 for answers to questions about your tax bill, including delinquent amounts.

School district taxes were mailed July 1 and should be remitted to Jordan Tax Service at the address noted above. An addressed envelope was provided in your tax bill for your convenience. Questions about your assessment should be directed to the Allegheny County Assessor's Office at 412-350-4600.





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