

EDGEWOOD

MAY 2005

Edgewood Earth Day Events Clean Up Borough, Dedicate Recycling Bin

Edgewood celebrated Earth Day in two separate events held Saturday, April 23.

At 8:30, Council President Mitch Brouman cut the ribbon and he and Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson dumped the ceremonial first newspapers in the new borough paper recycling bin.

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail and telephone books can be taken to the dumpster behind the borough building for recycling. Materials should not be packaged in plastic bags, but may be put in paper bags or tied with string.

From there, dedicated volunteers trooped to Koenig Field House, where clean-up commander-in-chief Katherine Luckett distributed safety vests, work gloves and trash bags and sent trash pickers to the trashiest parts of town.

Among collected items were two tires, a hub cap, a road sign, a fleece pullover, and a Christmas wreath.

Sponsors and volunteers alike encourage everyone, residents and passers by, to help keep Edgewood clean in the coming year.



TWO GUYS AND A DUMPSTER: Council President Mitch Brouman and Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson cut the caution tape to dedicate the new newspaper recycling bin behind the borough building.

Fishy Fun For The Children's Room

Looking for some new and interesting works of art? Thinking about supporting your local library? This summer the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is giving everyone the opportunity to do both.

Local artists have created fabulous and fascinating fish. Some are painted wood, some are mosaic, others ceramic —there is even a quilted fish. A silent auction will be held

throughout the summer with all proceeds going to the library's award winning children's programming. The kick off for this slightly fishy art auction is Friday, June 3 at the Edgewood Foundation's community swim party at the Edgewood Club. The fish will be on display at the library and around town with bidding continuing until Community Day in August.

This is a great chance to hook up with some fun objet d'arte and help the library to continue to offer the excellent children's programming it has become famous for.

Call Sally Bogie at (412) 731-0909 or Greer Mulholland at (412) 731-1089 for more information.





Library

Jimmy Buffett Tickets

Attention Parrotheads! If you missed your chance to buy tickets for the upcoming Jimmy Buffett concert because you were at the library's book sale the morning tickets went on sale, there is still a chance to get tickets at a reasonable price. The library is raffling two tickets to the Jimmy Buffett concert, which is on Sunday, June 25 at 6 p.m. at PNC Park. Each chance costs \$5. Chances are available at the children's and adult circulation desks in Edgewood as well as the branch library in Forest Hills. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will support the library building fund.

Art Works

A gift from the Gormley family in memory of their parents William and Elena Gormley has allowed the library to clean and reframe its existing pictures as well as purchase and frame pictures by local artists of local scenes. Artists from Edgewood who are represented in the collection are Frank Webb, Dave Clark, Lu Damionos, Veryl Lee, John A. Brown, and Olive Gray Davidson.

We have biographical information on all of the artists except for Olive Gray Davidson. All we know about her is that she lived on Lincoln Avenue. If you have any more information about Mrs. Davidson, please let us know. Her painting is a charming picture of the intersections of Maple, Edgewood, and East Swissvale Avenues.

In addition to the above works the library also has two larger works.

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These include a pencil and paint work on the walls of the adult fiction room by Mario Marzan an Edgewood resident and CMU graduate student. The other installation is a stained glass and mirrored mosaic by Daviea Davis also an Edgewood resident who is working with other libraries on mosaic projects.

Please stop in to see all of our fine pieces.

Memorial

The library has received memorial gifts for former resident Jean Joseph; Mary Godin, mother of Carla Santoliquido; and Al Van Holt, Edgewood Club employee.

Milk Crates

If you want to dispose of your old sturdy plastic milk crates, the library would be happy to have them. We can use them for storing books for our book sale.

Worth More than a Nickel

On Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m., Laura Nickel, author of *Alexander's Hospital Stay*, will visit the library to talk to three to eight year olds about her book. There is also a hands-on component to this workshop. Sign up today, as you do not want to miss this wonderful workshop.

Parent/Child Book Club

Parent/Child book club reviews *Precious and the Boobag* by Patricia McKissack on Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library. Pick up your copy and make your reservation today.

Movie Day

Check out a new release with your family at the library on Saturday, May 28 at 12 noon.

Summer Story Time Change

Wednesday 1:30 afternoon story time ends June 1 and resumes in September.

Safety First

Officers from the Edgewood Police Department will discuss summer safety issues with children on Saturday, June 11 at noon.

Parent/Child Workshop

Parents with Children from birth up to three years of age are encouraged to participate in a Parent/Child Workshop on Tuesdays in June from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Family Place provides opportunities for parents to meet resource professionals in a variety of child development areas and ask questions. You can also meet new families while you and child engage in play. Register by June 5.

Dragons, Etc.

The summer reading club kick-off party, Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds @ your library, will be held Monday, June 13 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. Register for the summer reading clubs, enjoy a snack and be entertained by Knights of the Classroom.

Reserve your spot for this free event by Saturday, June 11.

Joust Do it

Teen Readers-Joust Read summer reading club kicks off Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the library. Make your reservation to join us by Monday, June 13.

By *Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill*
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Making a Splash

The Edgewood Foundation is sponsoring a community pool party at the Edgewood Club on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

All residents are invited to this free swimming and socializing party. Swimmers and non-swimmers alike are encouraged to come for a dip, or just to see and be seen on the neighborhood scene.

The event will be the first public appearance of the library's fund-raising fish (see page 1). Also, the foundation will be announcing its plans for the future, including Community Day, Light-Up Night, and the holiday show, Winter Solstice. The producer and director will be at the party, as will playwright Marjorie Stewart.

Bring the kids – lifeguards will be on duty. Snacks and beverages will be plentiful – and free of charge.

Many of our Edgewood neighbors have never been to the Club's pool. This is an excellent opportunity to check out the facilities in a social setting. The Edgewood Club, a co-sponsor of this event, will also make special membership offers to those who attend the party.

Historical Society

Soldiers and Sailors

In March a small group toured the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Palmer and Hornbostel designed this structure in 1907. It is patterned after the Mausoleum of Halicarnessus (one of the seven wonders of the ancient world). David Goggin who was on the committee to restore the exhibits provided a narrative. Originally erected as a Memorial for the Grand Army of the Republic (Civil War), Soldiers and Sailors was

later expanded to honor other wars. Late in the nineties a private non-profit group took it over from the Allegheny County government. Extensive renovations were made to the hall and exhibits. The efforts are well worth a visit and now include new exhibits that reflect current conflicts such as the War in Iraq.

Local History in June

The Society June program will be an oral history given by long time Edgewood residents. Details will be in the next newsletter.

ABC School

Spring Fever

Have fun in May – the Woodland Hills High School Prom will be held Tuesday, May 17, and the Kennywood Picnic will be held Wednesday, May 18. There will be no school for students on May 18.

DA, da da DUH da . . .

In case you don't recognize the headline, that's the opening strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." The more

musical version will be heard at the Woodland Hills High School Graduation, to be held on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. (remember that the date has been changed because of a snow day). Congratulations to all Edgewood members of the Class of 2005

June 7 will also be the last day of school for District students.



WPSD

Graduation

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 9.

Golf Outing

The ElRoy Face Annual Golf Outing, supporting the Parent Infant Program at WPSD, will be held on Thursday, June 30 at 11 a.m. at Champion Lakes Golf Course in Ligonier. Contact Jessica Wells for more information at (412) 244-4207, or by e-mail at jwells@wpsd.org

Monsters Postponed

The WPSD Monster Yard Sale has been postponed until June 4.

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EVFD

Always Start with a Joke

If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims of course! Sorry but I had to get that out of my system.

Writer's Block, Maybe?

So I get the email that it's newsletter time. So I go to my Line Officers and say, "Yinz got any ideas?" So please let me share with you the outcome.

Where Was that Fire, Again?

Assistant Chief Kevin Laird writes: What about mentioning the visibility of your house number and address? Something like, "Now is a good time to up-date those faded or missing house numbers. All house numbers should be visible from the street 24 hours a day".

Careful with those Chemicals

Kevin went on to say, You could also mention chlorine and the safe shortage of chemicals used for pools and home cleaning, maybe even mention not to mix chlorines, bleaches or cleaning products in general. If this happens, call the fire department.

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Was That a Siren?

If you really want to get crazy, Kevin continued, you could remind people that state law requires them to pull to the right and come to a complete stop if a emergency vehicle approaches using their light and sirens. This is a serious traffic offense and you can be fined for not obeying.

And Now a Word from the Chief

Thanks, Kevin, you made this month easy for me. There is one item that I want to add to Kevin's list. Please do not block fire hydrants with garbage cans or garbage bags. Many moons ago, when going to a structure fire, we almost missed a hydrant because of this.

Join Now

Yes, we still need members. Men and women are welcome to join. Community day is three months away – get those floats ready!

*By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief*

(With a Little Help from his Friends)

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Police Report

Lock 'em Up

The police department has an ample supply of bike locks to distribute to our residents. With summer fast approaching, these locks can stop bike thieves dead in their tracks. The locks are free and can be obtained at the borough building.

Calling All Residents

Any resident interested in Crime Watch activities should plan to join Officer Livingston as he goes over plans to improve the Block Watch program in Edgewood Borough. If you have the time and the desire to become involved, please attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. at the borough building. Bring your questions and ideas and get involved. We hope to see you there.

Summer Bike Rodeo

Edgewood's Police Crime Prevention Unit will kick off its summer programs with their fourth annual bicycle rodeo. The rodeo will be held Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the parking lot across from Applebee's in the Edgewood Towne Centre. The event will start with a free safety inspection of your bike, and free bike helmets will be provided to those



Police Tip of the Month

If you notice anything or anyone suspicious in your neighborhood, please call to have the police investigate it. The residents are the eyes and ears of the Edgewood Police. With your help, we can continue to make this a safe place to live for you and your children.

who need them. All participants will then go through several skill courses to test their riding level and be graded on their ability to ride properly and safely. Refreshments will be available and prizes raffled off to participants. Bring your bikes and meet your neighbors at this annual event.

Buckle Up - It's the Law

May 25 will mark the first National Seat belt Law Enforcement Initiative. Police departments across Pennsylvania will conduct nighttime seat belt enforcements activities that night. Edgewood Police will conduct a minicade seatbelt checkpoint on Edgewood Avenue between the hours of 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. the night of May 25. The purpose of this initiative will be to educate the public on the benefits of always using seat belts while operating a vehicle. It will also be pointed out

that it is now state law that seat belts have to be worn at all times while operating a vehicle in Pennsylvania.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,364 calls for service in March 2005. There were 480 incidents reported, seven complaints received and 11 accidents investigated, of which two 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 33 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, three were burglary, 15 were shoplifting and 10 were other crimes.

There were 21 adult and two juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 72 traffic citations, 131 parking citations and made four arrests for driving under the influence.

There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and four narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 15 false alarm calls, took 218 reports, responded to 18 public nuisance complaints, wrote nine non-traffic citations and responded to 13 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
Chief of Police*


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Recreation

Koenig Field Work

Hello everyone. What a spring! The Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, has been preparing Koenig Field for its busy season. More infield dirt has been added, the track has been tamed from the bad weather, grass seed has been thrown and just about every inch of the park has been cleaned. While I recognize the work that still needs to be done, we have already accomplished so much. Our baseball season has just begun. Our kids have had a plethora of practices and are very much prepared for battles against other local communities. Tee-ball and softball are just around the corner.

Baseball

I would like to extend a special thank you to our returning baseball sponsors: Jane Holmes Residence, Trophy Town and the Edgewood Fire Department. Our kids can be proud

of the community members who continue to show support for Edgewood baseball. This will be the third year Jane Holmes Residence will sponsor our 11-and-12-year-old team. The kids meet the residents at a pre-season ice cream social, invite the residents to Koenig Field to watch a game and participate in an end-of-the-year waffle ball game with the staff. It has been a very special relationship that continues to grow in a way the community can be proud.

If you are interested in attending a youth baseball game, schedules can be found at the Edgewood borough building. Nothing says summer better than little league.

Movie Night

The much anticipated list for Monday Movie Night is enclosed in this edition of the newsletter. We have a wide range of movies this year, beginning with The Incredibles on June 13.

Edgewood Recreation is looking for volunteers to work the snack bar from 8-10 on Monday's this summer.

Older Adult Computer Classes

Beginning on Thursday, June 9, Edgewood Recreation will offer an Older Adult Computer Class. This will be the first in a series of classes designed to teach basic computer skills to older adults. Each class of the two-part series will be an hour in length and focus on how to use a computer. For those interested, we will offer future classes designed focused on how to use the internet and email. Please look for registration forms and course descriptions as an insert to this newsletter.

Summer Programs

Each weekday at 10 a.m. Edgewood Recreation will offer one of its summer programs:

- Monday and Wednesday – T-ball (ages 3-6)
- Tuesday – Flag Football (ages 7-10)
- Thursday – Water Balloon Toss- All ages
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A training group will be meeting on Thursday evenings to prepare for the infamous Edgewood 5K. Interested runners should contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345, or by e-mail at marmozette@comcast.net. The first meeting will be held Thursday, May 19 at Koenig Field.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers

As I have said many times, our programs would not be thriving without the support of our volunteers. From coaching to working on the field crew,

volunteerism is the anchor for our programs successes. The core group that we have should be commended for the time, effort and selflessness they offer the community as part of the recreation programs.

Even with the strong support of our current volunteers, I need more help. There is so much you can do to help our programs thrive. Do not feel that a commitment would require substantial effort; help is needed at many different levels. If you are able to help, or are just interested and would like to know more, please call or email my office.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas for new programs please contact my office. Here's to a fun summer! See you at the movies.

*By James Morris
Recreation Director*



Church

Here's Your Sign

You may not notice it by day, but it sure makes a statement at night. After years of discussion, debate, and fundraising, the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood has finally replaced its aging, dilapidated marquee sign with a tasteful, much more visible lighted display board to alert the community to our ongoing programs and outreach events. We hope that as you drive by busy East Swissvale Avenue, you will take a moment to find out what is happening at FPCE, and consider joining us for one or more of our many community-oriented events.

We label ourselves "The Community Church," not only because we are the only church in Edgewood, but because our mission is to be just that, a church in and for the community. We hope shedding a little light on our property will take us just a small step closer toward achieving that mission.

Caregiver Support Group Continues

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood continues its efforts to provide meaningful programming for the Edgewood community. Our caregiver support group, "Caring for the Care-Giver," continues through this month in hopes of helping those who help others. If you are one of those special people who devotes tireless hours to providing care for a friend or loved one, this group may be for you. Join us on Sundays, May 1, 8, and 15, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the church lounge for sessions led by Dr. Leslie Lehman, a

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A Mexican Mission Fiesta

FPCE will host its annual "Fiesta de Mayo" Community Celebration on Sunday, May 15, from 2 – 5 p.m. The afternoon will feature Mexican cuisine, baked goods, games, music, piñatas, a silent auction, and a chili cook-off. The festivities take place at the church and will be set up in the parking lot (weather permitting). Entrance admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets for food and games will be sold separately. All proceeds will benefit the church's mission activities.

We Remember

As has been the custom for many years, the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood invites all members of the

Borough of Edgewood to attend a Community Memorial Day Service, to be held at Memorial Park on Sunday, May 29 at 12:15 p.m. A gun salute, reading of those who gave their lives in service to their country, reflection from community leaders, and prayers and music for our country all mark the day's events. Please join us for this short but meaningful time of remembering and honoring our service men and women.

Strawberry Festival is Coming!

As the temperatures begin to rise and summer vacation approaches, what better way to enjoy the time than to have a delicious dessert at the annual Strawberry Festival hosted by the Deacons of FPCE? This year's festival takes place on Wednesday, June 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. on the side lawn of the church (weather permitting). Enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake or strawberry sundaes for the bargain price of \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children up to age 10. Second helpings are available for half price. Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the Deacons.

Summer FROGS and VBS

FPCE will be offering two different opportunities for children this summer: our enrichment program, FROGS; and our annual Vacation Bible School. VBS is set for the week of June 13-17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., and is open to all ages.

FROGS (Friends, Religion, and Other Great Stuff) is set to begin its summer enrichment session beginning Tuesday, June 20, and will run during the daytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout most of the summer. More specific details will be available next month. Registration costs are set at \$30 per child, or \$40 per family. Volunteers will be needed, as will donations of certain snack and supply items.

Get the Details

For information on any of these programs, call the church office, 412-241-4613. Also, check for updated information online at www.fpcedgewood.org.

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<p>8 MAY</p> <p>11 Church, FPCE 12 Senior Brunch, FC 1 Caregivers, FPCE 2 Fiesta De Mayo, FPCE</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters, CCML</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 The Edge, FPCE</p>	<p>12 Refuse & Recycling Pickup</p> <p>7 Running Club, KF</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 ESO, FPCE</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>11 Church, FPCE</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 7:30 Edgewood Foundation, CCML</p>	<p>1 JUNE</p> <p>10:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML 6 Strawberry Festival, FPCE 7 The Edge, FPCE</p>	<p>2 Refuse Pickup</p> <p>7 Running Club, KF</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
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*To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or marmozette@comcast.net.
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 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairness Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WPH-West Jr High School*

THE SCOOP



REMEMBRANCE

Join community leaders and the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood at Memorial Park for the annual Community Day Memorial Service on May 29

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GET IN THE SWIM

The Edgewood Foundation and the Edgewood Club team up to make a big splash in the borough on June 3



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