

# EDGEWOOD

December 2022 / January 2023

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



## Light Up Edgewood

📍 Memorial Park

🕒 Dec 3, 6:30pm

## EVFD Luminaria Sale & Toys for Tots

📍 EVFD (2 Race Street)

🕒 Nov 25–Dec 24

M–F 9am–9pm,

Sat 10am–12pm

*Collecting toys now thru Dec 10*



## Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale

📍 CC Mellor Memorial Library

🕒 Dec 3, 9am–4pm

## Edgewood Symphony's Holiday Concert

📍 First Presbyterian  
Church of Edgewood


🕒 Dec 3, 6:30pm




## Santa Visits Edgewood!

📍 Edgewood Borough

🕒 Dec 17, 10am start



See inside for more  
performances this  
winter season,  
including FPCE concerts  
& WHSD musicals!



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## From The Manager's Desk

**2023 Parking Permits**— Resident on-street and visitor on-street parking permits go on sale Thursday December 1, 2022. Permits can be purchased online at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-parkingpermits>. Permits will be mailed to purchasers thereby eliminating the need to appear in person to buy a permit at the borough building. On-street resident and visitor permits cost \$35 each. Off-street borough parking lot permits cost \$100. Recreational vehicle parking at the borough building will be discontinued in 2023 due to space constraints in the parking lot.

Permits for the Ivy Street, Laurel Street, Oakview Avenue, and Willow Place off-street parking lots will be made available for purchase based upon requests starting on Monday December 12, 2022. Residents interested in purchasing an off-street lot permit should submit their completed permit application to the borough on or before Monday December 12, 2022. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, a lottery will be held. No resident will be issued a second permit for a lot until all initial requests are processed.

**Intersection Improvements**— Motorists have likely noticed the changes made to the Race Street and East Swissvale Avenue intersection at the end of November. These changes were made as part of an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) Grant from PennDOT and are intended to increase pedestrian and vehicular safety at a very busy intersection. The redesign went through several reviews by the borough's Public Safety Committee and Borough Council over the course of roughly 20 months before being approved for construction. The delineator bulb outs are meant to narrow the intersection approaches thereby increasing compliance with the posted STOP signs and reducing vehicle speed. Removing the 'except right turn' priority for vehicles turning right from Race Street onto East Swissvale Avenue eliminated a sight line conflict with vehicles coming from the direction of Wilkinsburg on E. Swissvale Avenue. Adjustments to signage and paint markings will be made over the winter and spring as needed based on field observations.

**Snow Maps**— Over the winter, the borough will be partnering with an individual to take aerial photographs of the borough after a snow fall to show which homes *may* be losing heat through uninsulated or under-insulated attics. Generally, rapid snow melt from a roof after a snow fall indicates heated air is escaping the living quarters of a home and entering the unoccupied attic. The heated air raises the temperature of the attic to a point above freezing and the snow melts. This can drive up home heating costs and contribute to premature roof failure, attic mold growth and destructive ice damming. Adding insulation greatly reduces heat loss into attic spaces and can earn homeowners a tax credit in 2023 once the IRS rules are finalized early next year.



Additional information on how to access the maps will be made available in a later issue since this mapping project requires both snowfall and an appreciable amount of time to complete. Rest assured, this is in no way intended to call out specific properties for their warm roofs but rather a free and *purely educational* tool to inform homeowners that their attic insulation could possibly use a refresh. The borough does not require, track, monitor or maintain any information on the energy performance of any dwelling.

**Koenig Tennis Courts**— Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the resurfacing of the tennis courts has been pushed to early spring of 2023. Your patience is appreciated and work will be completed as soon as possible.

**Ordinance Updates**— Edgewood Borough Council will adopt two ordinances aimed at bolstering public safety at its December 5, 2022 meeting. The first is an ordinance requiring key lock boxes be installed on all multifamily dwellings, commercial establishments, educational facilities and governmental structures be installed within six months of its adoption. This will better enable First Responders to easily and quickly gain access in the event of an emergency without having to knock down a door or doors resulting in costly repairs borne by the property owner.

The second ordinance regulates residential rental unit occupancy, registration and triennial health and safety inspections. The intent of this ordinance is to gather and maintain an accurate list of all rental properties in the borough and to make sure that each unit meets basic health and safety living standards. This includes items like carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, functioning alarm systems, exit signs, fire doors, GFCI outlets, and an inspected electrical panel. All rental property owners will have ninety days to comply with the terms of the ordinance upon adoption.

## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

### Carey Palenchar Photography

One thing (amongst many) that we have learned over the past few years, is that not every job takes place in an office, and not every local business is found in a brick-and-mortar storefront. One such business is photography. For this issue, we had the pleasure to speak with resident and neighborhood photographer Carey Palenchar, owner of Carey Palenchar Photography. As many people were making adjustments to their careers in that time, Ms. Palenchar made the bold move of starting her own business.

We asked what made her decide to get into this field. She told us, "I have loved taking photographs for as long as I can remember. I also have a culinary background, and I have experience in food styling and food photography. After having children, I became more interested in photographing people (especially kids). I upgraded my gear and invested in photography education. In June 2020, I decided to start my business because it combined my love of photography with my love of kids and allowed for a flexible schedule. It's important to me for parents to have photographs of themselves with their kids at every age and stage, and I'm honored to provide that."

She specializes in children and family portrait photography. "I like to blend classic, posed images with more casual, lifestyle images that show connection between family members. I keep my sessions relaxed and playful. I don't want my clients to miss out on a single moment, so my packages are all inclusive. Families receive all of their digital images. I also love creating beautiful, custom albums for the families I photograph." Since the business was started during the Covid pandemic, sessions were exclusively outdoors to start. She now includes lifestyle sessions inside client's homes.

In addition to family photography, Ms. Palenchar is the current photographer for Edgewood youth sports teams, including t-ball, soccer, and basketball. She also did a costume photo booth for Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23, of which she is the Cubmaster.

Ms. Palenchar, who moved from St. Louis to Pittsburgh in 2008, and then to Edgewood in 2010, resides in the neighborhood with her husband, and sons, Henry and Sam. When asked about her favorite part of being in the community, she responded, "I love all of the amazing kids that live in our neighborhood and seeing their familiar faces at community events, sports games, Cub Scouts, Koenig Field, and the library. I also love walking in the neighborhood and admiring all of the beautiful houses and yards. At the first sign of spring, I have a ritual of walking around Edgewood with my camera and photographing flowers pushing their way through the snow."



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## POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	AUG.	SEP.	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	1	2	9
Burglary	0	0	0
Larceny/theft:			
Shoplifting	0	4	12
Other	3	3	16
Motor vehicle theft	0	1	2
Arson	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL-PART I</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	0	1	4
Vandalism/criminal mischief	1	0	7
Weapons offenses	0	0	0
Sex offenses	0	0	1
Narcotics offenses	0	0	0
DUI	2	1	11
Disorderly conduct	5	3	20
All other offenses	2	5	32
<b>Total-PART II</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (P1&amp;P2)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>115</b>
Adult arrests	4	10	50
Juvenile arrests	0	0	1
Total arrests	4	10	51
Incidents/calls	292	378	2815
Animal complaints	0	1	5
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	6	15	79
<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>
Domestic complaints	1	7	22
Juvenile contacts/complaints	0	0	4
Miscellaneous reports	229	266	2325
Police reports filed	63	112	622
False alarms	3	3	53
Public nuisance/disturbances	4	8	40
Suspicious person/incidents	7	25	85
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	2	9	41
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	4	4	28
Non-reportable accidents	4	6	64
Traffic stops conducted	86	131	603
Traffic citations	16	95	312
Non-traffic citations	1	1	12
Parking tags	191	0	1203
<b>GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>8479</b>

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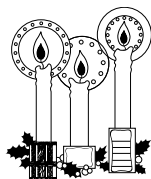
& Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

at the Boro Building front desk (or message us on Facebook)

Luminaria be lit and placed outside on Christmas Eve.

\$12 each

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See order form on page 12.

### Marine's Toys for Tots

We have a Toys for Tots box to collect new, unwrapped toys placed in the borough's front hallway. These will be collected now until Saturday December 10. Thank you in advance!

### Santa Through the Neighborhood

The EVFD fire truck will once again be bringing Santa to see all the good boys and girls through the borough on Saturday, December 17 at 10 a.m. Make sure to come out to see him! Snap some photos and feel free to tag us on social media.

### Please shovel around your fire hydrants!

As the winter season approaches, please remember that any fire hydrant on your property is your responsibility. We need to be able to see where the hydrants are so that we can make quick access to them in case of emergency, so any snow or debris that accumulates around hydrants needs to be cleared. Please help us help you—thank you!

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## Light Up Night, 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tree lighting and a visit  
from Santa at 6:30 p.m.

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Christmas movies along the way

Vendors for last-minute gifts

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### Edgewood Foundation Annual Appeal

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### Edgewood Symphony's Popular Holiday Concert is December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please join your Edgewood Symphony Orchestra on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood for their annual holiday concert.

Always a sold-out crowd, order your tickets early at the symphony website.

This year will include works by Lucas Richman, Ottorino Respighi, Sergei Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Leroy Anderson, and Randol Bass' The Night Before Christmas, narrated by soprano Zuly Inirio. You'll be filled with the spirit of the season!

For 35 years the ESO has provided great music to our community and we hope that you will plan to attend this festive performance. Future concert dates are March 11 and May 6.

For details and tickets please visit the ESO website [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org)

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### Edgewood Historical Society

The Edgewood Historical Society held its first post-Covid meeting in October at the Edgewood Club. At this meeting, residents and members were able to preview "Nine Mile Run," a painting by George Hetzel that was given to the Society in 1945 by relatives of the artist.

President Todd Potts reminded members that with their Edgewood Historical Society membership card, they could also gain access to the Heinz History Center.

He also announced that in 2023, the Society will meet the third Tuesday of January, May and October at the Edgewood Club, starting with the Tuesday, January 24 date. That meeting will include a more detailed discussion of George Hetzel, as well as discussion of future meetings and special events.

Residents interested in serving on the board of the Edgewood Historical Society should email Todd at the following: [todd.potts@gmail.com](mailto:todd.potts@gmail.com).

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## No Place Like Home for the Holidays...at FPCE!

If you like holiday music, then you will want to spend your weekends right here at “home” in your Community Church! The FPCE sanctuary will host several musical groups throughout the weekends in December:

- **Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
Edgewood Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert  
*Tickets: [edgewoodsymphony.org](http://edgewoodsymphony.org)*
- **Saturday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.**  
Munhall Community Band Holiday Concert  
*Tickets: [munhallband.org](http://munhallband.org)*
- **Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.**  
The Steranka Flute Studio Winter Recital  
*Attendance is free and open to the public. Short reception to follow.*
- **Saturday, December 17, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.**  
Vocal Confluence Barbershop Chorus presents ‘A VC Holiday’  
*Tickets: [vocalconfluence.org](http://vocalconfluence.org)*
- **Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m.**  
The North Hills Singers will perform as part of the FPCE worship service and in a mini-concert immediately following.  
*All are welcome to attend the service and mini-concert.*

## Wednesday Nigh Advent Study

Beginning November 30 at 7 p.m. and continuing on the Wednesdays throughout December, FPCE will host a discussion group following the Advent journey to Christmas using the devotional book “Holy Disruption” by Tracy S. Daub. All are welcome!

## Blue Christmas: A Service for the Longest Night

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas. Increasing numbers of churches are creating sacred space for people living through dark times. Such services are reflective, accepting where we really are, and holding out healing and hope.

FPCE will be joining with the congregation of Waverly Presbyterian Church across the street from Frick Park for their Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. All are welcome to share in this quiet time full of contemplative music and comforting words before the busy holiday.

## Christmas Eve Worship

The traditional candlelight and communion worship service for Christmas Eve will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 24 in the sanctuary.

## Christmas Morning “From Home”

This year, Christmas Day happens to fall on a Sunday. To allow for families to keep their usual Christmas routines and schedules, we have put together a worship service that will be pre-recorded and shown as a Facebook and YouTube Live Premiere broadcasting in real time at 11 a.m. when our normal worship service takes place. An original and unique reader’s theater presentation done via Zoom will be included in the service video, with the readers sharing their portions from home while viewers are watching from home. It’s our way of spending Christmas “together” in our own homes.

## A Season of Giving

For the past several years, FPCE has partnered with Mars Home for Youth when collecting donations for the annual Manger Tree drive. MHY FamilyServices is a non-profit organization serving youth with intensive behavioral needs and social challenges, and providing them a safe environment on their journey to wellness. Each year, MHY supports over 300 children through our residential program, and over 1,000 boys, girls and families in our community through our specialized trauma-based treatment. A list of needed items and ways to donate can be found on the church website at [fpcedgewood.org](http://fpcedgewood.org). Donations must be received by December 5 so the volunteers and staff can organize and distribute accordingly.

In our own backyard, FPCE also supports the efforts of Wilkinsburg Community Ministry in their food distribution programs. WCM provides services to approximately 5,000 residents per year, including senior citizens, citizens with disabilities, at-risk youth, and families who are economically challenged, or facing emergency situations. The unity of several congregations makes it possible for WCM to meet the extreme needs and provide effective community services to all persons regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and creed. Check the church website or visit [wcm15221.org](http://wcm15221.org) for a listing of items needed for their Christmas food distribution.



## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

### Winter Futsal

Futsal is open to boys and girls, ages 8-12. The league will meet for games one weekday evening during the winter months (dates/times are TBD). To allow for the best experience for all participating, registration will be limited to 20 players. The fee for this sport is \$20. Registration will take place through Teamsnap, starting January 2, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/348226>

This information, along with any updates through the season, will also be available on our webpage, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help coach! If interested, or for any questions about the league, please contact Abigail at [office@edgewoodboro](mailto:office@edgewoodboro), or by phone at 412-242-4824, ext 217.

### SPONSORSHIP

If you’re interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit [www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor](http://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!

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## EDGEWOOD RECYCLES

### Christmas Tree Recycling

For updates on the Allegheny County annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program for the 2022/23 holiday season, please check their website: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/christmas-tree-recycling-program.aspx>

Tree recycling normally takes place at all nine park locations (Boyce, Deer Lakes, Harrison Hills, Hartwood Acres, Round Hill, Settlers Cabin, White Oak, and North and South Parks). Trees are recycled and turned into mulch to be used at the parks. All lights, decorations, tinsel, and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

### String Light Recycling

Not sure what to do with those broken, or no longer needed strings of lights after the holidays? There are several ways to get rid of them responsibly. If lights are still in good working condition, you can pass them along to a friend or neighbor; or use a local community social media group or website (ie, Facebook community groups, or your local Buy Nothing group). You can also check area thrift stores to see if they are accepting used but working lights and decorations. Many hardware stores have programs to recycle non-working lights (please consult your local hardware stores to see if they are participating, and for details), and there are several websites where you can mail your broken or unwanted lights. Some may even offer a discount on a future purchase. You can also check with your local waste management company to inquire about recycling options. Finally, if you are feeling creative, you could try to repurpose them (if just a few bulbs are out, you could add them to a jar display for instance).



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## Run! Play! Grow!

For more than 150 years, the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf has a tradition of innovation and ingenuity as the school seeks to position itself as the premier center for the education and empowerment of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in western Pennsylvania and beyond. Guided by the school's Master Plan, WPSD has embarked on a significant investment to ensure the safety of students, improve the community, and enhance the beauty of the campus.

Beginning next summer, the school will begin to execute another installment of this investment on campus to benefit its students. This exciting project will become an extension of the current Children's Center and will be geared toward recreation, socialization and education of our littlest learners. The project involves removing an asphalt parking area in order to relocate our Children's Village and introduce a new recreation space, accessible to all students. Simply stated, the project is designed to create new opportunities for our young students to run, play and grow during the school day.

Established on the campus in 2007, the Children's Village has been a popular destination on campus. It is a place where students from the Children's Center can play and learn as they walk down main street and enjoy any one of the many buildings there. Teachers have implemented a curriculum that uses each building as a teaching destination with specific goals for preschool, kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes.

Relocating the Village to the front of the Children's Center benefits both students and staff. Our students will continue to enjoy a fully-accessible recreation space that offers new socialization opportunities involving play, adventure and making friends. For staff, the configuration allows for easier supervision and monitoring of children. It also improves student and staff safety by eliminating the need to move students along a route that is also used by a variety of vehicles.

While preserving the Children's Village, the project would offer two new exciting opportunities for the school's little learners.

Our student population, particularly between the ages of 3 years old and 6 years old, is growing! The school needs additional space for students to exercise and play. The current playground is too small. The project proposes to install a larger playground that gives children the chance to run, climb, swing, and spin. The space would be designed to provide opportunities for play to all students regardless of their mobility or physical abilities. In addition to the expanded playground, lawn mounds

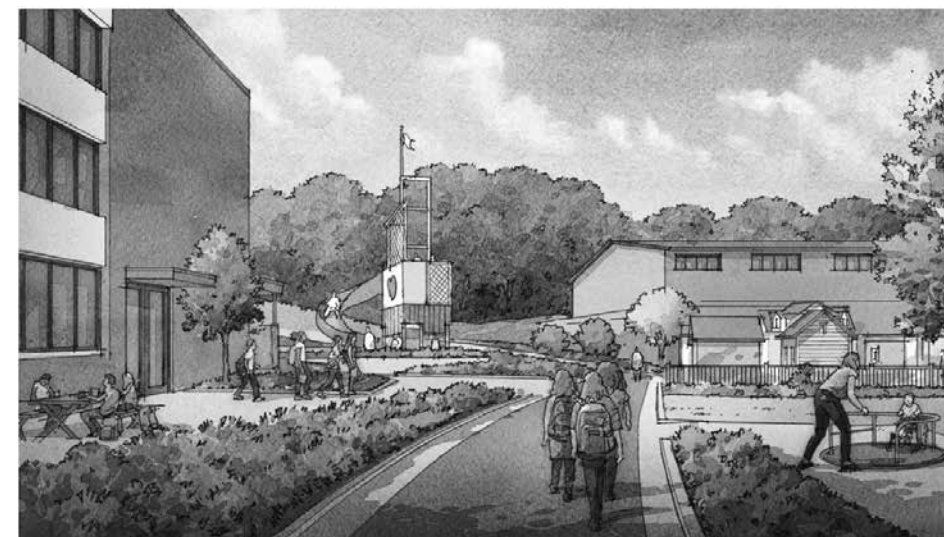
will be a part of the new play area. This unique feature gives students of all abilities the opportunity to play to their fullest extent. Lawn mounds encourage creative play, add visual appeal, and help to build crucial sensory and motor skills.

Our goal is to start construction as soon as the students leave next June for summer vacation. Plans are underway to finalize the design, select equipment, and receive input from teachers and staff. The vision that drives us is the desire to offer a school to deaf and hard of hearing students that is second to none. With your help, we can make that possible.

What does all of this mean for our students? It all adds up to a lot more fun during the school day.

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf is building brighter futures for every student that walks through its doors. We are excited about the positive impacts the school is making in students' lives, and the need to build more capacity for students is a testament to the increasing demand for its programs and services.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or our website to stay current on this project and all of the excitement that is happening on campus. At the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, we are built on tradition but are always looking towards the future. Our kids ALWAYS come first!



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Approximately 80 students from multiple districts gathered at Woodland Hills High School on Tuesday, November 8 to begin preparation and planning for the annual Woodland Hills Student Summit in the spring. Now in its fourth year, the summit continues to grow and incorporate more schools and students. The planning session was the latest expansion to the Student Summit from organizer Ms. Erin Wall, an English teacher at Woodland Hills High School. It featured presentations from experts on effective leadership, the keys to differentiating empathy from sympathy, the characteristics of robust equity, and tips to navigate group dynamics. It also enabled the students to begin preparing their presentations for the spring. Like past years, students have selected specific topics to discuss with the full summit. These topics include racial and social injustice, women's rights, climate change, LGBTQ, animal welfare, mental health, and gun violence. The full Student Summit will be held in the first quarter of 2023.



Mrs. White Price, first grade teacher, is incorporating monthly reading events for all the first graders at Edgewood. The first event was held on November 4. District administrators, including Superintendent Dr. Daniel Castagna, Assistant to the Superintendent of Administrative Services Dr. Pamela White, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Mr. Eddie Willson, Coordinator of Administrative Services Ms. Charmayne Gather, and Special Education/Access Coordinator Ms. Heather Bigney read to the first graders at Edgewood. The event also featured author Karolyn Denson Landrieux, who gave the first graders copies of her latest "Maxine and Beanie" book. Future events will include readers from the high school.

The Woodland Hills High School Marching Band and Images Visual Ensemble was named region champion following a stellar performance at Penn-Trafford High School in late October. The band wowed the crowd and the judges to earn a gold rating en route to being crowned champions. The Woodland Hills High School Marching Band and Images Visual Ensemble competes as part of the Tournament of Champions, a multi-state organization that oversees competitions throughout the region. Woodland Hills participates in Region 8, which includes western Pennsylvania and western West Virginia.

The New Pittsburgh Courier recently named Teresa Hawthorne as one of the recipients of the 2022 Women of Excellence Award. Ms. Hawthorne has been part of the Woodland Hills School District for almost a decade, with most of that time as the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. The New Pittsburgh Courier's Women of Excellence Awards celebrate local African American women who inspire others through their vision, leadership, achievements, and community service. "Receiving this award is a blessing from God. I believe that it's important to celebrate our wins along our journey no matter how big they are or how small they may seem," Ms. Hawthorne said. "This milestone along my journey reminds me that the challenges, struggles, and mistakes that I have made along the way only prepared me for a time such as this. It's an honor to know that the work that God has instilled in me is being acknowledged by a reputable company such as The New Pittsburgh Courier. It's an even bigger honor to be among the other women of excellence recipients who are all so deserving."



### Join C.C. Mellor for our annual Arts and Crafts Fair!

The Edgewood Club will be transformed into a marketplace of treasures on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we host our annual Arts and Crafts Fair. Local artists and craftspeople from around the region will be on hand selling unique and handmade gifts for you and the loved ones on your holiday list.

Last year's fair included upcycled and found object art, handmade clothing and accessories, steampunk sculpture and industrial designs, ornaments and decorative pieces, original photography, notecards and other artwork, delicious baked goods and treats to sweeten up the holidays, and much more! Come see what awaits!

Other programming highlights for December and January include:

**Book Launch Party with Charlie Brice**—We welcome back local author extraordinaire Charlie Brice for the release of his sixth full-length poetry col-

lection, *Pinnacles of Hope*, from 2 to 4 p.m. on December 10 at CCM Edgewood. He'll be joined by Pittsburgh poets Judith Brice, Jason Irwin, and special guest Michael Wurster also reading their poetry.

**Picture Book Book Club**—Join your first book club with Ms. Erin at the library! Every week we'll read a picture book together, then extend the fun with some activities or games. From scavenger hunts to STEM projects to crafts, we'll take a deep dive on the best reads for early elementary schoolers. Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. starting January 3. For kids 5 to 8.

**Financial Workshop for First-Time Homeowners**—Join Neighborhood Works for this all-day, free informational session from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 14 at CCM Forest Hills. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. See our website for more details.

**Trivia on Tour**—Traveling Trivia will make its way to CCM Edgewood on Saturday, January 21. We're the

final stop in this monthly series held at libraries in the Allegheny County East Region so gather your team and prepare to show what you've got! Cost to enter is \$20 per team. Visit our website for more details and registration information.

**Relaxation, Meditation & Mindfulness**—Need a place to clear your head and focus on something unrelated to your everyday stressors? Come for an hour to practice mindfulness, paint, meditate, color, and more! We'll be learning techniques for breathing or meditating one week, and creating something the next. First and third Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. starting January 19.

**Family Blanket Fort Night**—Gather your family, grab your pillows and blankets, and visit the library after hours for Family Fort Night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20! We'll have the whole building to ourselves as we construct our blanket forts. Make sure your fort is structurally sound before the lights go off at 6:45 p.m., when you can read and enjoy a popcorn snack with your family. Registration information can be found at our website. For families with kids 3-8.

Our full slate of fall programming continues through December, and programs including Family Storytime, Baby Talk, Pajama Storytime, Makerspace Monday, Teen Group, Homeschool Book Club, our book clubs, Conversation Salon at CCM Forest Hills and Forest Hills Social Hour are among those continuing in January. We'll also be adding some new kids' programming and activities for adults and kids, so be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ccmellorlibrary and check our website for the latest details!



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 at [ccmellorlibrary](#).



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

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

Kits are once again \$12 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. During December you may purchase kits at the Borough Building, Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. or if you prefer, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

*All The Best of the Holiday Season!*

## Luminaria Order Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Boy Scout Troop 23 / Cub Scout Pack 23



### Boy Scout Troop 23

Scouting (Troop 23) is open to boys ages 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

Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 is always welcoming new members to join the fun! Meetings are Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. For more information, email [edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com](mailto:edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com), call 412-223-7645, or check out Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 on Facebook. Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

### Troop/Pack 23 Holiday Tree Sale

Due to a change in delivery, the dates for the Scout Tree Sale have changed. The original 'save the date' in the newsletter listed the first two weekends of December (3/4 & 10/11). The first weekend of the sale was held November 26 and 27. The sale will continue December 3 and 4, or until sold out. Please check the Scout (Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23) and Borough (Edgewood Borough Community Events) Facebook pages for updates. Come get your tree, and support Scouting in your neighborhood!

Saturday, November 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, November 27, 12-5 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 12-5 p.m.

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**EDGEWOOD BOY SCOUTS**  
**KOENIG FIELD**  
**GREENDALE & RACE STS.**

**Koenig Field, Edgewood**  
**Saturday, November 26**  
**9 a.m.-7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 27**  
**12-5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
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January 12-14 2023 @ 7:30pm  
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## CALENDAR *at a glance...*

### DECEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 5 & 19, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

**Refuse:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Recycling:** 1, 15, 29

**Borough Office closed:** 23-26

**Arts and Crafts Fair:** 3

**Tree Sale:** 3-4

**Light up Edgewood:** 3

**ESO Holiday Concert:** 3

**Santa Through the**

**Neighborhood:** 17

**Luminaria Sale:** Nov 25-Dec 24

### JANUARY

**Council Meetings:** 2 & 17\*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

**Refuse:** 5, 12, 20\*, 26

**Recycling:** 12, 26

**Borough Office closed:** 16

*\*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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OR....drop off at the borough building.

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

If you have any questions call: 412-242-4824.



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### Borough Office Information

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  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### Borough Manager

Rob Zahorchak..... 412-242-4824

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

**Public Works**..... 412-242-8424, ext. 220

### Code Enforcement

Dave Naylor..... 412-242-4824, ext. 219

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

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

### Recreation

Abigail Ault..... 412-242-4824, ext. 217

### Tax Office

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

### Wage Taxes

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

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Emergency ..... 911

### Police Chief

Robert C. Payne..... 412-242-4824, ext. 221

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

### Fire Chief

Jim Ireland..... 412-242-9994

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

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Republic Services..... 1-800-464-2120

**Newsletter Editor** ..... 412-242-4824

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## ALLEGHENY COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

### From Action Housing:

The PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development allotted \$2 million to provide whole home repairs to eligible homeowners in Allegheny County. Household incomes cannot exceed 80% AMI.

### Eligible repairs:

- Roofs
- Siding
- Windows
- Foundations
- Handicap-accessible modifications

Please check the website for more information, and to apply. <https://actionhousing.org/our-services/allegheny-county-rehabilitation-program/>

## 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 still 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 on the subject line.

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## BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD 2023 RECYCLING AND WASTE CALENDAR

■ Holiday (collection delayed one day)    ■ Recycling & Trash    ■ Trash Only

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