

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

2022 Budget Highlights

The general fund budget represents an important directive for the operations of the Borough for the coming year. Borough staff and councilmembers have created the 2022 budget with a focus on service provision and capital improvements for residents. The approved and balanced general fund budget for 2022 is \$3,653,374. This is a decrease of 0.37% (\$13,508) from the approved 2021 budget of \$3,666,882.

A draft 2022 budget was prepared by the borough manager and reviewed by the general government committee throughout September and October of 2021. Members of Edgewood Borough Council attended a budget workshop on November 13, 2021 to review the draft 2022 budget. Council approved a balanced budget without raising property taxes on December 6, 2021. The 2022 property tax rate remains 7.185 mills, unchanged since 2016. Property taxes are the largest revenue source (51%) for the Borough and are projected to generate \$1,877,811 in 2022.

The second largest revenue source is the Earned Income Tax. This is a 1% tax on gross wages, net profits and other income earned by Borough residents. The 1% tax is split between the Borough (0.5%) and the School District (0.5%). Current and delinquent earned income tax revenue in 2022 is expected to be \$760,000. Earned income tax revenue represents approximately 21% of the borough's revenue. Fees, state allocations and other taxes constitute the remaining 28% of the borough's anticipated 2022 revenue.

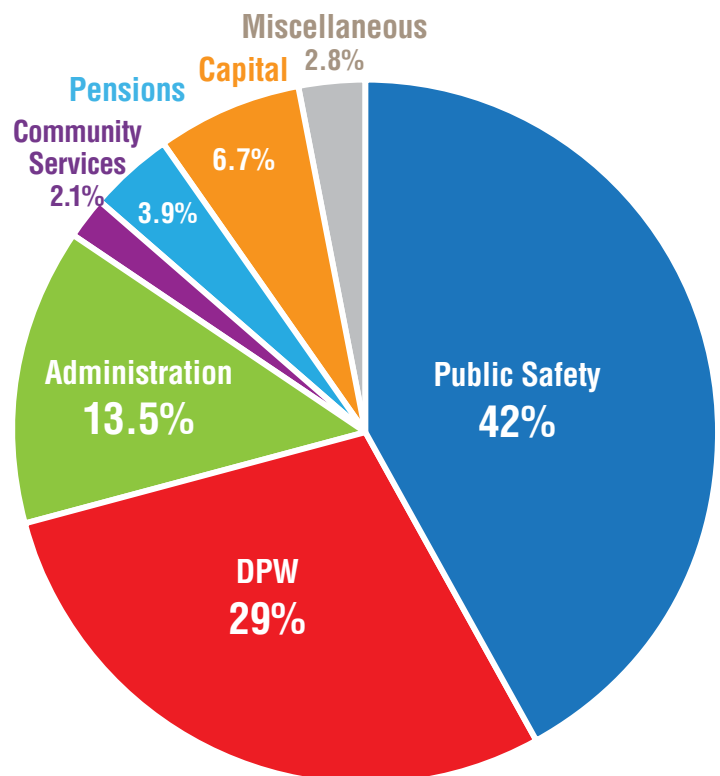
Capital improvements remain a priority in 2022 and this is reflected in the \$400,000 allocation set aside for road paving. An additional \$180,000 was set aside to rehabilitate the Laurel Street tot lot playground. Koenig Field expenditures total \$64,000 and maintenance and upkeep to the borough

building total \$62,000. The borough is scheduled to replace one police vehicle under its vehicle rotation plan at a cost of \$46,000 including upfitting.

Borough council fulfilled the CC Mellor Library's request for additional funding in 2022 by committing to a \$42,360 donation for operations. The library requested a funding increase to help with a forecasted six percent cost of living increase and to help unlock additional Regional Asset Development (RAD) funds. Donations to the library have risen from \$38,500 in 2020 to the current \$42,380 in 2022. This accounts for 1% of all borough expenditures.

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2022 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES





Winter Weather Reminders

- *Property owners are responsible for keeping their sidewalks free and clear of any ice and snow. Please clear your sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall.
- *Please do not throw, cast, or plow snow into the public street. This creates a hazard for motorists and undermines the work of our public works department.
- *When shoveling your driveway, stockpile the snow on the left side of your driveway opening when looking at your home from the street. This way the plow truck pushes the snow past your driveway rather than back into it.
- *Do your part and be a good neighbor by checking in on the elderly and helping them keep their sidewalks clear.
- *Property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks and curb in a condition free of cracks, holes or other unsafe conditions like unevenness. As the temperature warms and spring nears, please take a moment to inspect your sidewalk and plan to have it repaired or replaced if it shows signs of deterioration.



2022 Budget Highlights *Continued from page 1*

The \$1.4 million police department accounts for just under 39% of total general fund expenditures. The 2022 budget covers wages and benefits for nine full time police officers and police chief. The budget also includes approximately \$38,000 in expenditures related to computer hardware and software upgrades and new radio equipment.

The \$1 million public works department accounts for 29% of total general fund expenditures. The 2022 allocation includes the aforementioned \$400,000 road paving program and wages and benefits for four employees. The borough will purchase 300 tons of rock salt under a statewide cooperative purchasing contract totaling \$23,000. Council also approved a capital transfer of \$15,000 for future equipment replacement. Finally, \$75,000 in funds for the traffic signal replacement at Race Street and Pennwood Avenue and other traffic safety improvements were included in the 2022 budget.

The borough's general fund pension and debt obligations in 2022 amount to \$290,112. \$261,312 is paid from the general fund for pension obligations and borrowing costs. The Borough is legally required to contribute \$142,812 to its police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long term viability. The remaining \$118,500 is split between repayment of the \$1 million loan for road paving (\$114,600) and loans for the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Truck (\$3,900). The rescue truck will be paid off in 2022 and

the road paving note will be satisfied in 2024.

The borough owes \$103,000 on 20-year loans taken out in 2005 to fund major sanitary sewer repairs on Race Street. Annual payments of \$28,800 against these loans are made from the borough's \$1.6 million sewer fund. The primary source of revenue for this fund is the surcharge levied by the borough on every 1,000 gallons of water a resident consumes. The revenue raised by this surcharge can only be applied to expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the borough's sanitary sewer system. Council approved increasing the 2021 surcharge from \$4.70 to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons used to offset maintenance costs and system upgrades.

Residents will also notice that the cost for sewage treatment increased in 2022 but this reflects rate increases made by ALCOSAN which the borough cannot control. 100 percent of these funds are collected by the borough and remitted to ALCOSAN per our billing agreement with ALCOSAN. The borough is billed quarterly by ALCOSAN and must cover any delinquent resident and commercial accounts.

Overall, borough council adopted a balanced budget that recognizes the importance of investing in borough assets and service provision while controlling expenses and avoiding a tax increase.

To view the full 2022 budget visit <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-annual-budget.htm>.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

StudioLynne

We reached out to Edgewood artist Lynne Feinberg, who recently opened a studio at 119 Edgewood Avenue. We asked her some questions about this new business and her art, and here is what we learned:

"I've been making art for a long time! I was fortunate that my parents loved art, and encouraged my interest as a child. We went to art museums as a family long before I could take myself, and my mother always had art materials available to us. My brother is also an artist—a terrific cartoonist and animator—as children we spent a lot of time creating in the playroom. I studied art and art history, and did a lot of teaching of art over the years, while always working as an artist myself. I also worked with a really interesting theater company in MA as a scenic artist, making puppets and sculpture for performances.

Wood sculpture and drawings are the focus of my work. Drawings on paper in charcoal, pastel, and acrylic inks serve as sketches, plans, visual representations of my thoughts, and often are finished works in themselves. For me, drawing—in pen, charcoal, pastel, and/or acrylic ink—is like journaling. It is a direct, energetic expression of what's going on. In my wood sculpture I carve and construct, mostly from scraps discarded by cabinetmakers and architectural woodworkers, scavenging pieces from here and there (and Construction Junction) with the occasional trip to the lumber yard for specific pieces here and there. The sculptures are informed by my drawings, or I "draw" with wood directly, moving around the studio, arranging and changing shapes, adding color, building my own kind of stories without words. My work was almost entirely figurative for a long time, but recently I am creating non-representational forms as well, which I find freeing and exciting.

The studio is where I create my work, and that is its primary purpose. It's a place I can totally focus, and have what I need right there. Right now, I'm just working as much as I can to make a new body of work.

In the near future, I expect to occasionally open the studio and invite people who are interested to see my work, including work in progress. I've done a lot of teaching in the past, and I think this studio would lend itself well to some small-group art workshops. So I'm considering that possibility! I got equipment and materials moved in and set up in September, and now I'm just working away!

My business (which I call StudioLynne) is making art, exhibiting art, communicating with others about art, selling art, and always, learning and growing as an artist. This new-to-me Edgewood studio is right in line with my goals. I've been in and out of Pittsburgh over the years, but this is the beautiful area—Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg—where I always wind up. It's crucial to me that the studio be near my home so I can get there as quickly, easily, and as often as I need to, and of course feel safe there. The studio is about a mile away from home, which gives me a good hilly walk, or a very easy drive if I'm bringing materials or work in or out.

Turns out, I have roots in Edgewood. My father went to Edgewood High School, and his and his older sister's names are inscribed in the World War II memorial next to the train station. He told me about his mother walking down the hill from their home on Gordon Street to take the trolley to Brad-dock to do the shopping—many years ago, of course! I love the neighborhood, feel connected here, and hope the future is bright!"



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Edgewood Recycles

Recycling information:

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. 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.

Republic Services has stationed a large blue dumpster in the parking lot behind the Edgewood Borough building (2 Race Street), for items to be dropped off at residents' convenience. This bin is for GLASS COLLECTION ONLY and is located next to the paper collection bins.

All items should be placed lose in a recycling bin. Do not place any recyclables in plastic bags! Bags of recyclables will be treated as refuse and landfilled. Please keep all plastic bags out of the recycling stream.

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, stirrs, and plastic utensils are not recyclable.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste collections can be scheduled for pickup by calling Republic Services customer service at 800-464-2120. Apointments for HHW and E-Waste pickups must be scheduled; these items will not be collected with residential collection. Questions about service, bulk items, or container delivery should also be directed to the customer service line.



20TH ANNIVERSARY

In our 20th anniversary year, the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association and StormWorks have become UpstreamPgh. We look forward to a future of improved water quality and healthier communities, in our watershed and across the region.

Thank you to all who have supported us in our first 2 decades!

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

Winter Tips to Keep You Safe!

From the EVFD

With winter weather and snowy forecasts finally hitting us, the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind its residents of a few safety tips to keep you safe during snow storms and inclement weather.

1. We need to see your address! Homeowners should be sure that their house numbers are clearly visible and well lit to be seen from the street. If snow has come through, please take a few minutes to brush off snow from any identifiers for your home. Having house numbers visibly marked makes it easier for us to find the right home in case of an emergency.
2. When heavy snow falls, take a couple of minutes to remove the snow around hydrants while you are shoveling your sidewalks. A clear radius of 5ft helps us to quickly find and connect to hydrants in case of a fire, allowing our firefighters to get water when we need it.
3. If you use a space heater, remember to never leave them unattended. When using them, make sure there is nothing nearby that could catch on fire. Similarly for radiators and candles, always make sure to keep pets and young children away to prevent burns and accidentally knocking anything over.
4. If you suffer a power outage, please be smart if you are using a generator. Run generators at least 20 feet away from your house to prevent carbon monoxide dangers. And always make sure to check that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order so they can alert you to potential dangers.
5. IF YOU LOSE POWER, do not assume that Duquesne Light knows. Call and report power outages at 412-393-7000
6. After a heavy snowfall, snow can drift or cover up furnace vents. Make sure to check these vents for blockages. The vents will most likely appear as white plastic pipes coming from the side of your home. If your exhaust pipe is blocked, you'll be leaving your home open to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

As always, if you have an emergency, we will be there to help!

For more information about us, please visit our website at www.edgewoodfire.org.



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POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES OCT. NOV. YTD

Homicide.....	0	0	0
Rape.....	0	0	0
Robbery.....	0	0	0
Assaults (simple/aggravated)...	0	0	5
Burglary.....	1	0	3
Larceny/theft:			
Shoplifting.....	0	0	7
Other.....	4	3	23
Motor vehicle theft.....	1	0	3
Arson.....	0	0	0

TOTAL-PART I.....6.....3....41

PART II CRIMES

Liquor laws.....	0	0	5
Vandalism/criminal mischief....	0	2	7
Weapons offenses.....	0	1	5
Sex offenses.....	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses.....	1	0	8
DUI.....	2	1	6
Disorderly conduct.....	2	3	30
All other offenses.....	3	2	51

Total-PART II.....8.....9.. 112

GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2) 14... 12.. 153

Adult arrests.....	8	7	75
Juvenile arrests.....	2	0	3
Total arrests.....	10	7	78
Incidents/calls.....	351	302	3359
Animal complaints.....	1	0	7
Agency assist (Police & Fire)...	13	19	118

PART I CRIMES6.....3....41

PART II CRIMES8.....9.. 112

Domestic complaints.....	4	0	19
Juvenile contacts/complaints...	1	1	5
Miscellaneous reports.....	272	250	2629
Police reports filed.....	79	56	734
False alarms.....	2	8	84
Public nuisance/disturbances...	3	6	41
Suspicious person/incidents ..	12	2	71
Missing person.....	0	0	2
Medical assists.....	4	0	25

Traffic related:

Fatal accidents.....	0	0	0
Reportable accidents.....	4	0	22
Non-reportable accidents.....	12	5	101
Traffic stops conducted.....	80	68	1001
Traffic citations.....	22	50	532
Non-traffic citations.....	5	1	36
Parking tags.....	161	0	1532

GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS.....1050 .. 787 10549

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



A BIG THANK YOU to all of our Neighbors who donated to the Edgewood Foundation throughout the past year! Without you we could not offer the events and community support to other organizations that we do. We are truly grateful to call you "Our Neighbors"! You are truly the best and make this a special place to live!

Progressive Dinner POSTPONED

Due to the current situation with Covid, the annual Progressive Dinner, normally held during the winter, is being postponed, with a future date to be determined (April/May). Look for details on this event to come soon.

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Edgewood Symphony

Edgewood Symphony Orchestra Live at FPCE Again in March



The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra will hold another live concert on Saturday March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. A chamber orchestra including strings, winds, and brass, will perform Peter & The Wolf with guest narrator Demareus Cooper. Additional selections will be performed by the ESO brass section. Tickets will be available on the ESO website www.edgewoodsymphony.org

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is one of Pittsburgh's leading community orchestras with over 70 musically diverse, skilled volunteer musicians.

The orchestra plans a return to performing with the full orchestra for its concert in May. All of the orchestra's virtual performances from last season are still accessible on YouTube.

Spring 2022 Edible Plant Pre-Sale

Now through February 5 you can place your pre-order for edible garden plants! Plants will be available for pick up at Koenig Field on Saturday, May 14 (times TBD). You may place your order online at: ksandorfgallery.com/plant-starts.

The plant list is available to view on the webpage above, as well as our Facebook page (Edgewood Borough Community Events) to help you make your selections. Some plants will be a limited supply only. When checking out, please be sure to use the coupon code, **FreeShip4EdgewdPickup**, when you place your order so you are not charged shipping fees. This coupon applies to plant orders as part of this sale only.

After February 5 the cutoff date for orders and payments, seeds will be ordered. Additional orders MAY be able to be accepted after February 5 if there are extra seeds remaining, but the folks who order and pay by 2/5 will get first choice.

For any questions related to ordering on the website, the plant list, or general plant care, please email Karen at ks4biz@gmail.com. For questions about pick up, please email office@edgewoodboro.com.

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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Basketball


Our Youth Basketball league wraps up in March. It's been quite a season, as we continued to navigate the challenges brought on by the pandemic. We would like to thank all of our participating families for their patience as we've had to adjust to the ever-changing situation, and especially all of those who volunteered as coaches, and in other ways. A very special thank you goes to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Matt Dettore for taking over this year to make sure everything ran smoothly on the court. It's because of everyone's efforts that we were able to make this season both safe and fun for the 115 kids who participated!

Futsal

Futsal returns! Futsal is similar to soccer but played in a smaller, indoor space on a hard surface. This league is for boys and girls ages 8-12. Games take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m at the Edgewood STEAM Academy gym. The season runs February 16 through March 23.

Registration is open now, through Teamsnap, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/302361>

The registration link is available on our website and Facebook page. Please register by February 14. There is no cost, but players need to register to ensure adequate coaching.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 (rain date, Sunday, April 10)

Join us for our annual spring Egg Hunt at Koenig Field, Saturday, April 9 (Rain date will be Sunday, April 10). Bring your own bag or basket to collect treats and prizes. We are welcoming kids ages 1 (walkers)-10 to hunt for Easter Eggs. Come and enjoy our FREE Easter Tradition!

To comply with social distancing, participating kids will be grouped into 3 timed hunts. Toddlers (1-2), Little Kids (3-6), and Big Kids (7-10).

Toddlers1 p.m. Tennis Courts

Little Kids.....1:10 p.m. Half Field (Playground Side)

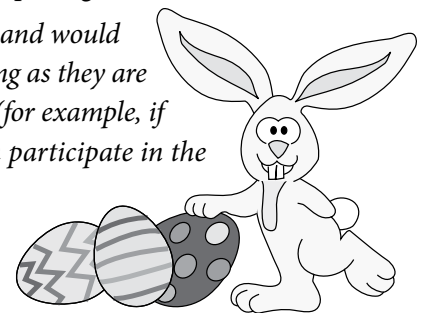
Big Kids.....1:20 p.m. Half Field (Fieldhouse Side)

Each hunt will be staggered by ten minutes to keep crowd size to a minimum.

This event is subject to cancellation if PA Department of Health or other agency imposes gathering restrictions. Please limit those in attendance to only parents/caregivers with their child(ren). All participants and attendees are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask.

To allow us to best prepare for the number in attendance, please let us know in advance if you are planning to come by sending an email to office@edgewoodboro.com. Please include the following in your email: number of children participating (in each age group), number of non-participating attendees.

*If you have more than one child participating, and would like them to stay together, they may do so, as long as they are close to the age for the hunt they participate in (for example, if your children are 6 and 8, and they could both participate in the Big Kids Hunt).



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The Addams Family takes center stage for junior musical at Woodland Hills High School

They’re creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky, but we love them all the same. The Addams Family has been a cultural institution for decades, and from January 13 through January 15, they came alive once more on stage at Woodland Hills High School. “The Addams Family, Young @Part” was performed as this year’s junior musical by a cast of students from the high school and from Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy.




Addams, Summer Curtright and Gia Zinn as Morticia Addams, Liv Rocco as Wednesday Addams, Leo Alfieri as Pugsley Addams, Caroline Elston and Calise Cowans-Rini as Grandmama, Sonny Davis as Fester, Patrick Marshall as Lurch, Adam Steiner as Lucas Beineke, Katie Saunders as Mal Beineke, and Olivia Safran and Sabrina Bender as Alice Beineke.



A modified version of the hit Broadway musical, “The Addams Family, Young @Part” features Wednesday Addams in an unfamiliar position: She’s in love, and with a totally normal, nice young man. Wednesday confides in her father, but can Gomez Addams keep his daughter’s secret from his beloved wife, Morticia? Or will the secret come out during a family dinner and change everything for the Addams Family?

The production was directed by Bobby Carr and starred Liam Blaney as Gomez



Get to know your neighbors and enjoy great food and drinks along with live entertainment in a fun, casual atmosphere, all while supporting the students at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD).

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in Edgewood. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon. Stay tuned for updates on our website www.wpsd.org and Facebook page.

All funds raised at the event support the academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities WPSD offers to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students across the state. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Boy Scout Troop 23/ Cub Scout Pack 23

Pack & Troop 23 would like to thank everyone who came out and purchased a tree at our annual Christmas Tree Sale this past December. We had very good community support and sold out all of our trees! The Scouts use the money raised from the Christmas tree sale to fund their activities during the year.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 23

Scouting (Troop 23) is open to boys age 11 through 18. If you're interested in learning more please stop by one of our meetings. We meet Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.



Cub Scout Pack 23

Cub Scout Pack 23 in Edgewood is always looking for new members to join in the fun! Cub Scouting is open to youth from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Meetings are on Monday nights at 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Check out "Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23" on Facebook to see what we are up to! For more information, please email edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com.



C.C. MELLOR LIBRARY

CCM Library Events: February/March 2022

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/programs-events/>. For all the latest news follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ccmellorlibrary.

Get ready for the annual book sale!

It's time to freshen up those collections! Our annual book sale will return in March with a preview evening for area residents and their guests, hosted by the library's community groups, at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 11. The cost per person is \$20 at the door. Dealers and scanners are welcome.

Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 are the main sale days. Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15 are bag sale days. Fill a grocery bag for \$6. Bring your own bag or get one at the sale.

Find more information at <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/book-sale/>.

Support children's programming at our Spring Art Auction

Art lovers will have the opportunity to find new works while supporting children's programming at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library this spring. CCM will once again be holding its silent art auction throughout the month of April at its Edgewood location. Stop by and browse the art, make a bid, and know that any money raised will go towards supporting such activities as Makerspace Mondays, Storytime in the Park, Summer STEAM in the Park, Puzzler Club and other great programming for local children.

The library is also looking for local artists to donate a piece of work. All shapes, sizes and varieties of art are welcome, from professional and amateur artists alike. Donations will be accepted during the week of March 21-26.

More information, including a submission form for donations, is available at <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/art-auction/>.

CCM will be adding more great events and programming for spring—including a Spring Fling!—so be sure to visit the website and follow them on Facebook and Instagram at @ccmellorlibrary for all the updated information!

Library Services

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is proud to offer a variety of services at both of our locations. In addition to the physical and digital materials found in both the Edgewood and Forest Hills locations, CCM provides access to computers and internet, print services, meeting space, and more. Library staff is available for one-on-one assistance, test proctoring, and general reference. Contactless pickup of materials is also available at both locations.

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For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/programs-events/>.

Journaling Group

Always wanted to keep a journal, but have a hard time staying consistent? Journaling Group will help you build a practice by trying out fun prompts and practicing new styles. The group meets online on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Prompts are posted for upcoming meetings, along with the Zoom link, at <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/adult-programs/journaling-group/>

Book Clubs

To see what each club is reading visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/book-clubs/>

Drop Dead Book Club

Mystery lovers unite, first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday Book Club

For readers of wide-ranging tastes, fourth Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.

Century Book Club

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

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Community Groups

Clutterers Anonymous

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Knitters

Second and fourth Mondays at 6 p.m.

Conversation Salon

Second Monday of each month 10 a.m. to noon at Westinghouse Lodge.

Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop

Every other Saturday 1 to 3 p.m.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

First and third Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Youth Programs

Programs at CCM Edgewood

Makerspace Mondays (Ages 5-11)

Build, tinker, make, and create with a new technique every week! Drop in every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Family Storytime (Ages 2 and older)

Families, caregivers and little ones are invited to join CCM for indoor storytime this winter to sing songs, read books, dance, and play together in a socially-distanced setting.

• Edgewood: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

• Forest Hills: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Masks will be required at both locations.

Family Art Afternoons

Make a different art project every week! Projects will work for a variety of ages so the whole family can join in. CCM will provide all the supplies needed to create your masterpiece together! Drop-in on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at CCM Edgewood Children's Room.

Homeschool Book Club

- Chapter Chat readers (Ages 5-8) will try a new first chapter book series every month. Club meets the Second Friday of every month September through May at 2 p.m.
- Novel Ideas (Ages 9-12) will tackle middle grade reads. Chat about the book, play fun games, and make cool projects. Club meets the Second Friday of every month September through May at 3 p.m.

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

For a list of books, visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/childrens-programs/homeschool-book-club/>.

Teen Group (Ages 12-18)

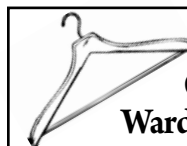
Teen Group is a laidback time each week to catch up and have fun. Play games, make projects, hang out and meet new friends every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/teen-programs/> for the list of activities and the most up-to-date info on meeting location (in-person or virtual).

Teen Book Club

Teen Book Club meets the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/teen-programs/> for the list of books.



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WANTED: EDGEWOOD JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

The Borough of Edgewood is pleased to announce that it is soliciting letters of interest for 2022.

This position is a fantastic opportunity for youth to become involved in local government and to learn about the issues that affect their neighborhoods. The Junior Council Person attends Council meetings, attends Borough-sponsored events, and takes part as a volunteer in at least one Borough event tailored to children.

High School-aged students residing in the Borough of Edgewood are eligible to apply for this position. Interested students should apply before March 4, 2022 by emailing their letter and interest to manager@edgewoodboro.com.

VACANCY: ZONING HEARING BOARD

Letters of interest are now being accepted to fill a vacant position on the borough's Zoning Hearing Board. This three-person board ensures the fair and equitable application and administration of the borough's zoning ordinance. Its primary function is to hear appeals to the existing zoning ordinance and grant relief in certain hardship situations by means of a variance. The board may also hear applications for special uses certain zoning districts.

Residents are encouraged to apply by submitting a letter of interest describing your interest in serving on the board by March 1, 2022 to manager@edgewoodboro.com.

Edgewood Borough Council will review all letters received on or before this date and make an appointment to fill the remainder of the term as soon as possible.

A Note from the Shade Tree Committee

TREE ART SUBMISSION

a poem by
Langston Lahoda
Age 6

*I like trees because they give us leaves.
I may fall and scrape my knees,
but I will sit back and enjoy the breeze.*

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**,
with 'tree art submission' and the artist's last name
on the subject line.



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Seeking Applicants for 2022 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, to recognize our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. Two Mel Douglass Scholarships, each valued at \$10,000, are available this year for the first time. Honorable mention scholarships, valued at \$1,500, are also available. This unique program, available only to Edgewood residents, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The mission of this scholarship program is to benefit Edgewood students while honoring the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass. Mel grew up here, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Before Mel passed in a 1994 airplane accident, he served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. Mel will always be remembered for the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, his unquenchable spirit, and his deep commitment to community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund, founded by Mel's friends in 2008, has awarded scholarships annually since then. Edgewood students have earned fourteen Mel Douglass Scholarships and sixty-five honorable mention scholarships. Many of these recipients have graduated from college and are leading successful lives and continuing to serve others. A shining example is 2008 winner Andi Thiemann, who recently launched a nonprofit (pennyloafer.org) to efficiently enable supporting a variety of worthy charities.

The scholarships are presented each spring at the Edgewood Foundation's Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply. Over the years, more than 75% of applicants have earned scholarships. To apply, please send the following information by March 31 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to fre ydk@gmail.com:

- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Your high school plus the college or university you plan to attend.
- A summary of your volunteer community service achievements and your perspective on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.
- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. This will be the only time before the March 31 deadline that this information will appear in the newsletter. You can also find an application form at meldouglassfund.org. If you have questions or would like to donate to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at fre ydk@gmail.com or 412.726.1286.

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CALENDAR *at a glance...*

FEBRUARY

Council Meetings: 7 & 22*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 24

Recycling: 10, 24

Borough Office closed: 21

Plant order pre-sale: see online for details

MARCH

Council Meetings: 7 & 21, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Recycling: 10, 24

**Delayed due to holiday*

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Borough Office Information

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

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A note from the
real estate tax
collector...

The 2021 unpaid Borough of Edgewood real estate taxes were turned over to PA Municipal Services for delinquent collections. The 2022 borough millage rate remains unchanged at 7.185 mills. The 2022 borough taxes shall be mailed out on April 1. ***If for any reason you need to update your mailing address, please contact Jordan Tax Service, Inc. at 724-731-2311 and also the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at 412-350-4100 to ensure receipt of your tax bill.***

The 2021 unpaid Woodland Hills School District real estate taxes have been turned over to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. for delinquent collections unless you have selected the Installment Option. The second installment payment was due January 31, 2022 and the final payment is due March 31, 2022.

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