

EDGEWOOD



APRIL 1905

Spring Cleaning Goes Borough-Wide: Here's How and Where to Help!

Several local organizations have teamed up to see that Edgewood gets a great spring cleaning and beautification. These groups are seeking volunteers for a number of projects around the borough.

The Great Pennsylvania Cleanup

For the second year, the Edgewood Garden Club, the Edgewood Foundation and the Borough of Edgewood are participating in the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup, a project of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and Keep America Beautiful.

And if you think getting six organizations to cooperate is tough, get this – for 2005, they are joined by the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association and Pennsylvania CleanWays of Allegheny County.

Edgewood's part of this project, which is held in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations, begins with coffee and doughnuts at Koenig Field House at 9 a.m. on April 23.

Volunteers will be divided into clean-up teams assigned to areas of the borough in need of picking up, sweeping up, and sprucing up.

Trash bags and safety vests have been provided by the state. Participants are asked to bring their own gloves and hats, drinking water, and sunscreen. The clean up will go on until noon, rain or shine.

For more information, contact Katharine Luckett at (412) 241-5140, or kluckett5@comcast.net.

Parkway Planting

The seventh edition of Edgewood's Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Highly Visible Roadway Plantings will be created on Saturday, May 14 begin-

ning at 9:30 a.m. We need hose layers, hole diggers, flower planters, and mulch shovelers. Workers of all ages are welcomed. Supplies to bring along may include gloves, a small trowel, kneeling mat, shovel, or wheelbarrow. Afterwards, plan on lunch at the Mulholland's, where Gloria's hot sausage will again appear on the menu. Call Greer at (412) 731-1089 or e-mail her at greermulholland@yahoo.com for more information.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The Edgewood Garden Club will hold its annual Memorial Park Plant Sale on Sunday, May 15 from noon – 5 p.m.

The Garden Club always welcomes new members. For more information, contact Pat McKenna at (412) 371-1477. Get involved and get ready for the spring!



TWO DONNAS, NO PRIMADONNAS: Donna Lewis and Donna Patterson pitched in at last year's spring clean-up project by working at the intersection of Walnut Street and the Port Authority Busway. Volunteers are being encouraged to claim a neighborhood and pitch in again this year. Keep Edgewood beautiful!

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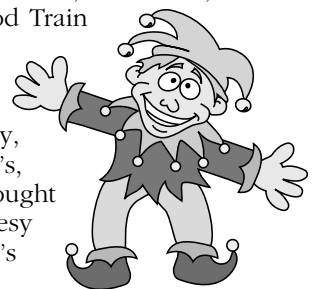
Angry residents crowded the Borough of Edgewood Council Chambers at the April 1, 2005 meeting, when the council shocked citizens by agreeing to merge with the City of Pittsburgh.

"We feel that the city needs a helping hand," said one council member, who chose to remain anonymous. "This will benefit everyone. We're especially looking forward to televised news coverage of our council meetings."

With the merger comes merged police and fire services, as well as merged governments. As the newsletter went to press, Edgewood Mayor Jean Davin and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy were engaging in a bout of paper/rock/scissors to determine who will get the top job.

The Edgewood Community Day 5k Run and Walk will now substitute for the Pittsburgh Marathon, and rumor has it that the Community Day Fireworks display will replace the city Fourth of July celebration at the Point. The Three Rivers Arts Festival will be held at Koenig Field, during a time when no Pirates game is scheduled there.

Part of the deal, of course, is that the Edgewood Train Station is to become a McDonald's. Yes, this story, like last year's, has been brought to you courtesy of April Fool's Day.





Library

Book (Sale) Report

This year's book sale was the best ever. Success of the sale rests in the hands of the many volunteers who helped put it all together. Volunteers from Edgewood include Connie Black, Rebecca Taksel, Marilyn Knolle, Kitty Fuchs, Harry Winslow, Linda Bush, Sue Bailey, Laura Rundell, Sue Phillippi, Mandy Mitchell, Tom Reid, DeDe Beal, Greer and Gary Mulholland, and Bill and Ann Taymans. Also a big thanks to the Edgewood Club who let the library use the ballroom for the weekend.

Thanks to All Our Volunteers

The library also uses volunteers to keep things going day to day. A core group of volunteers help us keep the doors open on Sundays; these include Owen and Carol Lewis, Mandy Mitchell, and Sharon Nelson-LeGall. Helping us during the week are Anne Merrifield and Laura Rundell.

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Deadline for the May issue is April 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail marmozette@comcast.net

Board News

The library wishes to give a big thank you to outgoing board members Tony Sallo, Victor Wojciak, and Jim Sismour. Tony served on the board for almost 15 years and Victor was a member for more than five years. These individuals will be replaced by John Belechak, Pat Doyle, and Rich Chene.

Memorial Gift

The Edgewood Garden Club has made a gift in memory of Ann Cypher. A book on gardening will be added to the collection.

Inner Genius

The Discover Your Inner Genius program will hold its first monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the library boardroom. The March meeting was cancelled. Discussion for the program will be based on Michael Gelb's *Discover Your Genius: How to Think Like History's Ten Most Revolutionary Minds*. Copies of the book can be picked up at the library. Register for the program at the adult circulation desk.

Still Dropping Dead

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss *One Corpse Too Many* by Elizabeth Peters. The program is open to all. No registration is required and copies of the book can be picked up at the children's desk.

April Showers

The Toddler Time theme on Saturday, April 9 will be "Singin' in the Rain." Children four and under are

invited with a caregiver to enjoy songs, stories, and art. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Please register by Friday, April 8.

Parent and Child Reunion

The Parent/Child book Club, for children 4 - 7 with a parent, will meet on Saturday, April 9 at 1 p.m. We will review *Chester's Way* by Kevin Henkes. Pick up your copy at the library today, and reserve your spot by Friday, April 8.

Lost!

Help Charles Chauncey Mellor find his lost library card on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Join us National Library week for a scavenger hunt in the Fred Rogers Children's room. Reserve your spot by Friday, April 15.

Flower Power

Join Sue for a paper flower making workshop on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Please make your reservation by Friday, April 22.

Steel Heritage

Laura Runcell from the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area will present a unique program for children on the history of the steel industry. The program will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. and will be geared for children six and up. Sign up by Friday, April 29.

All events are free of charge and open to the public. Please register by the appropriate dates. For more information, or to register, please call the library at (412) 731-0909.

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Like all flea markets (only better), this is an opportunity to grab great bargains on your neighbors' gently used items. Feed your shopping habit without breaking the bank, and enjoy visiting with friends while you do it.

Of course, we need your fleas as well as your shopping dollar. Clean out your attics and bring your unwanted treasures in good condition down to the church (School Street door), or call Joy Goethert for pickup. No clothes, tires or large furniture, please.

If anyone in the community would like to help sort or set up the week before the sale, we'd love to have your help. Call Joy at (412) 731-1640, or the church at (412) 241-4613. Or just hop on down on flea market day.

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- August 29. First Day for Students
 - September 5. Labor Day
 - September 26 High School Open House
 - September 27 . . . Jr. High Open House
 - September 28 Intermediate Open House
 - September 29. . . Primary Open House
 - September 30 Clerical Day - no school
 - October 10 Inservice - no school
 - November 10 & 11 . . . Parent Teacher Conferences
 - November 24-28. . Thanksgiving Break
 - December 22 – January 22. . . Winter Break
 - January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 - February 17. . . . Inservice - no school
 - February 20 No school
 - March 9 Parent Teacher Conf.
 - March 10. Inservice - no school
 - March 31. Inservice - no school
 - April 13-17 Spring Break
 - May 17. Kennywood Picnic
 - May 29. Memorial Day
 - June 8 Last Day for Students
- Snow Days will be made up at the end of the school year.

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ASL Classes


American Sign Language classes on the WPSD campus for spring will start on April 6 and run every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 until June 8. Please contact Jessica Wells at (412) 244-4207 or jwells@wpsd.org for more information.

Monsters Return

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Borough Manager

Newspaper Recycling

The borough is in the final stages of creating a new newspaper recycling program. This will differ from our current recycling program because there will be a drop-off site for our residents. You will be able to recycle newspapers, phone books, magazines, and junk mail. The drop off site will be at the borough building, next to the public works garage and should be up and running sometime near the end of April. Please watch the reader board in front of the borough building, as it will announce when the program begins.

Please remember that once the program is up and running, these items are not to go into your recycling cans. Residents can accumulate newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and phone books, but will need to bring them to the drop off site at the borough building.

This program is not only good for the environment, but will increase the tonnage of recycling material we collect. The borough receives an annual grant based on the amount of tons we collect. My hope is to be able to double the amount we receive with this new program. Please watch the reader board over the next several weeks.

*By Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager*



EVFD

Spring Safety Check-up

Although the snow is still flying as I write this, we must remember that this is now the time for the spring safety check-up. Soon the mowers will be mowing and the weed whackers will be whacking and this means the additional supply of flammable liquids around the house. If you do not have one, we recommend highly that you purchase an approved gas can to store your gasoline. Although the metal safety can is a bit more expensive, the investment could save replacing your house.

Never store gas or gas-powered equipment in your basement – remember, it's the fumes that burn, not the gas itself. Never store gasoline in a glass container. If by chance you have kerosene in a container never use it for gasoline. The combination of the two will produce an explosion similar to

dynamite. Keep all of your flammable liquids in a well-ventilated area and of courses away from children.

Cabin Fever

Cabin fever is weighing on the members of the EFD just as it is on everyone. Due to the weather our training these past months has been kept to inside drills. Assistant Chief Kevin Laird may have his own game show with his "what you should know about your town" quiz. We are eagerly waiting to tear through two donated cars with the Jaws of Life to perfect our skills of extrication. We are also planning multi-company training on Thursdays with our mutual aide companies. If you're in the area and want to learn a little more of what we do, or find a cheap way to entertain the children, visit us when we drill Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Grantsmanship Revisited

EFD will be pursuing a Department of Homeland Security Grant once again. Keep your fingers crossed! We are also awaiting word on a grant from the State Fire Commissioner to replace turnout gear. The results should be in soon.

Don't Rain on our Parade

I hope everyone is planning his or her float for the Community Day Parade. The countdown is on – four months and counting!

*By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief*

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Police Report

Yeah, But What About Bettis?

The Edgewood Police Department is happy to announce that Chief Paul Wood recently signed a new four-year contract with the borough.

Fine for Parking

Just a reminder that parking ticket fines are going from \$7.50 to \$10 if paid within 72 hours and \$15 to \$20 if paid after 72 hours. The increased fines went into effect on April 1.

Hoop Dreams Dashed

The Police All-Star basketball team came up a little short to the Woodland Hills Teachers this year. The score was 68 to 62 in a hard fought battle at West Junior High. Everyone had a good time and some money was raised for the DARE program. We would like to thank everyone who braved the snowy conditions to attend the game and we hope to see you there again next year.

For the second year in a row, your hometown Steelers were too much for the Police All-Stars to handle on the basketball court. The Police lost 87 to 82 to the mighty Steelers led by Ike Taylor and James Harrison. The game was held at the Woodland Hills High gym to a nearly sold out audience. Steeler players gave autographs and posed for pictures at half time, so everyone came out a winner. Steeler prizes were also given away during the half time festivities. We hope everyone enjoyed what has become a great community event and hope to see everyone there again next year. Let's go Steelers!



Police Tip of the Month

Spring is in the air and there will be more people walking around the borough now that winter is gone. Please keep all bicycles, lawn mowers, and other personal property out of sight and locked up. It only takes a few minutes for someone to take the item and be gone. Don't make the thief's job an easy one.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,267 calls for service in February. There were 446 incidents reported, 153 complaints received and 10 accidents investigated, of which one resulted in personal injury.

Part I Crimes are the more serious crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Of the 26 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, 15 were shoplifting and six were other crimes.

There were 14 adult and 5 juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 26 traffic citations and five parking citations, and made two arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were four vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and three narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 17 false alarm calls, took 247 reports, responded to 24 public nuisance complaints, wrote five non-traffic citations and responded to 15 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
Chief of Police*



Tax Time

Borough Taxes

If spring is here, it can only mean one thing: taxes! The 2005 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax bill was mailed out on April 1, so if you don't receive it by the time you read this newsletter, call me. It may have gotten lost or sent to the wrong address, person or mortgage company. If you refinanced and have not notified the county or me, please do. This is the only way we know where to send the bill.

Woodland Hills Taxes

The 2004 Woodland Hills School taxes will be turned over as delinquent sometime this month, so if you still haven't paid them, get your payment in ASAP so there are no additional penalties or interest added on.

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*By Maureen Smith
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Looking Back

It has been almost three years since I took the job as recreation director for the Borough of Edgewood. We have certainly come a long way in this time, and I look forward to continued program expansion. We have just finished another very successful basketball season, with more participation than ever before. I am investigating the possibility of increased gym use so that we may expand this program even further next year.

Basketball

First, I would like to thank Louis Boccio for his continued help with refereeing, counseling and overall support to the basketball program. In addition, I would like to extend a thank you to all of the volunteer coaches; they are truly the heart and soul of the program. In addition, Ted Tragard was honored for his 20 years of coaching with Edgewood Recreation Basketball League. We have just finished another successful season; now onto baseball.

Edgewood Night at PNC Park

Edgewood Recreation will again offer discounted tickets to a game at PNC Park. Last year, we had over 50 people from our area enjoy an evening

at PNC Park. Watch the newsletter for more information as we move into baseball season.

Baseball

Edgewood baseball will begin in just a few weeks. With sunny skies ahead, the baseball fields are screaming for attention. While it has been a slow start, this year's baseball season should be a promising one. We have many of our former coaches returning (including yours truly; who, along with Ned Schano and Mike Rensland, will be returning for our seventh season as Edgewood Little League coaches).

We have seen the Edgewood baseball program grow in many ways, including winning Edgewood's first nine- and ten-year-old championship, fielding two teams in most age groups and helping to restructure many of the Woodland Hills Youth Baseball League (WHYBL) rules.

Tee Ball

Because of the bad weather, tee ball for five and six year olds did not meet as often as we had hoped last season; however, we have a new plan to correct possible weather conditions. Tee-ball fees will be waived for anyone who participated last season.

Coaches Pitch

This program for seven and eight year olds has been one of our most successful programs over the past three



years, I would like to welcome back second year coach Howard Rohan.

Child Pitch

After the regular season, returning coaches Mark Kush and John Bilyak were able to field an Edgewood all-star team of nine and ten year olds which represented Edgewood exceptionally well in several tournaments last year.

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Waffle and More

The 11- and 12-year-old age group has proven to be successful on and off the field. For the past three years, the kids in this age group have visited residents of the Jane Holmes Residence, a local retirement community. Last year we had our first annual waffle-ball game with the staff of Jane Holmes.

Softball

I encourage our girls to register with Edgewood Softball. Our in-house league is well developed. "Coach Kip" will be returning for a fifth year and, along with other volunteer coaches, has developed our league very well. I am investigating possibilities of an all-star traveling team following the regular season.

New Rules

Programs are open to everyone, however, WHYBL (7-12 years of age) has changed its bylaws: If you are a new register and live in the Woodland Hills School District, you must now register where you live. This rule only

applies to those children who have not previously played in WHYBL and reside in Edgewood, Forest Hills, Chalfant, Swissvale or Wilkins Township.

5K Training Group

This year, in order to encourage Edgewoodians to compete in the annual Community Day 5K Race and Walk, the recreation department will be sponsoring a training group. Aspiring walkers and runners of all levels are invited to join us Thursday evenings beginning mid-May at Koenig Field. Anyone interested in joining the group should e-mail Marjie Stewart at marmozette@comcast.net. Watch the next newsletter for more information.

Movie Night

Movies will be shown each Monday this summer at Koenig Field. For the past two summers we have shown some of the more popular movies and this summer will be no different. You can pick up a full list of movies at the C.C. Memorial Mellor Library, the

Edgewood Borough Building and at any Edgewood Recreation event.

Thanks to Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers; I would not have been able to accomplish so much without the solid support of our volunteer network. As always, we are looking for coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and bookkeepers for all programs. Parents and families can help in other ways as well; as we move forward with the new structure of the Recreation Department, it is more important than ever to help. For anyone interested in donating time, or sponsoring the program please call or e-mail the recreation office.

Finally, we continue to look for funding for our programs. If you or your company may be interested in helping support youth programming, please contact my office.

*By James Morris
Recreation Director*

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Progressive Dinner Thanks

The Edgewood Foundation's progressive dinner committee would like to thank the many people who contributed time, energy, and material goods for their efforts. The evening, as usual, was a great mix of friends and neighbors traveling around the borough for good food and good conversation.

Of particular help to the event were Marc and Jane Wallace, who supplied a wonderful mix of music for dessert; Hayley Doering who was the winner of the 2005 recipe search for the vegetarian entrée recipe (She will receive two free meals at the 2006 progressive dinner.); the committee – Kristin Richards and Sherri Evashavik; and volunteers Angel Lehrian and Julie Croluis, who were also very helpful in completing all the projects that go into this event.

We would also like to thank the Edgewood Club for the use of the club for the dessert portion of the evening.

If you would like to be part of this event by volunteering, please call Amy Andrews Hooks at (412) 247-9513, or sign up at one of the Foundation's upcoming events. The 2006 dinner is set for February 11.

Edgewood Directory

The Edgewood Foundation is looking into the possibility of publishing the next edition of the Edgewood Directory. This must-have book has traditionally been published every three to four years since 1935.

Anyone with helpful suggestions or interested in helping with this project should call Foundation President Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345, or e-mail him at vaughn_busch@yahoo.com.

Board Update

Donna Lewis was recently elected to the Edgewood Foundation board, taking the seat left vacant by the resignation of Wolf Goethert. Residents will recognize Donna as the pleasant voice of reason who answers the phones at the borough office.

Calling All Seniors!



Graduating high school seniors, that is. The Edgewood Foundation is looking for all Edgewood residents who are members of the graduating Class of 2005 to join us at a brunch on Sunday, May 15 at noon at the Edgewood Club. Memories, entertainment, good food and fun will all be part of the day and each student will receive a special gift. Family and friends are also welcome. To be sure you receive an invitation, please call Laura Horner at (412) 241-7786 to be placed on the list.


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To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or marmozette@comcast.net.
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 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KR-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WPH-West Jr High School

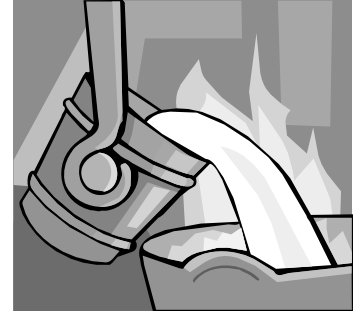
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