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POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	JUL.	AUG.	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	3
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	2	0	10
Burglary	1	0	1
Larceny/theft			
Shoplifting	12	9	63
Other	2	1	11
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	6
Arson	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I	17	11	94
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	1	0	3
Vandalism/criminal mischief	2	6	13
Weapons offenses	0	0	1
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	1	0	10
DUI	3	5	22
Disorderly conduct	2	1	10
All other offenses	4	4	30
Total-PART II	13	16	89
GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)	30	27	183
Adult arrests	16	12	105
Juvenile arrests	3	1	6
Total arrests	19	13	111
Incidents/calls	361	332	2639
Animal complaints	3	3	8
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	14	3	64
PART I CRIMES	17	11	94
PART II CRIMES	13	16	89
Domestic complaints	3	1	14
Juvenile contacts/complaints	4	0	13
Miscellaneous reports	251	239	1903
Police reports filed	110	93	736
False alarms	3	1	34
Public nuisance/disturbances	2	5	37
Suspicious person/incidents	14	13	99
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	12	13	75
Traffic related			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	1	0	12
Non-reportable accidents	8	12	78
Traffic stops conducted	49	102	493
Traffic citations	25	41	323
Non-traffic citations	4	2	19
Parking tags	136	0	993
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS	1049	900	7834



From The Manager’s Desk

2026 Parking Permits

Resident on-street and visitor on-street parking permits go on sale Monday, December 1, 2025. 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.

Permits for the Ivy Street, Laurel Street, Elm Street, Oakview Avenue, and Willow Place off-street parking lots will be made available for purchase based upon requests starting on Monday December 8, 2025. Residents interested in purchasing an off-street lot permit should submit their completed permit application to the borough on or before Monday December 8, 2025. 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.

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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

Pittsburgh Tutor

The ‘Spotlight’ for our November/December feature is Pittsburgh Tutor, which is celebrating 10 years in business this January. Along with comprehensive test prep, Pittsburgh Tutor offers tutoring services for grades K-12 in all subject areas. Located under Eyes On Regent Square, their hallways are bustling with students seeking academic support and intervention, but also enrichment. Pittsburgh Tutor is open year-round and tailors instruction to each student’s individual needs.

Owner, Essie Blader, who lives in the neighborhood, enjoys creating long-lasting relationships with families and plays a critical role in student success. As a former mentor teacher and reading specialist, Essie and her team of 35 tutors are continuing their work with Pittsburgh-area schools and families through one-on-one instruction. “Our tutors are some of the best teachers in Pittsburgh. We rely on developing meaningful relationships with our students to help them recognize their potential as learners.”

“There is an undeniable magic about Regent Square,” says Blader. “I’m so happy that we’ve found our home here!”



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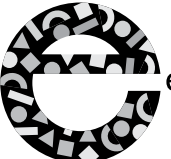
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Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

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Monday through Friday 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
& Saturday 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
 Each kit is \$20 (10 bags, 10 candles, sand)
 Pay by cash, Venmo, PayPal or
 check payable to **Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department**.
Proceeds support EVFD operations/equipment.
 Luminaria are placed and lit on Christmas Eve to
 keep a cherished Edgewood tradition glowing.
Order form included at the bottom of the page

Santa Around the Neighborhood Saturday, December 6
 Starting about 2 p.m., Santa will tour Edgewood on a fire truck,
 then join Light Up Edgewood for the tree lighting and photos.


Holiday Safety Tips

We're proud to continue the Edgewood Christmas Eve luminaria tradition—please follow these safety tips:

- Set bags on pavement, away from any structure
- Keep at least 3 ft from leaves/porches/combustibles
- Avoid high winds
- Never leave candles unattended
- Fully extinguish by 11 p.m.
- Test smoke/CO alarms
- Keep 3 ft clearance around space heaters
- Aater live trees daily.

Serve or Support

Curious about volunteering or have questions? Visit www.edgewoodfire.org or stop by our Thursday night drill at 7 p.m. We welcome firefighters and support members—training provided. Year-end donations are also appreciated and directly support community safety.

Luminaria Order Form

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

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

 **EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION**

Light Up Night, 2025

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30-8:30 P.M.

Edgewood Foundation will be taking the lead in hosting Light-Up Night. Another beloved Edgewood tradition, Light-Up night gives us a chance to bundle up and enjoy an evening of lights, magic, and fun along Maple Avenue. After the tree is lit at Memorial Park at 6:30 p.m., kids of all ages can enjoy hot cocoa, apple cider, visits with Santa, carols and carriage rides. There is no cost to attend this event.



Progressive Dinner, 2026

SAVE THE DATE—The Edgewood Foundation is planning this event for Saturday, February 28, 2026. More details on page 7 of this newsletter!

 **First Presbyterian Church of EDGEWOOD**
 The Community Church

- **Pet Ministry** upcoming memorial service, pantry, meeting
- **Soup with St. Nick**, December 3 at 6 p.m.
- **FPCE Christmas Eve Service:** Traditional Candlelight/Communion at 8 p.m.

Please refer to our website: www.fpcedgewood.org for further information.

 **EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The Edgewood Symphony will perform their annual holiday concert at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood on Saturday December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Always a popular and spirit-filled evening, magical surprises await you in this joyful holiday concert featuring the ESO debut of soprano Chantal Braziel. You'll also hear other favorites from Leroy Anderson, John Rutter, Mel Torme, the Suite from "It's a Wonderful Life," and perhaps a few pieces new to you to add to your list of favorites. And, of course, no holiday celebration would be complete without a visit from dear old Santa!

More information and a link to concert tickets are at www.edgewoodssymphony.org.

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Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner
Saturday, February 28, 2026!

For nearly 30 years, The Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner has been a great way to meet new neighbors and spend time catching up with old friends. You start in one home for appetizers, switch to a smaller group at another house for dinner, and then all attendees gather for dessert and cocktails at the end of the evening. All guests must be over the age of 21.

Schedule

- 6 p.m. Appetizers with groups of approximately 50 people
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with groups of 8-12 people
- 9 p.m. Dessert & Cocktails with the entire group

We always need homes to host each part of the evening please consider hosting!
Call if you have any questions: 412-897-4296



2026 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Saturday, February 28, 6-11 p.m. \$45 per person
RSVP by February 15.

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

- _____ 1. Provide salad/bread for 12 guests
- _____ 2. Provide an appetizer to share among 30-40 guests
- _____ 3. Provide dessert to share among 30-40 guests
- _____ 4. Host an appetizer party for 45 guests
- _____ 5. Host dinner for 8-12 guests (no cooking required!)

We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification 5-7 days in advance.

Guest 1: _____
Address: _____ Cell: _____

Guest 2: _____
Address: _____ Cell: _____

Email required for communication: _____

☐ **Vegetarian (#)** _____ ☐ **Allergies?** _____
(We will try to accommodate all requests)

Please pay online at **Edgewoodfoundation.org** or by check made out to **Edgewood Foundation** by February 15, 2026.

RETURN FORM/CHECK to 2 RACE STREET, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 (Borough Building).

All guests must be age 21 or over to attend.





Wayne Dean, 2025 Limpert Award Winner



The Edgewood Foundation is honored to announce that **Wayne Dean** has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the Limpert Award, an honor established in 1991 to recognize Edgewood residents who selflessly dedicate themselves to the service of their community. Created in memory of William Limpert, the Foundation's founding president, the award is a symbol of Edgewood's gratitude to those who embody the spirit of giving and community stewardship.

A lifelong Edgewood resident, Wayne has spent decades strengthening the fabric of the Borough through his tireless volunteer work, mentorship and dedication to his neighbors.

As the Troop Leader with Boy Scout Troop 23, Wayne has helped guide generations of scouts through projects, outdoor experiences, and service opportunities that instill lifelong values of responsibility and community engagement. His influence has been felt not only by the scouts but also by the broader community, which has benefited from their service projects and growth under his leadership.

As a twelve-year Army Airborne veteran, Wayne has a special passion for honoring those who served. He has worked tirelessly to restore and maintain Memorial Park, ensuring it remains a place of dignity and remembrance. Each year, he organizes meaningful Veteran's Day and Memorial Day services there. Afterward, he often prepares and provides a community meal—much of it out of his own kitchen and pocket—because he believes in giving back and bringing people together.

As a Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, Wayne plays an instrumental role in both spiritual and community life. He has coordinated the church's popular spaghetti dinners, worked on church building projects, and offered his handyman skills to help fellow church members and neighbors with projects in their homes. His quiet acts of service reflect his deep care for the people around him.

In addition, Wayne has taken the lead in coordinating class reunions for Edgewood alumni, keeping friendships alive and helping maintain the Borough's strong sense of connection across generations.

Through all of these endeavors, Wayne Dean has exemplified the qualities the Limpert Award was created to honor: generosity, leadership, humility, and a lifelong commitment to serving Edgewood and its residents.

Wayne's name will be added to the Limpert Award plaque, displayed at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, alongside past recipients who, like him, have left an enduring mark on the Edgewood community. The Edgewood Foundation will honor Wayne for his steadfast dedication during our Wine & Chocolate fundraiser on November 15th. If you'd like to attend, tickets are available at www.edgewoodfoundation.org

Boy Scout Troop 23
Cub Scout Pack 23

- **Boy Scout 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 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.
- **Cub Scout Pack 23** is always welcoming new members to join the fun! Meetings are Monday nights at 6:30 during the school year. For more information, email 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.

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EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Sports

Field reservations

Groups or individuals engaged in an organized (i.e. leagues, social clubs, amateur associations, etc) sporting activity are required to apply for and receive a field use permit. Individuals or small groups wanting dedicated space are encouraged to make a reservation to ensure access, especially during peak times. Otherwise, field space/courts are first come, first serve.

Scheduling preference will be given to Edgewood residents and then to other leagues, groups, clubs and associations. The public may use all other parts of Koenig Field at any time that are not reserved.

Reservations are accepted from April 1–November 15. The tennis/pickleball courts, restrooms and water fountains are closed to the public outside of the dates listed above. Other areas of the field may still be used for off-season personal and recreational use. Edgewood Borough withholds the right to make changes to availability of any part of Koenig Field.

Soccer 'thank you'—Thank you to our fantastic Edgewood Soccer volunteer coaches who dedicated their time, and to all the families for their support to make this another great year for the kids!

Men's Basketball meets once a week for a two hour session. The anticipated

start in late December or early January and will run through March. The fee to participate is \$40 for the season. Registration is taken through Teamsnap, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/496057>

For questions about the league, please email Matt Dettore at matthewdettore@gmail.com. For questions related to registration, please email Abby at office@edgewoodboro.com, or call 412-242-4824, ext 217.

Winter Futsal is open to boys and girls, ages 7-13. The league will meet for a practice/scrimmage one day each week during the winter months (dates/times are TBD) in two age divided sessions (7-9 and 10-13). To allow for the best experience for all participating, registration will be limited to 20 players per division. The fee for this sport is \$25. Registration will take place through Teamsnap, starting December 15, using this link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/502301>.

This information, along with any updates throughout the season, will also be available on our webpage, edgewood.pgh.pa.us, and Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community Events. If you would like to help coach (Clearances are required), or for any questions about the league, please contact Abigail at office@edgewoodboro.com, 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. 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!*



Woodland Hills School District

2025 Homecoming Festivities

Congratulations to the 2025 Woodland Hills High School Homecoming King and Queen—Scoop Smith and Domonique Brown-Taylor! This year's court also includes Sonny Davis (first runner-up for Homecoming King), Nijaya Estes (first runner-up for Homecoming Queen), Andree Carrington (second runner-up for Homecoming King), Caitlin Burke (second runner-up for Homecoming Queen), Landon Akins, Kevin Agbodoh, Leo Alfieri, Kerwin Byrd, Calise Cowans-Rini, Aseelah Daniels Robinson, Olivia Davidson, and Jasira Lee.

The festivities celebrated all of the fall sports teams, featured performances by the cheerleaders and band, and included the annual Homecoming Float contest. The afternoon also featured the annual crowning of a staff Homecoming King and Queen. Mrs. Rehm and Officer Nick were awarded the crowns, and they were joined in the court by Ms. Bellows, Mr. Biondo, Ms. Delio, Mr. Maloney, and Ms. Schricker. The weekend also including the annual Homecoming Parade, a win over Latrobe in the Homecoming football game, and a dance for the high school students.



Awards for Woodland Hills Marching Band and Images Visual Ensemble

The Woodland Hills Marching Band and Images Visual Ensemble took home silver at the annual Tournament of Bands Region 8 Championship. The Wolverines band competed in Class 4A and earned a score of 84.52, their highest score of the season. The band earned awards for High Music, Percussion, and Auxiliary. Senior Aniya Williams was recognized as Performer of the Week for her performance on the trumpet.

Update on Campus Construction

Construction at Edgewood Elementary and on the Woodland Hills High School campus progressed throughout the fall. By the time students and staff enjoy the Thanksgiving and winter breaks, both projects should be largely completed. Edgewood students will have new lockers and all of their classrooms finished to go along with the extensive exterior and interior renovations that were done over the winter, spring, and summer. At the high school, most of the work is expected to be completed on a new competition area for the track and field team, new fields for baseball and softball, and new tennis courts by Thanksgiving. Finishing touches will be made prior to the spring sports season.

Upcoming Winter/Spring Performances

The Woodland Hills Performing Arts Department will launch its performance season in December with a special presentation by the high school performing arts class on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. This special production will serve as an appetizer to the junior musical production of "Guys and Dolls," which will run from January 15 through January 17. This year's spring musical is "Young Frankenstein," which will take the stage April 23, 24, and 25, as well as April 30, May 1, and May 2.

Woodland Hills will also have multiple winter concerts across all grade levels in December. The high school concerts will be December 9 and December 11, which each starting at 7:30 p.m. Sixth graders, seventh graders, and eighth graders will each have their winter concerts at Dickson STEAM Academy, while fifth graders at Edgewood Elementary, Turtle Creek Elementary, and Wilkins Elementary will each have their own showcase concerts. Keep an eye out on district and school social media for official dates and times for those performances.

Help Eliminate Lead from Your Drinking Water At No Cost to You!

The Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority is offering homeowners in eligible neighborhoods a free replacement of lead service lines through a state-funded program aimed at improving public health and water quality.

Lead pipes can pose a serious health risk—especially to children and pregnant women—even if your water is treated. Replacing your lead service line ensures safer, cleaner drinking water for your household.

If you own your home and have a lead service line, you may qualify for a full replacement at no cost.

Participation is easy, but your permission is required to get started.

Learn more or give permission to participate by visiting: www.wpjwa.com.

This initiative is funded through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and supported by local and state leaders committed to safe, reliable water for all Pennsylvanians.

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Mellor Memorial Library at CCM Edgewood branch (E) and CCM Forest Hills branch (FH)

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library has an exciting lineup of programs coming this fall & winter for all ages. Go to ccmellorlibrary.org to learn more.

Arts & Crafts Fair (E) Saturday, December 6 at 9 a.m. An amazing line-up of local artists and craftsfolk will feature their work, just in time for the holiday season. A perfect place to shop local, and find that one-of-a-kind item for everyone on your list. Local jewelers, potters, photographers, metalworkers, etc. will all have their work at hand.

Kids & Family Fun

Dog Man Unleashed (F) Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m. Yee HAW! It's everyone's favorite half-man half-dog crime-fighting sensation, Dog Man! Drop in and visit the stations to perform superhero stunts, draw your own comics, catch Petey the Cat, and more! Best for ages 5-8 and their families.

Creation Station Dinosaur Day (F) Saturday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m. For kids ages 4-8. Come enjoy a special Saturday story time at 10:30am with an all-day drop-in dinosaur craft.

Minecraft Mob (E) Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m. Experience your favorite game IRL at the library with crafts, games, snacks, and more in stations around the children's room at the library. Whether you're a Minecraft noob or a pro, we'll have plenty of stations around the library to keep you entertained IRL!

Countdown to Noon (E) Wednesday, December 31 at 11 a.m. 3, 2, 1, Happy Noon Year! Join the party and countdown to noon with us! We'll have crafts, games, and snacks, plus noisemakers for our grand finale, all so you can be home before naptime.

Tween Programs

Snack It Up (E) Wednesdays in November at 5 p.m. Hungry? Why not Snack It Up? We'll practice following the steps of recipes and try inventing our own snacks. For tweens ages 8 to 12.

Giftable Crafts (E) Wednesdays in December at 5 p.m. Let your artsy side free with a different craft every week, perfect for gifting to friends and family or keeping for yourself! Ages 8-12.

Adult Programs

All About Vaudeville (F) Thursday, November 13 at 2:30 p.m. Join us for a presentation by Paul Roth of Osher Institutes about the early days of Vaudeville. Refreshments will be served.
D&D One-shot (E) November 13 at 5 p.m. & (F) November 14 at 5 p.m. Are you looking to jump into the magical world of Dungeons and Dragons? Our resident DM, Becka, will be hosting a beginner friendly One-Shot adventure!

Bookmark Making (E) Thursday, November 20 at 6 p.m. With the holidays right around the corner, why not stop by and make some bookmark presents? Perfect for that special bookworm in your life.

Victorian Tea (F) Thursday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. Join us for a presentation by Lori McDermott about the history and rituals of tea in the Victorian Age. Refreshments will be served. Please register to save your place.

Adult DM-ing 101 (E) Thursday, December 11 at 5 p.m. Ever wanted to learn how to run your own Dungeons and Dragons campaign? Come ask our resident DM, Becka, any questions you have!

Our full slate of regular programs will continue through the fall including Baby Talk, Family Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Makerspace Monday, The Wanderers, Forest Hills Social Hour, Knitting Group, Conversation Salon, Fourth Tuesday Book Club, Drop Dead Book Club, Great Outdoors Book Club, Mahjong and Crafting Circle.

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Understanding the Proposed 2026 Borough Property Tax Rate

To all residents of the Borough:

As your Borough Council prepares the budget for the upcoming year, our commitment is to provide full transparency regarding the financial health and future needs of our community.

After careful and extensive deliberation, Borough Council is proposing a property tax rate increase for the 2026 fiscal year. We do not take this proposal lightly, and we believe it is essential to share the reasons behind this decision, what it means for you, and how we arrived at this conclusion.

The Financial Context: A Decade of Holding the Line

The Borough has not had a property tax rate increase since 2016.

For the past ten years, we have successfully managed a budget that has remained relatively flat at approximately \$4 million (excluding occasional, non-recurring grants). This budget funds the essential services you rely on every day, including:

- Our police
- Road paving, street maintenance, and snow removal
- Contributions to our volunteer fire department and community library
- Maintenance for our parks and trees
- Community Day and other public events

However, as every resident has experienced, the costs for nearly everything have risen significantly since 2016. Our largest drivers—employment, healthcare, and insurance costs—have all increased substantially.

Why Now?

For the past several years, we have balanced the budget by “squeezing” discretionary spending. This has included hard choices like delaying the replacement of essential borough vehicles and deferring the annual street paving program for a year.

We have reached a point where this approach is no longer sustainable. Continued deferral of these necessary services and investments will not only degrade the quality of life in our neighborhood but will ultimately cost taxpayers more in the long run as small repairs become major, more expensive failures.

To continue providing the high level of service residents expect and deserve, we must raise revenue.

The Proposal

The current proposal is to increase the property tax rate by 1.0 mill, changing the rate from 7.185 mills to 8.185 mills.

What does this mean for a property owner?

- For a property with an assessed value of \$200,000, this 1.0 mill increase would mean a total annual tax increase of \$200 (or approximately \$16.67 per month).
- It is important to remember that your property's assessed value (used for tax purposes) is different from, and likely much lower than, its current market or sale price.
- It is also important to remember that some property assessments can decrease which

Answering Your Questions

Why one increase instead of several smaller ones? Council considered a series of smaller, yearly increases but believes a single, larger adjustment is the better approach. This provides more stability and certainty for both residents and the Borough's budget, allowing for better long-term planning. The current Council members intend for this new rate to last at least five years, though we cannot guarantee what future councils may decide.

What happens when the county does a full reassessment? We want to be very clear on this point. If and when the county conducts a county-wide reassessment, the Borough is required by state law to reset its tax rate to be “revenue neutral.” This means the reassessment process itself cannot, by law, create a financial windfall for the Borough.

Join the Conversation

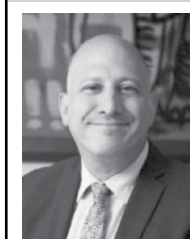
This decision involves balancing the community's needs with the financial realities we all face. We encourage you to see the full details and discuss these trade-offs with us.

There will be a public hearing regarding the 2026 budget scheduled once the draft budget is prepared and ready for adoption. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 1, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the borough building. In general, the public can comment at all regularly scheduled meetings held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

If you are unable to attend but have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to pass them along to the Borough Manager or your elected Council members. All contact information is available on the Borough website: www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us.

Respectfully,

Ben Love
Vice President of Council



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PERSONAL INJURY & WORKERS' COMPENSATION

UPDATES FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



State Rep. Abigail Salisbury

Pennsylvania’s 34th Legislative District

Legislative update: Facts, not fear, should guide autism policymaking; keeping state police resources where they belong

At a press conference earlier this year, President Trump and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced an association between Tylenol/ acetaminophen use during pregnancy and the development of autism.

That theory—contradicted by a vast body of current medical research—drove home just how urgently we need to ensure that our state policymaking is guided by science.

As chair of the Pennsylvania Autism Caucus and the first person with autism to hold this position, I hosted a House Policy Committee hearing featuring experts in medicine, mental health and epidemiology. They discussed the state of current research, which does not support a link between Tylenol use and autism. They also highlighted the fallacy of pointing to a single cause of autism given the multiple genetic components; the dangers of spreading speculative information; and the importance of developing clear messaging to support truth and dispel fear.

With so much disinformation coming from federal sources and the potential for so much harm, it’s crucial that our policymaking remains grounded in facts, evidence, and reliable research. Our hearing was a step in the right direction.

You can watch the hearing at <https://www.youtube.com/live/-0WdZlhsORs>.

Keeping state police resources where they belong – with the state

In other legislative news, I am introducing legislation that would codify current Pennsylvania State Police policy prohibiting the PSP from entering into an agreement to assist in ICE arrests.

A growing number of law enforcement agencies around the country are signing on to assist the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency with immigration arrests. These 287(g) agreements divert state troopers from their regular work assisting municipal police departments and dilute resources available for local law enforcement operations.

My legislation would ensure that troopers can focus on their state responsibilities and that we can keep precious state resources from being diverted to the federal government.

Seniors—don’t forget to file for your rebate!

I want to remind income-eligible seniors and residents with a disability that Dec. 31 is the deadline to apply for a rebate on property tax or rent paid in 2024. The current income limit is \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters.

To learn more about the program, visit www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr or contact our office at 412-273-3400. We can help you determine whether you qualify, and, if so, we can help you apply. (Please bring a photo ID, proof of all 2024 income, and proof of 2024 property taxes paid (homeowners) or completed PA Rent Certificate (renters)).

Finally, please remember that my talented staff can assist with a wide range of other state-related services, from filing for other state programs to obtaining a senior ConnectCard or disability placard, to solving questions or problems involving state agencies. Call us at 412-273-3400, e-mail us at RepSalisbury@pahouse.net, or visit us at 501 Braddock Ave., Suite 105, in Braddock Monday through Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Stop by and see how we can help!



Congressman Chris Deluzio

Congressman Chris Deluzio (PA-17)

Money back in your pocket

Since taking office in January 2023, my team of constituent caseworkers has been firing on all cylinders to make life better for all of us—it’s a big part of why I’m in this job. And it’s paying off.

I’m excited to share that my office has hit a major milestone in our work to serve the good people of Western PA: **more than \$10 million returned to constituents in earned federal government benefits and services.**

Whether it’s needing help cutting through the bureaucracy to get earned veterans’ benefits, or fixing a student loan problem, or getting the tax refund that you’re owed—my team is hard at work to serve you.

More than 32 months in office, and my team has closed nearly 3,000 constituent cases—**putting money back in your pockets, totaling more than \$10.1 million dollars.** One of those closed cases was for Mary in Shaler. **Watch Mary’s story** to learn about how my office helped get her back on disability benefits.

And we’re not slowing down.

I’ve got district offices in Carnegie, Center Township, and Penn Hills, and my team stands ready to help. **Give us a call** at 412-344-5583.

Very respectfully,

Christopher R. Deluzio

Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress

Want to learn more about Congressman Deluzio’s work? Sign up for his e-newsletter at <https://deluzio.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>, or follow him on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly twitter), Threads, Bluesky, and YouTube.

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A note from the real estate tax collector...

Any unpaid 2025 Edgewood Borough real estate tax is due at penalty and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector at the end of December. Please send your payments to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. by December 31 to avoid any additional penalties. Checks should be made out to the Borough of Edgewood.

The 2025 Woodland Hills School tax is also due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The first installment was due October 31. The second installment is due January 31, 2026 and the final installment due March 31, 2026. Checks should be made out to Woodland Hills School District.

All Real Estate payments should be mailed to Jordan Tax Service, Inc., 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317. Please call 724-731-2300 with any questions.

CALENDAR at a glance...

NOVEMBER

Council Meetings: 3 & 17, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 6, 13, 20, 28*

Recycling: 13, 28*

Borough Office Closed: 27, 28

Election Day: 4

Free Pasta Dinner: 5

An Evening of Wine and Chocolate: 15

Scout Tree Sale: 28 (runs weekends into December)

DECEMBER

Council Meetings: 1 & 15, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

Refuse: 4, 11, 18, 26*

Recycling: 11, 26*

Borough Office Closed: 25

Soup with Saint Nick: 3

Santa Around the Neighborhood: 6

Arts and Crafts Fair: 6

ESO Holiday Concert: 6

Light-up Edgewood: 6

*Delayed due to holiday

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

Email: newsletter@edgewoodboro.com

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

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

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