

EDGEWOOD

SEPTEMBER 2006

Community Day Events Bubble Over Into Weekend - Long Fun at the Field



Community Days 2006 featured all the old favorites – the 5k Race, the parade, the Edgewood Fire Department chicken and ribs dinners, food and entertainment on the field all day Saturday. Then the booths, although slightly soggy, were opened for new and different activities on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Edgewood Symphony got rained out for the second year in a row, but the Sunday schedule allowed for an automatic rain night for the fireworks display. Borough manager Kurt Ferguson kept the hotdogs and hamburgers cooking all day Sunday. The bubbles kept floating (1), and the Children's Museum self-portraits decorated the fence (2). Scooby-Doo greeted guests, including Angel Lehrian and daughter Abigail (3). New Recreation Director Amber Barrante's motto, "Have Duct Tape, will Travel" (4).



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Library

Story Time

Wednesday afternoon story times begin September 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Grandparents Are Special

Bring your special folks to the library on Saturday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. for a story/craft time. Register by Thursday, September 7.

Baby Lapsit with Amy

Bring your baby up to 18 months of age for a lap sit program. Learn songs, rhymes, books and more ways to interact with your baby. Register for the fall

session which begins Monday, September 18 at 10:15-10:45 a.m. The session ends Monday, October 30.

Discovery Club

Children in second through fifth grade are invited to participate in an after school program that includes games, stories and activities on a variety of topics. Register for the Wednesday after school activity today. The first class starts Wednesday, September 13 at 4 p.m. and runs through November 15.

Fall Toddler Time

"Fall Leaves Fall" is the theme for Toddler time on Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. Spend an enjoyable morning with your child 2-5 years of age engaging in stories, songs, and a craft project. Register by Thursday, September 14.

Calling all Puppeteers

Aspiring puppeteers age seven and

up are invited to a special event at the library on Saturday, September 23 at 12:30 p.m. Participants will choose the story and begin constructing the set. Members will perform their play for our younger patrons. Register by Thursday, September 21.

Parent/Child Book Club Returns

The Parent/Child Book Club returns from its summer vacation on Saturday, September 30 at 1 p.m. Pick up a copy of *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff. Parent/Child Book Club is for children eight and up and a parent. Books will be available in the children's room to borrow.

We Two Read

The We Two Read Book Club for children ages four through seven and a parent will meet on Saturday, October 7 at 1 p.m. We will review *Mabela the Clever* by Margaret Read MacDonald.

By Andrea McNeill
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Community Days

Thanks to the many volunteers who did double-duty at the new two-day Community Days events. Unfortunately, not everyone who signed up to help was able to make it, so those who were there at Koenig Field really worked double time to make things happen. We appreciate everyone who helped out.

Double Your Anti-Oxidants

At the Wine & Chocolate event planned for November, which continues to gain momentum. This will be your opportunity to see the newest edition of the Edgewood Symphony's quartet perform for the first time. It's bound to be a unique experience for all. You can still volunteer your time and expertise by contacting Angel Lehrian at (412) 241-3623 or angel@lehrian.com; or Niki Augustine at (412) 317-1711 or nikim715@hotmail.com.



Edgewood Environment

Community Day

Edgewood Environment would like to thank you for stopping by our booth during community days. We believe that the preservation of nature must be a community-wide effort, and with your willingness to help, our community can have a substantive, positive effect on the local environment.

September Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at 415 Locust Street. During this meeting Rachel Martin from Sierra Club will be present to speak with us about Sierra Club's Cool Cities campaign, an initiative that aims to reduce global warming.

Edgewood Environment is a group of Edgewood residents working on environmental issues. If you would like to be involved, you can attend the next meeting, sign up at <http://groups.google.com/group/Edgewoodenvironment> or send an email to Edgewoodenvironment@googlegroups.com, and connect with us as we strive to raise environmental awareness in Edgewood.



Church

Thanks

A special thanks from the membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood to all those who came to support the unofficial kick-off event to this year's Community Days weekend, the spaghetti dinner. The plan is to do this every year, so plan to attend again next year.

FPCE also took part in Saturday's activities by passing out free cookies, doing face painting, and offering information about upcoming events. If you didn't get to stop by, call the church office at (412) 241-4613 to get your FPCE "Fall 2006 Upcoming Events Bookmark."

Rally Day = New Beginnings

The new church year at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

begins on what members know as Rally Day, to be held this year on September 10. This day is when all of the regular groups that go on summer break resume. At 12:15, there will be a free cookout on the side lawn that is open to anyone who would like to check out the church. Bring a side dish if you choose, or just join in the fellowship with this friendly group.

Fall FROGS Hop Into Action

Friends, Reading, and Other Great Stuff – that is what FROGS stands for. Now in its fourth year, this after-school program runs Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-5:30 p.m. and is open to students grades K through six. The students arrive for a snack, games, homework help, educational activities, and a meal provided by the Wilkesburg Community Ministry.

Volunteers to assist in homework help, activity leadership, and snack supervision are always welcome. Snack food and drink donations are welcome as well. The fall session begins on Tuesday, September 12. For more information on how volunteer or to enroll your child, please contact Youth Activities Director Kathy Hart at the church, (412) 241-4613, ext. 101.

Harvest Happening Coming Soon

The annual Harvest Happening fall festival is back for the fifth year running Sunday, October 1 from 2-5 p.m. in the church parking lot (social room if rain). Activities include pumpkin decorating, scarecrow dressing, a pie eating contest, and possibly a silent auction of merchandise and services from local stores and church members.

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Borough Manager

Leaf Season

Leaf pick-up will officially begin on Friday, October 13. We decided to keep the street schedule in place, albeit with a few minor changes. The schedule appears on page 10 of this newsletter.

First, please remember that if it rains we will not pick up leaves that particular day. In all likelihood those leaves on those streets would not be done until the following week on your regularly scheduled pick up day. We have been questioned a great deal about taking that approach. If we backtrack and do streets that were missed we throw the entire schedule off. If we get done early in a day or on non-recycling Thursdays we will try to pick up those streets that were bypassed. There may be times when pick-up is particularly heavy and we cannot get to all the streets. We will do everything we can to backtrack when it is not weather related. Please be patient. The Public Works staff works very hard during this time of year and we will do the best we can.

Leaves Only

Please remember that the leaf pick-up is reserved for leaves. Please do not place sticks, old plants, bushes, or any non-leaf material into the leaf piles. This clogs our leaf machine and has even on occasion has broken it down.

Do Landscapers Leave Leaves?

Finally, if you have landscapers that manage your lawn care, make sure you are getting what you pay for. We have found landscapers that are charging residents for leaf removal, when, in fact, they are just blowing them out onto the street for the Borough to pick up. We certainly will pick them up, but you may be overpaying for a service that the landscaping company is not actually providing you.

Just in Time for Snow Removal

The last pick-up day will be on Wednesday, December 6. After that day your leaves must be bagged and put out with your regular garbage. If there are any questions please call the Public Works Department at (412) 242-2410.

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Police Report

Police Open House

On July 29, the Edgewood Police Department held its third annual Open House at the borough building in conjunction with National Night Out. Attendees enjoyed a variety of complimentary food including the usual cookout favorites, hamburgers and hot dogs. The WISH treat patrol was also handing out ice cream, which came in handy on a very hot day. The Edgewood Police and Fire Departments, and Eastern Area medics performed various demonstrations of their respective equipment.

Several prizes were raffled off to kids this year. Andrew Klabnik, of Edgewood, won a bike and many other children won gift certificates to Eat 'n Park and Applebee's Restaurants. The Police Department fingerprinted and photographed about 30 children who attended this year, so their parents can now have this invaluable information on file. Games for the kids were hosted by Edgewood Recreation Department and C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this event including the



Police Tip of the Month

School has begun and there will be a lot of kids crossing the streets of Edgewood on their way to and from school. Be extra cautious during these times. Remember, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour in a school zone.

Edgewood Recreation Department, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, Edgewood Department of Public Works, and Eastern Area E.M.S. We would like to thank Eat 'n Park and Applebee's Restaurants for their donations. We would particularly like to thank Edgewood Towne Centre Giant Eagle and Sweetie Sweetie Bakery in Regent Square for their generous donations. Giant Eagle donated great tasting food and beverages and Sweetie Sweetie supplied delicious cookies for the event.

This year's Open House seemed to set an attendance record for this event, and we would also like to thank all that attended. It was great seeing some old friends and meeting some new ones. We hope you'll keep us in mind for next year.

New Vehicle

Edgewood Police now have a new 2006 Ford Crown Victoria marked police vehicle. This vehicle was put into use in the beginning of August. It completes

our fleet of five police vehicles. We currently have four Ford Crown Victoria vehicles. Three of these are standard striped patrol units, and one is an unmarked vehicle. We also have a standard striped Ford Explorer to help us get around in the winter months.

July Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,679 calls for service in July 2006. There were 452 incidents reported, 212 complaints received and 11 accidents investigated, of which one resulted in personal injury, and 10 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 30 Part I crimes committed in the borough, one was robbery, one was motor vehicle theft, one was burglary, 16 were shoplifting and 11 were other crimes.

There were 16 adult and six juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 60 traffic citations, 410 parking citations and made two arrests for driving under the influence. There were three vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and two narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 16 false alarm calls, took 212 reports, responded to 29 public nuisance complaints, wrote six non-traffic citations and responded to 11 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
Chief of Police*

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Recreation

Community Days

The Edgewood 2006 Community Day was, once again, a hit throughout the borough. The community gathered together to share in the days' fun events. An abundance of activities from good food to good entertainment was found to stimulate kids of all ages.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and organizations for helping put together this joyous event. Special thanks to the Horner family, Lisa Bush and family, the Hooks family, the Edgewood Fire and Police Departments, Giant Eagle, the Wilkinsburg Water Authority, and to all the volunteers that made the day come together. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you. See everyone next year.

Fall Soccer

Come one, Come all! Fall soccer begins September 9, 2006. Soccer registration forms are now available at the Edgewood Borough Building, Edgewood Borough website, and C.C. Mellor Library. Pick one up before it's too late.

Golf Open

The 2006 Edgewood Golf Open is an

event not to be missed. This year it will be held on Saturday September 23 at Meadowlink Golf Course in Murrysville. This event is designed to better the programs within the Recreation Department. The cost of \$70 includes green fees, cart, fairway lunch, beer and soda's, a buffet dinner and prizes! Registration forms can be found at the Edgewood Borough Building, Edgewood Borough website, and CC Mellor Library. Come support the Edgewood Recreation Department and enjoy the company of friends for the day.

*By Amber Barrante
Recreation Director*



EVFD

Training Pays Off

On August 15 the Edgewood VFD had a call that was later described as a once in a lifetime call by all emergency personnel on scene. That was the tour bus accident on the Parkway. We train regularly for vehicle accidents but nothing to this scale was ever imagined, but the crew we had that night handled it like it was an everyday occurrence. Captain Halle was inside with a Deputy Chief from Swissvale FD, an EMT from

EAPS and an EMT from the City of Pittsburgh. In less than 45 minutes they removed seats from the passenger side of the bus and those that entangled the patient to free her from the wreckage. Firefighters Doug Greer, Ben Reynolds and Teddy Bowman made countless trips up the embankment carrying equipment needed by those inside while Firefighter Steve Kromholz protected them with a hose line on the diesel that was leaking from the bus. Assistant Chief Kevin Laird was handling the operational level while I was kept busy managing multiple agencies. A total of five fire departments and four medical agencies made the operation run effortlessly. I thank all the agencies that assisted us that night.

This weekend I received a compliment on behalf of the department by two top Allegheny County Emergency Management Official that the EVFD did an outstanding job on this incident. I have never been prouder of the department. Over the last year we have grown by leaps and bounds, but it's not just the number of members that we have but the dedication and determination the members of the department have in going above and beyond the call of duty.

Ribs and Chicken

Thank you for once again making the ribs and chicken dinner a success. This year we beat the rain and were sold out before Mother Nature reared the annual Community Day monsoon. I hate to say it but it actually felt good after spending the day in the heat.

Join Us!

And as always if you are interested in becoming a member of the EVFD e-mail me at firechief@edgewoodboro.com, stop in the station on a Thursday night at 7 p.m. or visit www.station137.com.

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On The Edge

Edgewood Stars in New Novel

Former Edgewoodian Kim Edwards, who now teaches at the University of Kentucky, has set her latest book, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, in and around Edgewood. Featured settings include Koenig Field and the Regent Square Theater.

Kim lived on West Hutchinson from 1992 to 1996, so, of course, the book is available at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. It was recently released in paperback as well. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* called it "masterfully written...a compelling story" which "takes on the cadence of poetry."

Edgewood Court Wins 8th Award

For an apartment complex that doesn't actually reach the curb, Edgewood Court has won an astonishing number of "curb appeal" awards – eight consecutive honors from the Apartment Excellence Awards, sponsored annually by the Apartment Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh. The awards are decided by a commit-

tee of apartment managers, leasing agents and builders.

The man behind the plaques at Edgewood Court Apartments is Norm Farrish, who calls himself "chief cook and bottle washer – one minute I'm leasing an apartment and the next I'm fixing a toilet." Officially the Resident Manager, Norm has worked at the 70-unit Edgewood Court apartments for nine years now.

Norm took the job three years after retiring from the truck equipment business, where he sold equipment to the Borough of Edgewood and the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority, among his many clients in 30 states. "I always liked Edgewood, even before I came here," he says.

Retirement wasn't for Norm. "I traveled 30 states, and then all of a sudden, I just stopped. I couldn't do it." The polished grounds at Edgewood Court prove that out. Norm maintains the plantings, parking lots, and picnic ground, where he also sponsors an annual pig roast for residents.

Residents, who "come from all over" according to Norm, stay an average of eight to ten years at Edgewood Court, although there are two tenants who have lived there more than 25 years, another testimony to the appeal of the place.



YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE HEART: Norm Farrish shows off his heart of geraniums that he believes helped him win the Curb Appeal honors for Edgewood Court Apartments for the eighth year in a row.

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Volunteers Run Marathon Effort to Create Successful Edgewood 5K Race

The annual Edgewood Community Day 5K Race and Walk followed its traditional hilly course on the Saturday morning of Community Day Weekend.

First place overall was Dan Holland, with a time of 17:44. The first-place female was Sarah Eldridge, for the second year in a row, with a time of 20:55. Jim Hayes was the first-place Edgewood male, with a time of 21:40; and Carol Ide was the first-place Edgewood female at 27:14. First-place masters (over 40) male was Rich Sandala, 19:44; and first-place masters female was Mimi Passarello in 28:04.

First walkers were Connie Reismeyer and Chris Kefalos.

First place overall, Edgewood runners, and masters runners received beautiful hand-made pottery bowls by Paul Raith. Runners placing second through fifth overall won pottery mugs. Paul Raith is also the artist who drew the Edgewood 5K shoe logo.

Other winners were the Borough of Edgewood Public Works Department, Volunteer Fire Department and Police Department, and Eastern Area EMS, who saw to it that the course was

marked, barricaded and safe. Amber Barrante and the Recreation Department were a tremendous help during the planning and the race itself.

Thanks to race sponsors Kefalos & Associates, Giant Eagle, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Murphy's Tap Room, Katerbean, Dunning's Grill, Exquisite Smiles by David J. Sultanov, DMD, Eyes on Regent Square, Edgewood Family Chiropractic, Kramer Construction, Lami Grubb Architects, and Fleet Feet Sports.

Raffle prizes were donated by Exquisite Smiles by David J. Sultanov, DMD, Borough of Edgewood Public Works Department, Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department, Katerbean, Murphy's Tap Room, Dunning's Grill, Square Café, D's Six Paks and Dogs, Applebee's, The Map Room, Keystone Health Club, Race for Pace, Run ShadySide!, The Run Around the Square, Stonebraker's, and Paws-itively Pets.

And, of course, the race would never have happened without volunteers: former race director Mark Cohen, Pat Schaefer, Frank Cornell, Angel Lehrian, Kathy Egan, Kathy Clevenger, Carol



NUMBER ONE (ONE ONE ONE) IN OUR BOOK: Edgewoodian Chris Kefalos was the first-place male walker at the Edgewood Community Day 5K Race and Walk.

Bittner, Amy Andrews, Michael Hooks, Lisa and Rick Belloli, Jim Rietz, Dana Kline, Donna Lewis, Julie Busch, Lois and Harry Winslow, and Steve Josowitz. Other volunteers include the recreation summer workers and volunteers who manned the corners, and Eleanor and Dave Magyar and their helpers who ran the water stop. Vaughn Busch was indispensable as usual. If I've forgotten anyone, I apologize – the volunteers make the race what it is.

By Marjie Stewart, Race Director

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September/October

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 SEPTEMBER	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 5:30 Yoga, CCML	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	10:30 Toddler Time, CCML
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	10:15 Baby Lapsit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 5:30 Yoga, CCML		12:30 Puppet Time, CCML Edgewood Golf Open
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	10:15 Baby Lapsit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7:30 Edgewood Environment, 415 Locust Street	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 Parent/Child Book Club, CCML
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2-5 Harvest Happening, FPCE	10:15 Baby Lapsit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML Refuse & Recycling Pickup		1 We Two Read Book Club, CCML
1 OCTOBER	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Refuse Pickup		

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-Fairness Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJH-West Jr High School

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Locust Street	Lehigh Street	Laurel Street	Willow Place
Beech Street	Gordon Street	Seddon Road	West Hutchinson Street
Elmer Street	Lloyd Avenue	Harlow Street	Allenby Avenue
Maple Ave	Westmoreland Avenue	Garland Street	Monongahela Alley
Morris Street	LaCrosse Street	McKay Street	East End Avenue
Hawthorne Street	Edgewood Avenue	Pennwood Avenue	Sanders Street
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