

# EDGEWOOD

DECEMBER 2005/JANUARY 2006

## Conversion to Allegheny County 911 Dispatch Moved Up to December 13

The transition to the Allegheny County 911 dispatch system has been moved from January 1 to December 13.

According to Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson, this is a positive development. "In working with the county, it was determined that since we're basically ready right now, it would be advantageous for us to switch early so that any bugs can be dealt with." Ferguson went on to say that since many other boroughs are switching to county dispatching services on January 1, this move will give Edgewood almost three weeks of exclusive work with the county. "We believe that it is important to have their undivided attention for something as important as this," Ferguson said.

Beginning on December 13, calls placed to the old police dispatch number will be automatically forwarded to the county 911 center. This forwarding service will be in place for approximate-

ly six months. The non-emergency number, (412) 242-9994, will remain active for calling in overnight parking and other non-emergency purposes.

The front desk will be staffed 24 hours a day through December 31. Starting January 1, the desk will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 midnight. A voice-mail system will be in place to receive non-emergency calls at night and on weekends. Other messages with lesser urgency can be sent through e-mail on the borough website or through the borough office voice mail system.

To accommodate residents during the unstaffed hours, a drop box for parking ticket payments will be installed, and a phone will be placed at the borough building entrance for residents needing to speak to a police officer. The phone will automatically connect to the county dispatchers, and they will have an officer return to the borough building to

meet with the resident. "From a practical standpoint, this will work the way it always has," said Ferguson. "The buzzer is just replaced by a telephone."

Ferguson stressed that neither he, the police, nor the fire department anticipate any change in the emergency services that residents will receive. "We will respond as quickly and efficiently as ever," he said.

"Two of our own part-time dispatchers are full-time dispatchers with the county, and they will be assigned to Edgewood to help through the transition.

The primary difference, according to Ferguson, will be for those calls that fall between emergencies and routine weekday business. Borough residents are used to having a live voice at the borough office 24 hours a day, and that will no longer be true.

Chief of Police Paul Wood and his senior sergeants visited the county dispatch center and were very impressed with the professionalism of the center and the people running it, Ferguson reports. In addition, the fire department has worked diligently on planning an on-call system of volunteers to drive the truck during the hours that the Edgewood desk is unstaffed. The Edgewood dispatchers have driven the fire trucks to the scene of the fire, and will continue to do that during the weekday hours. Cooperation with other local fire companies will continue as usual, but in what Ferguson calls "a more formal, focused process." He credited the fire company's work in this area as one element that is making the transition possible.

Ferguson urges residents to check the borough website regularly for any updated information on this transition. He stresses, "It is my overwhelming belief that this town will not suffer any reduction in service," and asks for patience with any minor inconveniences experienced in non-emergency situations.

*By Marjie Stewart  
Newsletter Editor*

## Fire Company Seeking Heroic Volunteers

*(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles by firefighter Steve Krumboltz that will appear over the next issues of the newsletter as space allows.)*

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address called upon Americans to give back to their country and communities when he beseeched us to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." President Kennedy's plea for us to give something back to our country is as important today as it was 45 years ago. Over the years we've seen many changes in America, with Americans becoming much more security and safety conscious since the events of September, 2001. In the past four years we have seen a fundamental transformation of American society from being free and open to one where we must be cautious and concerned about what happens in our neighborhoods and communities.

Most of us should be able to recall the photographic images from September 11, 2001. Many of the most lasting images are the photographs of firefighters going into the World Trade Towers as the workers inside fled to safety; of the firefighters picking through the ruins searching for survivors; or of the firefighters raising the American flag among the smoking, jumbled mass of these once proud symbols of American prosperity. It appears from these images, that firefighters were America's heroes during that fateful time four years ago. Although New York's firefighter heroes are paid firefighters, volunteer firefighters are just as important in helping a community, and they become everyday heroes when they are called upon to serve.

According to the group Independent Sector, "about 44% of American adults volunteer on a regular basis." However, about half of those who volunteer will

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## Library

### Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 24 .....Closed  
 Sunday, December 25 .....Closed  
 Monday, December 26 ...10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 27...10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 28 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 29 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Friday, December 30.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 31 .....Closed  
 Sunday January 1 .....Closed

### Gift Ideas

If you're having trouble finding the right gift for that special person in your life, maybe the library can help. We have a number of items for sale. These include:

- enjoy books \$25
- Edgewood High School yearbooks \$10
- Edgewood Club centennial books \$10
- Library canvas tote bags \$15

### Barnes and Noble Days

In addition C. C. Mellor Days at Barnes and Noble in the Waterfront are Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11. The library will receive 10% of purchases made when a library coupon is pre-

sented. These coupons can be picked up at the library or the borough building.

### Crafty Gifts

A craft fair will be held in the Edgewood Club snack bar from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on December 10. Local artists will have items on display; all items will be available for purchase. There will also be free cookies from Sweetie Sweetie and refreshments. Organizers hope to make this an annual holiday tradition in the borough. Some proceeds benefit the library building fund.

### Give Honor, Not Things

You might also want to consider making a donation to honor an individual. We will send a card to the honoree telling him or her of the gift. A book will be purchased and a gift plate will be placed inside the front cover. The minimum amount for this type of gift is \$20.

### Books on Wheels

The library has a very book delivery service to shut-ins. If you are unable to get to the library—even if it is for a temporary reason such as a broken leg or a new baby, volunteers will bring books to you. This is a free service. We will develop a reading list and bring books to you on the schedule you want. For more information, call the library at (412) 731-0909.

### VITA Taxes

Free federal and state income tax preparation will begin in February. Volunteers Marian Hershman and Hugh Terry will once again prepare returns for senior citizens and individuals with uncomplicated returns. Residents may sign up for appointments after January 1.

### Winter Wonderland

Join us for wintry fun at Toddler Time on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is for children five and under and a caregiver. Reserve your spot by Thursday, December 8.

### Santa's Better Half

Enjoy pancakes with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. Please register by Thursday, December 15.

### Santa Story Hours

Santa will visit story hour on Tuesday, December 20, Wednesday December 21 and Thursday December 22. Story hours start at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday afternoon story hour begins at 1:30 p.m. Bring your lists and your cameras.

Groups of ten or more need to make a reservation by calling the library at (412) 731-0909.

### Holiday Story Hour Schedule

Story hour concludes for the year on Thursday, December 22 and will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

### Family PJ Hour

Join us on January 4 and February 8 for pajama family story time at 6:30 p.m.

### Audio Dragon of Doom

The audio book club will hear Bruce Coville's "Moongobble and Me" from the Dragon of Doom series on Saturday, January 7. The tape will start at 12 noon, and snacks will be provided to quiet listeners. Children five and up will enjoy this program.

### Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants?

Or purse. Children 10 and up are invited to the library on Saturday, January 14 to make a purse out of an old pair of jeans. Bring your own old jeans at 11 a.m.


### Tweet Toddler Time

On Saturday, January 21 Toddler time will be a "tweet time," reading about the birds all around us. Register by Thursday, January 19, 2005.

### Hobby Club

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meet with hobby club members to view a sculpture slide show and make an item from recycled materials on Saturday, January 28. The hobby club is open to children six and up interested in learning techniques of a craft they can make with their hands.

## American Girl Day

Saturday, February 4 is American Girl Day. Celebrate Samantha at 11 a.m. Fans of the American Girls series six and up can sign up for this event. Please reserve your spot by Thursday, January 5.

## Happy Holidays

The staff of C.C. Mellor Memorial Library wishes you and your family a happy holiday season and a great new year!

*By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill  
Librarians*



## Historical Society

### Edgewood Railroad Station

In the fall of 1998 the Edgewood Historical Society organized a group of volunteers to paint the railroad station. More than 50 people participated in the effort, and the Northwood Realty provided the funds for the materials. In 2006 it appears that the Society may wish to revisit this issue.

This station is of great architectural importance. It was designed by Frank Furness, who was the architect for the impressive stone railroad stations along the Philadelphia Main Line. Plans for our station are in the Furness archives of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Anybody who would like to help the

Historical Society apply another Band-Aid to the station please contact society president David Grubbs at (412) 241-2434 or email me at dgrubbs25@comcast.net.



## ESO

### March Concerts

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra will present two concerts in March.

The first is "The Romantic Style," to be performed Saturday March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. On the program are Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor and a solo featuring Pittsburgh Symphony Cellist David Premo. He will perform Lalo's Cello Concerto.

There will be an encore performance of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor in the second concert, to be given on Saturday March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Rodef Shalom Levy Hall in Oakland. Also on the program is Sibelius' Valse Triste and a cello solo featuring Nicole Myers. She will perform Bruch's Kol Nidre, Op. 47. Don't miss this "Soulful Celebration."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To learn more about the ESO or to volunteer your talents, please call (412) 473-8880 or visit [www.edgewood-symphony.org](http://www.edgewood-symphony.org).

### Thanks for Your Support

The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra is supported in part by grants from the

Allegheny Regional Asset District, Edgewood Borough, Edgewood Foundation, The Heinz Endowments, Laurel Foundation, Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts and an anonymous donor. We are grateful for your continued support.



## On The Edge

### Local Art Connection

Danny Duffy, son-in-law of Mary Limpert of Oakview Avenue (married to daughter Mary Jo) has had one of his paintings accepted in the Carnegie Mellon's College of Fine Arts celebration of 100 years taking place this January. This alumni art exhibit opens at the Regina Gouger Miller Gallery on January 20 and runs through March 5.

Danny's painting, entitled "Summer School," will be on the third floor, where works by prominent alumni will be displayed. This portion of the exhibit is a partnership of CMU and the Andy Warhol Museum.

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## Scouting

### Tree Sale

The troop would like to thank all those who have supported our annual Christmas Tree Sale. Over the years the tree sale has provided the funding to help scouts go to summer camp, participate in many campouts and provided much needed equipment. The Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale continues through December. The sale hours are Thursday and Friday 5 - 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Sunday 1 - 9 p.m. We have a variety of trees, including blue spruce, Frazier fir, scotch pine and Douglas fir.

### November Camping Weekend

The troop's November camping trip was a weekend of fun and relaxation. The scouts opted to stay in an old dining hall at Camp Anderson, located in Bald Eagle, Pennsylvania. The scouts used the commercial kitchen to prepare all their meals, including homemade pizza for snack on Saturday night.

The activities for the weekend included shooting .22 and black powder rifles, playing board games, watching old Batman videos, leatherworking and fishing. A Pennsylvania Fish Commission trout steam ran through the camp and several of the scouts and leaders took the

opportunity to fish the stream and near-by lake. The troop also conducted a service project for the camp by taking down and putting away some large wall tents.

### New Committee Chair

We are pleased to announce that Stephen Zelenko has agreed to serve as the chairman of the troop committee. Stephen is a former scout from Edgewood and will assume the chair position in January. In his role of committee chairman, Stephen will be the guide to the troop committee to support the operation of the troop. The committee is responsible for helping to arrange troop activities, fundraising, transportation, acquiring equipment and ensure the Scouts have the supplies and support needed for their activities. The committee is open to parents and community members who would like to support the boys in their activities. Anyone interested in volunteering to help is encouraged to contact Stephen or stop by the troop meetings.

### Upcoming Activities

During January the Scouts have two campouts planned. The first event will be a winter sports weekend. The scouts plan to spend the weekend participating in winter activities such as skiing and sledding. The second event will be the Fort Pitt District Klondike Derby. The Scouts will be competing in a number of

events, including compass reading, fire building, first aid and cooking. The scouts will be required to carry all the supplies they need on a Klondike sled, pulled by members of the patrol.

### Correction

Last month's Board of Review report incorrectly listed Frank Le Donne as receiving the rank of Life Scout. Daniel Curry was the Scout who was recognized with his Life Rank at the Court of Honor. Frank had previously earn this rank.

### Seeking Historical Items

Troop 23 was originally chartered in 1912 and is the oldest troop in south-western Pennsylvania. The troop is currently planning for an upcoming anniversary and is interested in collecting items of historical significance to the troop. If you have news articles, uniforms, equipment, patches, or other historical item that would help us make this an exciting event feel free drop it off at one of our troop meetings or contact one of the troop leaders for pick up.

### Meetings

The troop meets every Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood at 7:30 p.m. All boys ages 11-18 are invited to stop by and visit a meeting. For more information about the troop, please contact the Scoutmaster, Charles Huse, at (412) 849-3232.

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## Winter Solstice

As the newsletter goes to press, the Edgewood Foundation is really getting excited about the production of Winter Solstice. Depending on when you are reading this you may still have time to get tickets for the December 9 and 10 production at the Edgewood Club. Check out the Edgewood Foundation website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org), call (412) 394-3353 or go to [ProArtstickets.org](http://ProArtstickets.org) for more info.

## Welcome, Angel

The Foundation would like to welcome Angel Lehrian to the Foundation board. Angel has been a resident of the borough for three years and lives on Race Street. Congratulations – the board is looking forward to working with Angel on some exciting projects for the New Year.

## Annual Appeal

Response from the annual appeals letter has been great. Don't forget that it's never too late to donate. The Foundation accepts donations all during the year but only sends out annual requests in the fall.

During this year our country has experienced many devastating losses. As you probably know, the Edgewood Foundation participated in a fund raising event for the victims of Katrina in conjunction with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra. We all share in the heartache of those who have suffered. Don't forget that we still need to keep on doing the many wonderful things in our bor-

ough that we have come to love over the years. So keep those donations coming.

## Time is Money, Too

As a reminder, the Foundation would love to have a donation of your time as well as any monetary donations. We would love to have volunteers to participate in the upcoming Progressive Dinner. If you can help please call Dr. Amy Andrews-Hooks at (412) 371-6145 or the Foundation via e-mail at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

## Board Interviews

The Foundation has been soliciting letters of interest from community members who are interested in becoming a Foundation Board member. The response has been wonderful and the Foundation will announce the results of our interviews with these members as soon as all are interviewed. Thanks again for all of those who have expressed interest. Don't forget that even though you may not be a member of the Foundation board, your volunteerism is still valued and appreciated.

## Fall Clean-up

Thanks to all who participated in the cleanup around the Port Authority area on Edgewood Avenue. Amy Andrews, along with Bud and Elaine Andrews, Vaughn Busch, Marjie Stewart and Donna Lewis spent some quality time with Mother Nature on a recent rain-soaked afternoon while raking leaves and pulling out some of Mother Nature's least likable plants (weeds – and many of them the sort that cause hay fever).


It was an enjoyable time since the high winds supported our raking efforts by

eliminating the leaves while we were raking. I think that most of the leaves and debris may have followed the busway path for a few miles before landing somewhere on the other side of Wilksburg, or possibly over the rainbow. The only thing missing was Dorothy, Toto and the Wicked Witch. If only those characters had helped, we would have completed the job that afternoon. Instead, we met the following weekend and attended to the final section of the avenue. Now all we have to do is wait until spring to admire the results of our hard work. The borough also volunteered to help with hauling away the debris that the wind refused to take.

## Last Call

Sign up now for the annual Edgewood Foundation Progressive Dinner, to be held Saturday, February 11. Submit the form below by January 20.

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## Edgewood Progressive Dinner—Saturday, February 11, 2006

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Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for (\$25/person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Recipe Enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Entrée Choice: Chicken Vegetarian (One choice per couple, please.)

All dinner attendees participate by either hosting an event or providing part of the meal. Please number your preferences (you will be assigned only one). Hosts or entrée makers are especially important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Host a cocktail party for 30-50                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Make an entrée for 12       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host a dinner for 10-12 (Set table and provide beverages) | <input type="checkbox"/> Make an appetizer for 30-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a salad and bread for 10-12                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a dessert for 50       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide wine for 12                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide beer for 12         |

(Availability of vegetarian entrée will depend upon number of responses.)

Return this form with your check payable to the Edgewood Foundation, to Amy Hooks, 327 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, before January 20, 2006.

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## Tax Time

### Borough Taxes

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector around December 15. If you haven't paid this yet, please get it in ASAP.

### School Taxes

The Woodland Hills School tax is now due at penalty. If you are paying in installments, the third and final payment is due by February 28, 2006. If your second payment was late, your second and third payments are now due at penalty. You must add 10% on to the amount due. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (412) 731-0200.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

*By Maureen Smith  
Tax Collector*



## EVFD

### Santa Claus is Comin' . . .

You know the rest. The man in red is visiting the Borough of Edgewood on Saturday, December 10. He will make his rounds by fire truck from 9 - 11:30 a.m.

As if that weren't enough, and in his busy season too, Santa will return to the fire station to hold a party for borough children from noon - 3 p.m. During that party, he will make his list and check it twice, so borough children are encouraged to do their best to be in the "nice" column this holiday season.

### Luminaria Season

Once again the fire department is selling luminaria. Kits may be purchased through your block captain (see the insert in this issue) or at the borough building. We urge all residents to join in this holiday tradition and light their paths on Christmas Eve.

*By Dave Andrews  
Fire Chief*

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# Police Report

## Thanks for the Treats

I would like to thank Fox's Pizza and Sweetie Sweetie for their generous donations to the annual C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Halloween party and parade. Without the help of our local merchants, these events could not take place. This event has grown larger every year, with 90 children participating in this year's parade. We would also like to thank librarian Andrea McNeill for letting the Edgewood Police Department be a part of this popular children's event.

The Edgewood Police Department would like to thank the Edgewood Giant Eagle for donating the many bags of candy that the officers passed out on Halloween night. The children of Edgewood also say thanks.

## Lost Your Bike?

We have about 15 bicycles that we have either found or that have been turned into us during 2005. If you have lost a bike this year, feel free to come to the station to see if we may have recovered it. You must call ahead to make an appointment to make sure someone can show you the bikes. Any bikes that are left over are donated to the Salvation Army for needy children.

## County 911 Switch

Starting on December 13, if you have a police or fire emergency, you will now have to dial 911 instead of 242-9990. Edgewood borough will no longer be dispatching their own police officers. You should see no difference in your service; you will just hear a different voice

## Police Tip of the Month

December is traditionally a big month for home burglaries. Thieves know that most people have a lot of valuables in their homes over the holidays and that the occupants are away from their homes a lot more during the holiday season. Be sure to lock your doors and turn on your alarm system when you leave the house. Please keep an extra eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood and call the police immediately if you see anything. With your help, we can make this a safe and happy holiday season for all the residents of Edgewood.

on the other end of the phone. If you have a non-emergency question or problem Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 midnight, you will call the non-emergency number at (412) 242-9994. These are the hours that we will still have an Edgewood employee working at the front desk. We don't anticipate any problems with this system change but if you experience any problems, please call the non emergency number immediately to let us know. *(Editor's note - see page one for more information on this important change.)*

## Welcome

We would like to welcome our newest addition, Ryan Kempert, to the Edgewood Police Force. He has previously worked on the West Newton and Southwest Greensburg police forces. We hope he enjoys working in our lovely town.

## Crime Watch

Due to lack of resident participation in the past, the Edgewood Crime Watch has not gotten off the ground. If you would like to volunteer for this program, please call the main police desk at (412) 242-9990 and leave your name and number. If we get enough volunteers, we will attempt to start this program.

## Police Statistics

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 677 calls for service in October 2005. There were 197 complaints received and nine accidents investigated, of which three 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, 17 were shoplifting and 11 were other crimes.

There were seven adult arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations. No juveniles were arrested for these violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 79 traffic citations, 237 parking citations and made one arrest for driving under the influence. There were seven vandalism or criminal mischief complaints and three narcotics offenses.


Officers also responded to 16 false alarm calls, took 369 reports, responded to 15 public nuisance complaints, wrote two non-traffic citations and responded to 20 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood  
Chief of Police*

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## Recreation

### Edgewood Ice Skate Night

As the winter months approach, it is time again to pull out the gloves and hats; sleds and skies; ice skates and hockey sticks. This year Edgewood Recreation will again have our Edgewood Ice Skate Night at Schenley Park Ice Oval. The date of the event has yet to be determined; however, it will be a weeknight from 7 - 9 p.m.



**READY TO HELP THE TEAM:** Young Penguin Alexei Hooks suits up to practice on the ice at last year's Edgewood Skate Night at the Schenley Park Ice Rink.

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### Basketball

Basketball will begin in January for ages 7-15. There will be an open house on December 17, so we may draft fair and equal teams. We need volunteers for this program (especially referees). Please call James at (412) 243-9790 for more information.

### Adult Basketball

Men's basketball program has begun. For the rest of the year, they will meet Wednesday nights from 8 - 9:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Primary School gym. Please note: Registration forms are necessary, and you will not be permitted onto the court without proper registration.

### Haunted House

Very special thanks to David Watts who worked long hours in order to provide our community with an eerie haunt-

ed house. I would also like to thank our volunteers, including the Mysels family, the Boccio family (not Cory), the Horner family, Tim Divita, Joey Andrews, Holly Donaldson, Casey Morris and all the helpers at this annual event.

I also would like to offer a special thanks to The Edgewood Foundation, Senator Jay Costa, an anonymous donor and Dr. Amy Andrews whose financial support made it possible to have the Haunted House this year.

In addition, I would like to thank those residents who helped to make the "urban" hayride spooky.

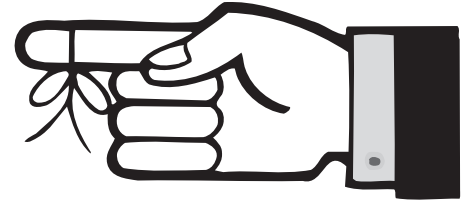
Finally, a special thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department for their help and support. They run the hayride, help to "smoke" the hot dogs and provide dinner to all of the volunteers.

*By James C. Morris  
Recreation Director*

## Newsletter Schedule

Just a reminder – there is no newsletter in the month of January. Most events scheduled through the first week in February are listed in this issue, but we encourage you to check the borough website at [www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us), as well as the websites for other local organizations, for late changes.

Deadline for both advertising and editorial content for the February newsletter is Monday, January 16. See the directory on page 6 for contact information.



The newsletter staff wishes you a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year.

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**Holiday Schedule**

There will be no school for students of the Woodland Hills School District from December 22 through January 2. School resumes January 3. The District wishes you and your family a jolly, safe holiday season.

**Welcome, Dr. Boden**

The District is pleased to welcome Dr. Margaret Boden as co-principal of the Woodland Hills High School. She will share duties with Bob Scherrer. Dr. Boden brings many years of educational expertise with her; she is currently the principal of Avonworth High School in the Avonworth School District. The Woodland Hills community welcomes Dr. Boden.

**Teacher Recognition**

The Woodland Hills School District is participating in the Teacher Excellence Center's "Teacher Recognition Program" for the 2005-2006 school year and is seeking nominations. The campaign will end December 31. The program recognizes area teachers who excel in the classroom and have an impact on their students. The District has finished in the top five participating districts in number of nominations received for five consecutive years, with two of our teachers receiving a coveted Teacher of Excellence trophy.

One hundred teachers will be selected as honorees, and announced in mid-March. The five Teachers of Excellence will be announced at the "Celebration of Teaching" ceremony, at the Carnegie Music Hall on Thursday, April 27.

All teachers nominated will receive a Certificate of Recognition and a copy of the nomination form.

To be eligible, teachers must work full-time, have a permanent (Instructional II) teaching certificate and be a classroom teacher, librarian or guidance counselor.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone including students, parents, administrators and colleagues. Nomination forms will be available at the District administration building and school buildings or on-line at [www.teacherpa.com](http://www.teacherpa.com) The deadline for nominations is December 31. Please take the time to nominate one or more of our many excellent teachers.

**Martin Luther King Celebration**

Please join the Woodland Hills School District for a Dr. Martin Luther King celebration Monday, January 9 at 7 pm. Check the website [www.whsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.whsd.k12.pa.us) or call (412) 731-1300, ext. 0161 for details.

**Fire Company Seeking Heroic Volunteers**

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do so only if asked. The formal volunteer workforce represented the equivalent of over nine million full-time employees at an estimated value of \$239 billion. One might ask, "How can we help our neighborhoods and communities?" For several months after September, 2001, appreciation for the Edgewood Fire Department increased, but then we turned our interests elsewhere, and support for the department fell off significantly.

In some cases apathy has set in and the respect has waned. This can be measured by the increasing number of drivers who do not have the courtesy to move out of the way when fire trucks are on an emergency call with lights and siren activated. This can pose a very dangerous situation and slow the emergency vehicles down in responding to the call. Fewer Edgewood residents are stepping forward to help provide the measure of security necessary for the lives of their families and the protection of their property that comes with having well trained and adequate firefighters available at all times of the day.

Fortunately, the bylaws of the Edgewood Fire Department provide that members can live within five miles of the borough; otherwise the number of volunteer firefighters would number about half of its current members. Many people say they would do anything for their children, parents or other family members. If that is a true statement, we should see more volunteers at the fire department.

In 1986, President Reagan stated after the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, "The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted; it belongs to the brave." In the Borough of Edgewood, there are currently 11 fully-trained firefighters, and three probationary firefighters. All are men; however, the Edgewood Fire Department is not a "good old boys" club, it's just that no women have ever followed through to receive training to be a Class 1 firefighter. There are women volunteer firefighters in virtually all neighboring communities, but not in Edgewood. There are no specific physical or age limitations or requirements to join the Edgewood Fire Department,

although if someone has a known physical limitation they may be asked to see their physician for a recommendation on whether they can be a Class One or Class Two firefighter.

Edgewood firefighters respond to all fire calls within the Borough and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire departments. It is important to our community that we provide assistance to our neighbors in Braddock, Braddock Hills, Swissvale, Rankin, Forest Hills, and other neighboring communities because they are here for us when we receive a call within the borough. Sometimes during the day, only one Edgewood firefighter may be available to respond to calls.

For more information, contact Dave Andreus at [firechief@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:firechief@edgewoodboro.com) or by calling (412) 242-2824.

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# December/January COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2005/2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML	8 Winter Solstice, EC	8 Winter Solstice, EC 10-6 Library Craft Sale, EC 12 EYFD Santa Party, BB
<b>4 DECEMBER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		10:30 Breakfast with Mrs. Claus, CCML
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML	Holiday Break begins WHSD		Christmas Eve
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
		6:30 Toastmasters, CCML				New Year's Eve 
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>31</b>
New Year's Day		School Resumes, WHSD 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Family PJ Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		12 Audio Book Club
<b>1 JANUARY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>7</b>

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	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, WHSD 	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		11 Pants to Purse Workshop, CCML
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	<b>24</b> 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>25</b> 10:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	<b>26</b> Refuse Pickup 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11 American Girl Day, CCML
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 Borough Council, BB	<b>31</b> 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	<b>1 FEBRUARY</b> 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Family PJ Story Hour, CCML	<b>2</b> Refuse & Recycling Pickup	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Progressive Dinner
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Refuse Pickup	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>

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