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August / September 2021

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



## EDGEWOOD BORO COMMUNITY DAY

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## From The Manager's Desk

### Community day

Edgewood Community Day returns in 2021 on Saturday August 28, 2021 at Koenig Field. Live music starts at 12:30 p.m. and the day concludes with Zambelli Fireworks at 9 p.m. Please see page 12 for additional information.



### Board vacancies

Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on the borough's Planning Commission and Vacancy Board. There are currently two vacancies on Planning Commission and one individual is needed on the Vacancy Board. The role of a planning commission member during a four-year term is to serve as an advisor to borough council on matters of land use, community development and planning. The role of a vacancy board member is to work with council to fill vacancies in elected offices like council or tax collection. Any registered elector of the borough can be appointed by council to a two-year term on the Vacancy Board.

Individuals interested in being considered for any of these positions should submit a letter of interest highlighting their background and experience ASAP to [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com) or by mail to 2 Race Street Pittsburgh PA 15218. Letters will be reviewed by borough council who is tasked with making the appointments.

### Reminders about tree maintenance and responsibility

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the rules surrounding borough street trees. A street tree is defined as any tree on the land lying between the sidewalk and the street. Street trees are owned and maintained by the borough. Any other tree is considered a private tree and is the responsibility of the property owner whose property the tree is situated on. Only fallen limbs from street trees will be collected by the public works department. Please call 412-242-4824 option #4 and leave a message with your address and an employee will collect the fallen limb.

### 2021 Road Paving Program

Borough Council authorized a \$375,407 contract with A. Liberoni for road paving and reconstruction of the following streets:

- Boyd Alley from Monongahela Alley to Greendale Avenue
- Greendale Avenue from house # 534 to Race Street
- Gordon Street from Westmoreland Avenue to Edgewood Avenue
- Maple Avenue & Edgewood/Swissvale Avenue intersection
- McKay Street from Race Street to house # 114.
- Pennwood Avenue from Washington Street to Wilkinsburg border
- Pliney Way from Sanders Street to Wilkinsburg border

The program includes catch basin repairs and drainage improvements where necessary and the installation of new ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at all intersections. Curb repairs are performed only in conjunction with ramp

installation, deficiencies located outside of the ramp are the responsibility of the property owner.

### Grants

The borough was recently awarded a \$230,144 grant from PennDOT to update the traffic signal at Race Street and Pennwood. The project will include new traffic and pedestrian signal installation, new traffic controller with battery backup, and an advance signal on the eastern side of the Race Street tunnel to improve line of sight issues for motorists and cyclists. Construction will start in 2022.

The borough received \$28,018 for the installation of several ADA pedestrian sidewalk ramps on Walnut Street, Hawthorne Street, and W. Swissvale Avenue. The funds were awarded to the borough under the Community Development Block Grant program. Construction will be completed in 2022.

### Koenig Field Improvement Survey

Edgewood Borough Council would like to hear your opinion regarding improvements to Koenig Field for future planning and budgeting purposes. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey available on the borough's website: [www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us). You can also scan the QR code below to complete the survey on a mobile device. Responses will be collected through Friday September 3, 2021.

Paper copies of the survey can be completed at the borough building located at 2 Race Street or the C.C. Mellor Library, 1 Pennwood Avenue.

Scan this QR code to access the survey:



## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

### Rescue and Relax

Are you a cat person or a dog person? Whatever your preference we know that many of our neighbors are pet people. Coming soon to 117 Edgewood Avenue, Rescue and Relax is a new space to hang out with some four-legged friends. We spoke with Alysia Finger, an Edgewood resident since 2014, to find out more.

We learned that although the storefront is a new addition, the organization started as a neighborhood cat rescue project using the name 'Kitty HydeAway.' It started towards the beginning of the pandemic when Ms. Finger's sister found a kitten in some bushes. They went to check on the kitten and discovered an alley full of cats. After speaking with the neighbors, they learned that the cats were being fed but not fixed. The pair put up flyers and advertised via social media to raise money to get the cats spayed/neutered. Inspired by the community support, they continued to find homes for friendly cats (adopting some themselves). She said that in the past year and a half they rescued over 300 cats!

"The new lounge space will allow people to meet adoptable kitties and volunteer so that we can continue to expand our rescue efforts and help even more homeless animals. Starting the business up in Edgewood makes sense because it connects the communities we've been working in and that have supported us as we learned the ins and outs of cat rescue."

They are planning to have refreshments, books, and pet-themed items and activities at the lounge; but everything will be donation-based rather than for sale. "The goal is to help the cats, not make money. Having people come socialize with the cats is a huge help because many of them have gone without human affection for quite a while; and getting some attention will help them relax and warm up to people again as they wait to find their forever homes." All of the rescued cats in the lounge will be adoptable, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and have received any necessary medical care. The space should be opening with regular hours by mid-August. They will advertise their official opening at the storefront and on their social media. In the meantime, adoption meet-and-greets are available by appointment by emailing [rescuerelax@gmail.com](mailto:rescuerelax@gmail.com).

Ms. Finger is excited to share rescue success stories that can inspire others to help, such as a situation where she and a resident rescued kittens from an abandoned property. The building had burned, and the kittens were nick-named "the Soots." The resident fostered the feline family and continues to foster now. "Our long-term goal is to help as many cats and other abandoned animals as we can. Our hope is that having a physical location will help spread awareness to the community about the important work that small, independent rescuers like ourselves do throughout Pittsburgh. Rescue and Relax will be a more accessible way for the larger community to support rescue work financially and through volunteering."

We asked Ms. Finger what she likes best about being in the neighborhood. She responded that, "I've enjoyed being a part of this community and meeting residents both old and new. I like that everything across Pittsburgh feels very accessible from Edgewood, and I still have the benefit of having approachable, friendly neighbors. I'm happy to bring a new business to the area and hope to see more follow that can create unique experiences for residents to enjoy."



Before and after at Rescue and Relax  
Alysia Finger, 1117 Edgewood Avenue



### American Women's

### Business Day—September 22

September 22 is nationally recognized as American Women's Business Day. This date marks the founding of the American Business Women's Association in 1949. The first American Women's Business Day was held on September 22, 1982, and was officially recognized by congressional proclamation in 1983 and again in 1986. The day is meant to honor the accomplishments of businesswomen in small business ownership, corporate leadership, and other professional roles. Edgewood is proud to support women in business, both in our community, and across the nation.

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## Upstream Pgh

### Introducing UpstreamPgh: New Name, Same Commitment to Your Watershed



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The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association's persistent and dedicated work in Frick Park and the upper watershed communities has continued since our founding in 2001, but our projects have grown beyond the watershed, as people and organizations across the region tapped into our expertise. Our StormWorks fee-for-service program, founded in 2011, has gradually expanded its efforts, providing valuable services throughout Allegheny County. And our 2020-2023 strategic plan incorporated a greater emphasis on climate justice and about environmental education for people of all ages. As an organization, we had two brands, three websites, and a lot of opportunity for improvement. We set out to explore how to consolidate and clarify our communication activity.

Ecology is more than water. Our organization takes a 360-degree approach to the interconnectedness of the whole ecosystem. Green stormwater infrastructure. Advocacy. Urban forestry. Education. Monitoring and data driven decision making. Concern for equity. Throughout the organization, our team is leveraging our knowledge to help communities be healthier. "Upstream Pittsburgh" reflects our strategic, forward-thinking approach.

The new logo reflects our pride of place and illustrates the connectivity of our ecosystem. Together, these elements represent action, care for our environment, and unity. The shield is in the shape of a "U" representing the idea of upstream, but also symbolic of what has always been most important to our organization. You! We are deeply grateful for all who have supported us and volunteered with us over the last 2 decades, and look forward to working with the residents of Wilkinsburg over the coming years to achieve a healthy and thriving community.

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Upstream Pittsburgh (formerly Nine Mile Run Watershed Association) has partnered with Edgewood Borough throughout the past 20 years on projects like neighborhood cleanups, tree plantings, and forming the Shade Tree Committee. We are proud of those accomplishments, and we are excited to showcase our newest project with the Borough, a stormwater tree trench along Maple Avenue. This green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) facility was recently completed in late June as part of an ongoing effort to build more nature-based-solutions throughout the Nine Mile Run Watershed.

This site included the retrofit of over 70 linear feet of sidewalk and the street tree planting strip. C&R Landscape Development was the contractor on the project, and was able to transform this site in under two weeks. They excavated down three feet to remove the existing clay soils, backfilled with new structural soils, poured new sidewalks, installed stone check dams, and

finally Upstream's staff planted a mix of native plants and trees.

UpstreamPgh received funding to construct GSI from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, and approached the Borough in 2020 with the idea of placing a stormwater facility along Maple Ave in the space where a few trees were removed. This was an ideal location because the street is wide and on a slope, so there is a good deal of water that accumulates when it rains. The project engineers, Ethos Collaborative, calculate that there is over 600,000 gallons of rain that flows by this intersection every year (see graph for details). The GSI facility is designed to capture over 137,000 gallons of water annually.

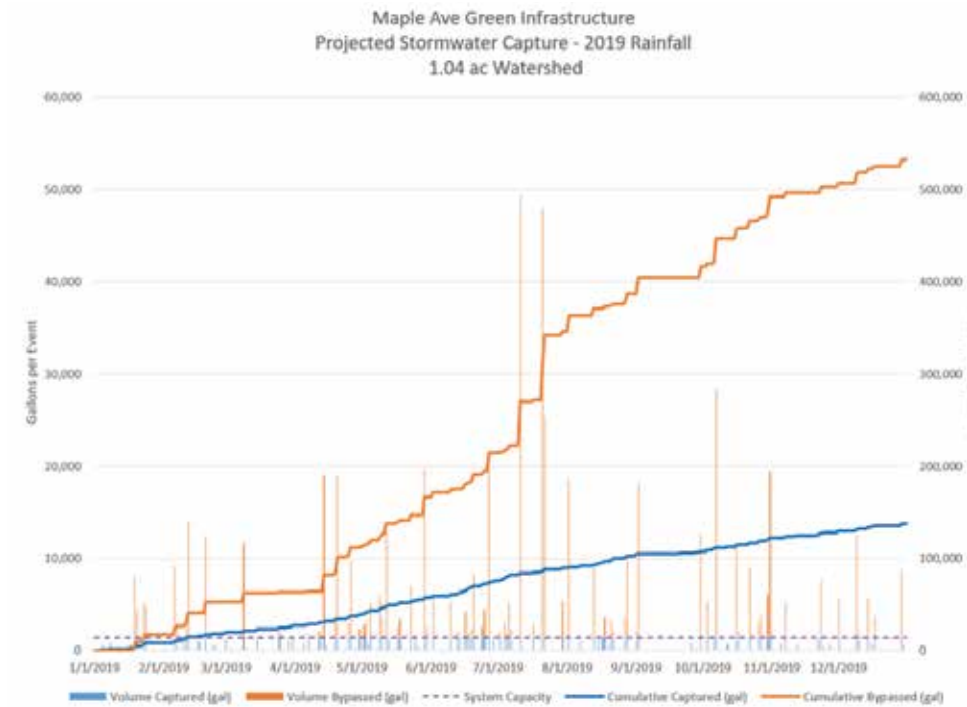


Figure 1: Graph from Ethos Collaborative showing performance metrics for the Maple Ave tree pits.

UpstreamPgh is currently working with Ethos Collaborative, CivicMapper, and CEC to establish monitoring equipment in the near future. This equipment will quantify gallons captured and therefore removed from the sewer system in real-time. They plan to have monitoring equipment installed at all of their GSI projects by March of 2022 which will include a web based dashboard for residents and community members to view and interpret the data. We will share updates with Edgewood when the dashboard is ready for viewing.



## POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	APR.	MAY	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	0	0	3
Burglary	0	0	0
Larceny/theft:			
Shoplifting	0	1	3
Other	3	1	8
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL-PART I</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>			
Liquor laws	2	0	4
Vandalism/criminal mischief	0	0	3
Weapons offenses	2	0	2
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	2	0	5
DUI	0	0	1
Disorderly conduct	4	2	12
All other offenses	3	7	23
<b>Total-PART II</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (P1&amp;P2)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>
Adult arrests	9	3	24
Juvenile arrests	0	0	1
Total arrests	9	3	25
Incidents/calls	303	319	1432
Animal complaints	0	0	1
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	8	9	38
<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50</b>
Domestic complaints	0	1	6
Juvenile contacts/complaints	1	0	1
Miscellaneous reports	248	253	1146
Police reports filed	55	66	286
False alarms	3	9	38
Public nuisance/disturbances	5	3	16
Suspicious person/incidents	7	5	33
Missing person	0	1	1
Medical assists	1	3	10
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	3	5	10
Non-reportable accidents	11	12	44
Traffic stops conducted	90	107	528
Traffic citations	92	29	256
Non-traffic citations	7	2	15
Parking tags	0	249	732
<b>GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS</b>	<b>.859</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>.4683</b>



## Edgewood Police Department

### School is back in session for the 2021-22 school year!

After a year (or so) of virtual instruction, many students are returning to the classroom. With that, we would like to take a moment to remind everyone of safety around school buildings and bus stops.

As we have shared before, the focus of the Edgewood Police Department is to make sure all of the children get to school safely, remain safe in school, and get home safely.

Traffic is the major issue when it comes to keeping everyone safe. There will be school buses traveling all around the area and making frequent stops. Drivers need to pay attention when the buses activate the yellow and red lights. The fine for failing to stop for a school bus's activated red signal is \$250.00, plus costs, and could result in the loss of your driver's license. The monetary loss could be devastating, but nowhere near as devastating as injuring a child.

All school zones are clearly posted and have a 15 mile per hour speed limit. If you choose to exceed this speed limit, you will be subject to greater fines and penalties.

The Edgewood Police Department takes the safety of our school children very seriously! There will be extra patrols in school zones, both in the mornings and afternoon. We urge everyone to please slow down and pay attention! If you do not, we will be forced to remind you.

## Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

### Burgers and Beer

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department will be back for Community Day! Unfortunately, we will not be serving our 'world famous' chicken and rib dinners this year. Instead, we will be serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. The dinner will include corn on the cob and a bag of chips. In addition to the burger/hotdog dinners, we will be sponsoring this year's roaming beer garden, and selling all-you-can-drink wristbands. This year, when you purchase your all-you-can-drink ticket, you will receive a collectable beer mug!

The Edgewood Fire Department would like to thank Amy Andrews at Edgewood Chiropractic for helping the VFD with her donation, used to purchase the mugs.



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## A Note from the Shade Tree Committee

### TREE ART SUBMISSION

### SEND US YOUR TREE ART!

Calling all artists under 18!  
Send us your tree art!

We're looking for drawings, paintings, poems, and short stories celebrating trees!

Please either mail submissions to:

**Edgewood Borough**

Attention: **Tree Committee** (art submission)

**2 Race Street**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

OR

Email to [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com), with 'tree art submission' and the artist's last name in the subject line.

See this issue's submission featured on back cover.



**Oktoberfest AND  
Fallfest**

**Saturday, October 2!**

See page 8 in this newsletter  
for more information.

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## Newcomers' Reception 2021

Thursday, September 15—  
Tentative Date

Each year (except when there's a worldwide pandemic!), the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a reception for newcomers who have moved into the Borough in the preceding year. This event is our way of formally welcoming them into the neighborhood and to introduce them to, not only their other fellow newcomers, but also Borough officials and other involved citizens and members of the local organizations. The reception historically was hosted at an Edgewood resident's house in the early evening, with appetizers and beverages being provided. The reception allows newcomers the opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow residents, while also obtaining important information from the various Borough offices and community groups. The newcomers are provided with information about some of the many local businesses as well. This is one of the signature events of the Foundation and is a major reason why Edgewood continues to be a special place to live. This year's Newcomers' Reception, as we have done the past couple of events, will be hosted at the Edgewood Train Station and is tentatively being scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 15, starting at 6 p.m. Invitation cards will be mailed out a few weeks prior to the event to all newcomers based upon available real estate transfer information. However, if you know a newcomer who did not receive an invitation or you are a newcomer who maybe was unable

to attend last year and are interested in attending this year, please visit our website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) for additional information and also feel free to RSVP to us at [newcomers@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:newcomers@edgewoodfoundation.org). The event also has a Facebook page, that can be accessed in the Event Details posted into the calendar on our website and invitation cards with the event info will also be available at the Borough Building and C.C. Mellor Library.

## Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 2, 3-6 p.m. at  
Koenig Field

It's time to get back together! Join us as at the field to support the Edgewood Foundation while enjoying the beautiful fall weather with friends and neighbors. We'll have a great selection of cold beers, we're roasting a pig, and we'll have hot dogs, bratwurst and snacks. We'll be providing activities for the kids also, so please come down as a family. All proceeds go towards future community projects!

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or \$35 per person at the event (kids get in free!). For more information and to purchase tickets visit our website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org)

Please be aware that advance tickets are refundable in the event of a weather cancellation.

*If you have any questions or you're interested in volunteering, please email us at [oktoberfest@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:oktoberfest@edgewoodfoundation.org)*

## SAVE THE DATE for Fallfest

Saturday, October 2

This year's Fallfest will be happening at Koenig Field and will overlap with the Edgewood Foundation's Oktoberfest—so you can enjoy two great events in one! The afternoon will include glass blowing demos, a vendor market, and more. Please check our webpage, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us) and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events for a full description of activities.

## Edgewood Symphony

Edgewood Symphony  
Orchestra will return to  
LIVE PERFORMANCES!



While definite plans are still being finalized, your Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is working hard to be back in concert in person this fall. Please keep a close eye on our website and Facebook page for developments. Our website is [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org) and our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/edgewoodsymphony](http://www.facebook.com/edgewoodsymphony).

But one performance that is definite is a brass ensemble, made up of ESO and guest musicians, that will play leading up to the fireworks at Edgewood Community Day! Unity Brass and Shadyside Brass will be joined by percussionist Kevin Danchik and Maestro Walter Morales. Come on down and say hello and offer your support for the return of live music!

All of the orchestra's virtual performances from this past season are still accessible from our website and on YouTube.

## Community Day



Saturday, August 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

New this year, you can participate in the Edgewood Yard Sale, happening on the same day as Community Day. Sales are self-run, and will take place at residents' homes. There is still time to be added to the sellers list. Residents wishing to participate in the sale can email [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com). The map and list will be made available on our webpage [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. Everyone is welcome to shop!

## Sports

As noted in league/course descriptions we are still observing safety measures to keep everyone healthy. Although we have a good level of confidence with the knowledge we have gained over the last year around Covid 19, we understand that the pandemic is not quite over yet, and as such, these recreational offerings are still subject to change, based on CDC and government recommendations. Check our website, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), and our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events for updates. We thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this time.

## Youth Soccer (Boys & Girls ages 4-14)

Registration begins July 15 and ends August 15. Practices begin the week of August 30. There is one weekday practice, and games take place on Saturdays.

The cost for this sport is \$65. Please register here: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/270832>

Participants should have cleats, and it is strongly recommended to bring a practice ball. T-shirts and socks will be provided. Spectators may bring their own chairs/blankets to sit on. Participants and spectators should use proper hygiene, including hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer. Shared equipment, including balls will be disinfected between games, with additional disinfecting during games as needed. Anyone recently recovering from/ in quarantine for Covid 19, or anyone showing signs of illness should stay home.

## Yoga

It's not too late to drop in for a class of Summer Yoga. Julie Straub is leading the group through yoga and mindfulness techniques. There are currently two classes scheduled in August: on August 9, and August 16 (please note: there will be no class on August 2) for this series, which started in July. Classes meet Mondays from 7:15-8:15 p.m. at Koenig Field. The drop-in rate per class is \$15. Classes may continue into September, if weather permits. For class updates and additional details, please check our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events.

## QiGong (chee-gong) Coming soon!

This fall, Edgewood will be offering a new adult exercise opportunity! Instructor Moshe Sherman, teacher and Co-owner of Cloud Gate PGH, has 10 years of experience dedicating his career to energetic healing practices after he himself transformed his health with QiGong.

**What is QiGong?** Moshe shared with us that, "QiGong exercises are simple movements synchronized with our breathing that assist us in moving energy intentionally through our bodies to promote health & vitality. They are accessible to all abilities & have immediate as well as long term impacts for our health."

No equipment or experience is necessary. Yoga mat & water bottle are optional. Please check our webpage, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), or Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events, for class details and information on how to register.

**SPONSORSHIP** If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit [www.Edgewood.pgh.pa.us/BecomeASponsor](http://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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## Library Services

CCM Forest Hills is once again open to the public. Please be aware that covid-19 restrictions at Forest Hills are in accordance with borough building regulations and may be different from CCM Edgewood. Also, please note that as of June 28, masks are encouraged but no longer required at Edgewood. Contactless pickup is still available at both locations. Please check out [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org) for all the latest information.

**Both locations will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.**

## Adult Featured Programs

### Adult Summer Reading

Summer reading is not just for kids! Track your reading and earn raffle tickets. At the end of the program, we will be raffling a Coffee Lovers Basket, Readers Delight Basket, and a pair of season tickets to 10 Evenings with the Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures Series. Through Aug. 14. Details online at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

## Book Clubs

CCM hosts a wide variety of book clubs for readers of all tastes. Please check our website for up-to-date meeting location information as guidance regarding coronavirus safety continues to change.

### Drop Dead Book Club

Mystery lovers unite, first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. (there will be no meeting in August).

### Fourth Tuesday Book Club

For readers of wide-ranging tastes, fourth Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m. Will meet in person at the Westinghouse Lodge.

### Century Book Club

Reads books from each decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

## Community Groups

CCM is home to a number of community groups. Please check our website for current meeting location information as guidance regarding coronavirus safety continues to change.

### Clutterers Anonymous.

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### Knitters

Mondays, second and fourth at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

## Conversation Salon

Second Monday of each month at 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meets outside at Westinghouse Lodge.

## Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop

Every other Saturday at 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Currently meeting online. Email [ccmellor@einetnetwork.net](mailto:ccmellor@einetnetwork.net) for Zoom meeting information

## Youth Programs

All C.C. Mellor Memorial Library summer programs for children and teens will be held either virtually or outdoors. Outdoor programs will follow current masking and social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC and local health departments. Please check our website for more details.

## Outdoor Programs

### Storytime in the Park at 10:30 a.m.

We're taking storytime outside at three of our local parks! No registration required, just grab a picnic blanket and your face masks and join us for books, songs, and rhymes! Check our website or social media for weather cancellations.

- Tuesdays: Koenig Field
- Wednesdays: Lions Park
- Thursdays: Westinghouse Lodge

## Summer STEAM in the Park

A weekly drop-in program geared for elementary-aged children with multiple stations for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math activities. Great for families to explore together. We'll be outside, so wear a mask and dress for the weather!

- Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. Koenig Field in Edgewood
- Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. Lions Park in Wilkins Township

## Virtual Programs

### Teen Group on Zoom

#### Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Miss seeing other people? We always welcome new friends at Teen Group! Teen group is the time to hang over Zoom, play games, make projects, and just chill out. We've laughed through hectic scavenger hunts, assembled paper house models, competed in Wheel of Fortune, and more.

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### Teen Book Club on Zoom

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5 p.m. Please email Allison for a link to our virtual book discussion.

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## Community day

Edgewood Borough Community Day will take place on Saturday August 28, 2021 at Koenig Field. Originally slated to start at 2 p.m., we are excited to announce that live music is now starting at 12:30 p.m. due to overwhelming interest from local musicians. A vendor fair begins at 2 p.m. where attendees can browse the offerings of local vendors and artisans. The food, fun and games start at 3 p.m. when children of all ages can navigate the inflatable obstacle course, try their luck at several games, get an airbrush tattoo or take a pony ride. The evening concludes with a brass band and pops performance by the Edgewood Symphony at 8 p.m. followed by Fireworks at 9 p.m. Food trucks and the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department will offer enough meal options to please everyone. Please follow us on Facebook @EdgewoodBoroughEvents for more details on the day and details on participating in the community yard sale that morning. Attendees are encouraged to follow CDC recommendations regarding face mask wearing in outdoor settings.

### 2021 Music Lineup:

- 12:30-1:20 - Milepost6
- 1:40-2:40 p.m. - Wild Blue Yonder
- 3-3:50 p.m. - The Soul Merchants
- 4:10-5 p.m. - Louie Castle
- 5:20-6:10 - Steel City Ukeles
- 6:30-7:20 - Elias Khouri
- 8-9 - ESO Brass Band



# WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Woodland Hills School District wins 2021 National Best of Green Schools Award

North Braddock, June 30, 2021—The Woodland Hills School District is excited to announce it has won the 2021 Best of Green Schools Award from the Green Schools National Network and Center for Green Schools. The national award recognizes the district for its work in organizing, educating, and collaborating with the community on green initiatives like sustainability, climate change, energy efficiency, and more.

Woodland Hills was the first school district in Pennsylvania to have its school board pass climate change resolution. In a press release from the U.S. Green Building Council and Green Schools National Network announcing the national awards, the District was praised for creating, “professional development courses to aid educators in creating climate change lessons for their classrooms and established a climate-friendly food program, recycling infrastructure, gardening programs and energy efficient building policies. Additionally, the Woodland Hills High School Climate Action Team launched a virtual Youth Climate Action Summit in October 2020, gaining nearly 200 attendees and raising more than \$1,500 for climate projects.”

In addition, students from the district have formed a Climate Action Team devoted to green initiatives in the community. In April, 40 4th grade students planted 20 new trees at Wilkins Elementary STEAM Academy. The district also hosted a tree adoption event at Woodland Hills Senior High School, where it handed out 200 new trees for community members to plant throughout the district.

Special thanks to our students on the Woodland Hills Climate Action Team; educators Ms. Cathie Pearson, Ms. Susan Tanski, Ms. Margeaux Everhart, Ms. Jill Keresztury, and Ms. Mary Jane Probola; administrators Mr. Robert Finney and Ms. Siobhan Nicklow; Mr. Mike Belmonte from the school board; superintendent Mr. James Harris; and our partners, including Ellen Conrad of Green Building Alliance, Kara Rubio of the Pittsburgh Foundation, and Katie Modic and Lauren Palamara from Communitopia for their help in making this all happen.



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## Eagle Scout—Tommy Kondrich

Tommy Kondrich (Edgewood Troop 23) completed his formal Board of Review for the rank of Eagle Scout on May 13, 2021. Tom's Eagle Scout Project was the renovation of the Greater Swissvale Community Food Pantry (including painting the interior; building mobile food storage carts; hanging new window treatments; designing and creating new signage; and conducting a community laundry detergent drive to support food pantry clients). Tom joins his older brothers Wilson and Teddy Kondrich as the third Eagle Scout in his family!



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## CALENDAR *at a glance...*

### AUGUST

**Council Meetings:** 2 & 16 @ 7:30pm; at borough building

**Refuse:** 5, 12, 19, 26

**Recycling:** 12, 26

**Community Day:** 28 @ 2pm, Koenig Field

12:30pm - Live music begins

2pm - Vendor fair opens

3pm - Food Trucks, VFD burgers

3pm - Games, pony rides

9pm - Fireworks

### SEPTEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 7\* & 20 @ 7:30pm; at borough building

**Refuse:** 2, 10\*, 16, 23, 30

**Recycling:** 10\*, 23

**Borough Office closed:** 5

**Newcomers Reception:** 15 @ 6pm, train station

**WPSD Block Party:** 25 @ 1pm, WPSD

*\*Delayed due to holiday*

## 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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Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone ..... 412-242-4824

Fax..... 412-242-4027

Website:..... [www.edgewoodboro.com](http://www.edgewoodboro.com)

Mailing address: ..... Two Race Street  
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Rob Zahorchak ..... 412-242-4824

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Dave Naylor..... 412-242-4824, ext. 2

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

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

Recreation

Abigail Ault..... 412-242-4824, ext. 3

### Tax Office

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

### Wage Taxes

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

### Police and Fire

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

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

Borough taxes were due at Face Value on or before July 31, 2021. 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 below. An addressed envelope was provided in your tax bill for your convenience.

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