

# EDGEWOOD

AUGUST 2007

## EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY DAY 2007 SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:30 a.m. ....5K Race Walkers Begin  
9 a.m. ....5K Race Runners Begin  
11 a.m. ....Parade  
12 – 1 .....Performance by local marching band  
1 p.m. ....See “Spot” the dog  
1 – 3 p.m. ....Performance by Traxx  
2 p.m. ....Fireman Chicken, Chicken wings, & ribs dinner  
2 – 6 p.m. ....Airhead balloons  
3 – 4 p.m. ....Performance by Turning Point  
4:15 – 7:15 p.m. ....Performance by Hoodoo Drug Store  
5:45 p.m. ....Police Raffle and 50/50 drawing for Recreation and Fire Department  
7:45 – 8:45 p.m. ....Edgewood Symphony Orchestra  
9 p.m. ....Zambelli Fireworks Display

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Intermediate climbing wall

Sticky obstacle course  
Giant twister  
Children’s games



## Annual Festival Brings Day-Long Fun; Temporary Traffic Inconvenience

Community Day is a great annual tradition that brings the community together for a variety of family-friendly activities, but it also causes some traffic problems as borough roads are closed for the 5K Race and Family Fun Walk, and the Community Day Parade.

The race begins, appropriately enough, at Koenig Field House near Race Street. It proceeds down Greendale, then follows New, West Swissvale, Pennwood, under the underpass on Race, East Swissvale, Oakview, Chestnut, Elm, Linden, Maple, Beech, Locust, Hawthorn, Walnut, East

Swissvale, Race, Pennwood, Little Race, and back to Greendale. These streets will be closed from approximately 8:15-10 a.m. For a complete map of the course, visit the borough website.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the top of Maple and takes a fairly direct route to the field.

If you live along either of these routes, be aware that your street will be closed for some portion of the morning, and plan ahead if you need to get your car out.

# EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



## Library

### Story Swap

Join your friends at the library for a performance by the students who have been learning the fine art of storytelling with Alan Irvine. This production for friends and family is Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.

### Show Them the Money

Help your kids learn financial literacy The Saturday, August 11 class covers checking and savings accounts, and on August 25 the topic is basic investments. Be at the library at 1:30 p.m. to gain financial savvy early.

### Summer Reading Clubs

The summer reading clubs end at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 11. You may use the log form on the Library's home page or tell us in person. There will be no extensions.

The reading clubs' ending party will be held on Tuesday, August 14 from

5-6:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Club Ballroom. If you have completed the requirements for the reading clubs (read to me and independent readers) you will receive an invitation to join us for the "Mystery's Most Wanted" dinner theater beginning August 1.

Teen Readers' Club wrap up party will be held by invitation only, Wednesday August 15 from 6:30 - 7:30p.m.

### Community Day

The library will sponsor a visit from Maisy, the loveable mouse from storyland in the annual Community Day parade on August 18. Maisy will also be down at Koenig Field handing out books to the young people in attendance.

### Grandparents' Day Crafts

Come to the library on Saturday, September 1 at 11 a.m. to make something special for these special people in our lives. Reserve your spot by Thursday, August 30.

### PJs R Us

Come to the library in your jammies on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. for Pajama Family Story Hour.

### Batter Up!

Take yourself out to the ballgame at this baseball-themed event Saturday, September 8 at noon. Participants will have a sporting good time with stories, games and a craft. Children 4-10 will really love this event! Register by Thursday, September 6.

### The Return of the Baby Lap Sit

Baby lap sits will resume on Monday, September 10 and run through Monday, October 29, all at 10:30 a.m. Bring your baby up to 18 months of age to a special program just for the both of you. Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes and meet other parents, infants and toddlers.

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### A President Busch Resigns

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the resignation of Vaughn Busch as the President and key member of the Edgewood Foundation.

Vaughn has made many contributions to the Foundation and to the borough of Edgewood during his time on the board. He was instrumental in the development of the 2007 Edgewood Directory. He developed a database that allowed the Foundation to automate our appeals letter process, while continuing to give follow up letters and thank you notes a personal touch.

Vaughn expanded the Edgewood Foundation's fundraising efforts in December 2005 by adding a theater event to our calendar, which was followed up in 2006 with a Wine and Chocolate gala. Our high school seniors benefited from Vaughn's talents as the annual Senior Brunch grew during his tenure.

He was instrumental in bringing more visibility and community awareness of the Edgewood Foundation to the community. He brought a fresh look, new ideas and tons of energy to the Foundation that positively changed the dynamics of the Board and our

relationship with our business partners.

While Vaughn is leaving the Edgewood Foundation as a member of our Board of Directors, he will continue to take part in and volunteer for our events, and will also continue to maintain the foundation website, [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org). We speak for all of Edgewood when we say Vaughn will be missed in his role at the Edgewood Foundation, but we are happy to still have him as a pillar of our community.

### New to Edgewood?

Want some information? A glass of wine? The Edgewood Foundation can help! Please join us for our Newcomer's reception Thursday, September 20 at 7 p.m. The reception will be held at an Edgewood residence with a mix of local community groups and leaders on hand to answer questions and to put a face with that name. You will also be able to pick up goodie bags from local vendors. There will be wine and light refreshments served. Please watch your mailboxes for your invitation. For more information please contact Niki Augustine at (412) 371-1711 or [niki.augustine@gmail.com](mailto:niki.augustine@gmail.com)

### Your Place or Mine?

On that newcomer's note, we are looking for a host for this year's recep-

tion. If you would like to open your home please contact Niki Augustine no later than August 30.

### Community Day

Don't forget to visit the Edgewood Foundation booth for your free bag of popcorn. While you are there pick up an Edgewood Directory at the cost of \$10.

## Home Delivered Meals

### Need Meals?

Edgewood Home Delivered Meals is supported by the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood and run by the Eastern Area Adult Services. Any Edgewood or Swissvale resident who is unable to shop for or prepare meals during a period of recuperation or for a longer term is eligible to receive this service. Volunteers deliver meals Monday through Fridays if you or a member of your family needs this kind of help, call (412) 731-6125 and register with the director, Jodi Trovato.

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## Historical Society

### Once and Future Programs

In April, the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and the Edgewood Historical Society sponsored a joint program Sue Pollins a docent with the Westmoreland Museum of American Art, presented a program which emphasized the Scalp Level artists. George Hetzel, an Edgewood native, was a major artist of this group.

Several programs are scheduled for the balance of the year. In September, David Goggin will narrate a video on the Battle of Antiem that he made with fellow teachers from Fox Chapel High School. For December, Joan Mancuso from Erie will present a program on the Braddock Road reenactments Watch newsletter for further details.

### Community Day Booth

Please visit our booth at Community Day August 18. There will be two tables of flea market items for sale. Several new historical posts cards on the Union Switch & Signal will be on sale.



AT LONG LAST: The traditional photograph of graduating high school seniors at the Edgewood Foundation's annual Senior Brunch. Thanks to all the parents who sent their photos in. Pictured are, l. to r., Row One; Ellen Valentine, Alaire Chybrzynski, Abby Van Wassen, Hannah Chybrzynski, Lauren Evans, and Ellie Sbarkey. Row Two: Alex Laun, Tyler McGuigan, Joe Podnar, and Katie Kefalos. Row Three: Margaret Freedline, Amanda Stewart,, Paul Gleason, and Danny Horner.

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## Edgewood 5K

It's time for the running of the 23rd annual running of the Edgewood Community Day 5K Race and Family Fun Walk, Community Day, August 18. Race applications have been mailed to those who participated in the past, and are available at the borough building, the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, and at many local businesses.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us – we need people at registration, on the course, and at the water stop. We'd like to hear from those who have volunteered in the past, as well as first-timers.

For more information, e-mail [edgewood5krace@yahoo.com](mailto:edgewood5krace@yahoo.com), or call Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345. Maps and registration forms are available on the borough website.

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### A Fair in the Park

Mark your calendar Sunday, September 9 at 1 p.m. for the ESO's first performance at A Fair in the Park in Mellon Park. A Fair in the Park is an annual contemporary craft festival presented by The Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh. Mellon Park is behind Fifth and Shady Avenues, adjacent to The

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### Fall Season

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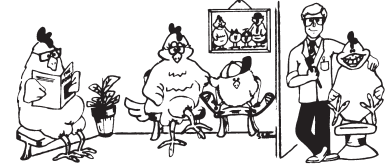
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# Borough Manager

## Community Day

I hope everyone will come out for Community Day on Saturday, August 18. The fireworks show will likely be the most up close display you will ever see.

## Comprehensive Planning Process

The borough is in the midst of several initiatives that will have long-term effects on the borough. Our comprehensive plan is moving forward. Our public meeting in May, seeking community input, attracted almost 80 residents. We are in the midst of selecting a professional planning firm that will assist in the planning and improvement of Edgewood Avenue. The goal is not only the physical improvements themselves, but to formulate a plan that will impact the future of Edgewood Avenue, Edgewood Towne Center, and the borough owned "parcel D" adjacent to Edgewood Towne Center.

## Code Enforcement Initiative

The final initiative began in early July. The borough is serious about maintaining the quality of our community. The borough's ability to maintain itself as a desirable place to live begins with maintaining the value of our community. While this argument can center on public safety or tax burden I believe that its most fundamental component is the quality of our housing stock

and specifically our code enforcement efforts. The borough has begun going street by street inspecting properties. We will work our way through every street, past every property in the borough. We will issue warning letters, allow time for improvements to be made, but issue citations and take property owners before the magistrate if necessary.

These inspections will focus on every aspect of a property that falls under our property maintenance code. This includes curbs, sidewalks, grass and shrubs, as well as those aspects of a property visible from the street. We will be fair, but apply the same standards throughout every street on every property in the borough. For those of you who have complained about specific properties, please be patient. The citation system provides a generous amount of time to offenders, and the system often allows tremendous leeway to those inclined to not take care of their property.

Oftentimes, as many of you are aware, questionable activity often centers around neglected or abandoned properties. We can allow neither of those to continue in this borough. Dilapidated properties have a tendency to not stay isolated. In those areas of town where those properties have appeared we will stay focused in eliminating them. Property owners will be responsible for maintaining their properties or be answerable for their neglect. I will continue to report on our efforts.

*By Kurt Ferguson  
Borough Manager*



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# Police Report

## 911 Training

Officer Nugent from the Edgewood Police Department, along with Beth Butler from Allegheny County 911, were at the Edgewood Primary School on May 25 to teach the first grade class about 911. The children learned how to dial the number were given an explanation of what it is used for.

The children also received a safety talk about strangers and were given a chance to make a 911 call to hear what questions will be asked of them by the 911 operator. They also toured the 911 training van. Thanks to Allegheny County 911 and Jean McAteer, the school principal, for their help.

## Community Day

Community Day is almost here and the Edgewood Police Department is gearing up. We will again have our police booth at the event and be giving away free items to the residents of Edgewood. We will have our annual children's raffle later in the evening and will again raffle off bikes, gift cards and other assorted prizes. The Pittsburgh Penguins have donated numerous items to be given away which will be made into a gift basket and given away to one lucky child. The basket will include a signed bobble head of Sid Crosby, so make sure your child signs up at the police booth for a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes.

## New Officer

Congratulations to Mike Ferguson, who was sworn in on June 4 as Edgewood Borough's newest full-time officer. He has already been working in Edgewood as a part-time officer, as well as working part-time with the East

## Police Tip of the Month

Summer vacation time is here. When you leave for vacation, your home should not appear to be vacant. This means ensuring mail or newspapers don't pile up. Be sure to put lights on timers throughout your home. You can also call the borough with your vacation information so that in case there is an emergency, the Police Department will be able to make contact with you while you are away.

McKeesport Police Department. We wish Officer Ferguson a long and thriving career with Edgewood.

## Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 2,636 calls for service in May 2007. There were 831 incidents reported, 371 complaints received and 13 accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and 11 of which resulted in property damage.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 19 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were no robberies, one motor vehicle theft, 13 shoplifting incidents, one aggravated assault, and three other crimes.

There were 20 adult and one juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 176 traffic citations, 365 parking citations and three arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were three vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and no narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 16 false alarm calls, took 499 reports, responded

to 33 public nuisance complaints, wrote 10 non-traffic citation and responded to 23 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood  
Chief of Police*



## Tax Time

### Woodland Hills Taxes

The Woodland Hills School District tax bills were mailed out on July 1. The current millage for the school is 24.65. If you have not received your tax bill, have changed your mortgage company or are now responsible for your tax payments please call my office so I can mail you a copy. As a homeowner, you are responsible for getting that information to me and to the Allegheny County Treasurer's office.

This tax is due at discount until August 31. Payment will not be accepted at discount if it is received after this date unless it is postmarked. If you are paying in installments, the first installment is due by August 31 also. If it is received after that date, the tax will no longer be accepted in installments. Please read the back of your bill.

### Borough Taxes

The borough taxes are due penalty as of July 31. If you have any questions about your tax bills, feel free to call me at (412) 731-0200 on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

*By Maureen Smith  
Tax Collector*

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# EVFD

## Community Day

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. PLEASE contract me if you have a convertible that we can use in the parade. If you can't drive it we can provide a driver.

The long wait is now over for the infamous chicken or rib dinners. Dinners consist of half of a barbecue chicken or ribs, corn on the cob, coleslaw and a roll. Chef Kevin advised that the dinners should be ready to go around 2-ish. The price for this feast is still only \$8. This year we will also be selling wings. Three types will be available: garlic/butter, Buffalo and barbecue. Come often and bring an appetite!

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## Get on the Truck

You may have noticed these signs at the borough building and Keonig Field. They were provided through a grant for the Woodland Hills fire departments in an effort to boost membership. The number of volunteers has been dropping, not just in our area, but also statewide. I have had a few inquiries since putting the signs up so they are working – now to get the members.

The EVFD will also be offering a junior firefighter program. Currently our by-laws state that you must be 18 years of age to join, but the junior program allows 14 year olds to join. If you know of anyone interested in joining contact me at firechief@edgewoodboro.com.

*By Dave Andrews  
Fire Chief*



*NOT SO MAD DAD: Matt Weiss of East Hutchinson Avenue joins Edgewood and Wilkinsburg kids by the Wilkinsburg fire truck at the MAD DADS' Fathers' Day community cookout held at the Hamnett Street Station parking lot. Food, fun, and music rocked the day, as the Mad Dads reached out to community kids. MAD DADS stands for Men Against Destruction-Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder. For more information, visit www.maddads.com.*

  
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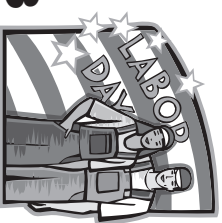
  
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# August/September

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 AUGUST</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB Monday Movie Night, KF	<b>7</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>8</b> 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Story Swap, CCML	<b>9</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse Pickup	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:30 Financial Literacy, CCML
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	<b>14</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>15</b> 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:30 Financial Literacy, CCML  
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>21</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>22</b> 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>23</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse Pickup	<b>24</b> WHSD Taxes Due at Discount or First Installation	<b>25</b> 11 Grandparents Day Crafts, CCML
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 7:30 Borough Council, BB	<b>29</b> 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 PJ Story Hour, CCML	<b>30</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>31</b>	<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or [edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com).  
 FOOTNOTES:AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETC-Edgewood Toune Centre  
 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJH-West Jr High School

# THE SCOOP

## GET ON THE TRUCK

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department wants you.  
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## COMING SOON TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Edgewood Borough is beginning a code enforcement inspection initiative.  
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## COMMUNITY DAY

The annual family fun day is August 18.  
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