

EDGEWOOD

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Junior Council Person Emily Bush Making First Steps to a Legal Career

In May, Council Member Heidi McDonald proposed a resolution to appoint a Junior Council Person to the Edgewood Borough Council. A few months later, Ms. McDonald and her colleagues on council were called upon to explain the highly specialized vocabulary of local government to Emily Bush, the high school student appointed to the Junior Council post.

"It must have been my first or second meeting with council," says Emily, who was sworn in in September. "We were talking about X ordinance, Y resolution and Z motion. I didn't know what the difference was. So Ms. McDonald asked Ms. Schaeffer to explain it to me. It turned into a pop quiz for the more experienced council members."

Not to worry: "They passed with flying colors and now I have a better understanding of all that vocabulary," Emily concludes. "All of council has helped me a lot, and if I ever have that confused look on my face, anyone on the council is willing to explain more."

Ms. McDonald's hope that the role would lead young people to become more involved in local government seems to be working. Emily, a 17-year-old junior at The Ellis School, is inter-

ested in history, law and government, and sees her position as a place to start towards those goals. She is just now starting her college search, and hopes to be able to incorporate Latin in her studies as well.

Emily believes her work on council will help prepare her for a legal career: "Although we are not in a courtroom, I get to experience the processes and learn the legal aspect behind everything we do." She also enjoys knowing what is going on in the community. "We get to deal with issues from paving the streets to the passing of ordinances," she says.

When she's not in council meetings or studying Ovid, Emily plays lacrosse, soccer and tennis. She also enjoys knitting and photography. She is the vice president of the Ellis Athletic Association, social committee chair of the Junior Classical League, and is involved in the Student Diversity Leaders. "I also do miscellaneous volunteer work outside of school," she says.

Emily is the daughter of John and Lisa Bush, and has three younger brothers, JJ, Chris and Patrick. Perhaps the family is a source of Junior Council Persons to come.



Residents are encouraged to see council members, both junior and senior, in action the first and third Monday of each month (except when the Monday is a holiday, when the meeting moves to Tuesday). Meetings are open to the public, and citizens are allowed to address council for five minutes at the beginning of each meeting.

Foundation Seeking a Few Good Nominations for Award and Board

The Edgewood Foundation is seeking nominations for the prestigious William D. Limpert Award for Community Service, to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on February 15.

The award is given annually in memory of Bill Limpert, the first president of the Edgewood Foundation, to honor a borough resident who shares his dedication to community service. The award was created in 1991 to honor Bill Limpert at his retirement from the Foundation board and has been given annually in his memory ever since.

In addition to Bill Limpert, previous

recipients are John Major, Angie Sammarone, Bob Fuchs, Robert Gibson, Nevin Rodes, Susan Bailey, Doris Jones, Brian Nogrady, Jay Bush, Dick Monheim, Mary Limpert, Louis Boccio Jr., Dick Lithgow, Tom Herward, and Laura Horner.

Nomination forms are available at the borough building. Nominations are judged by an impartial, anonymous panel. The recipients' names are listed on a plaque on display at the C.C. Mellor Library, and a tree is planted in an appropriate site in the borough in their honor.

The Foundation is also seeking a new board member, due to a recent resignation. If you feel that you've got what it takes to be part of this dynamic group, please contact Vaughn Busch at (412) 242-5345 or via e-mail at info@edgewoodfoundation.org for details.

For information on the town meeting, the Limpert Award, Annual Town Meeting, the Progressive Dinner and any other Edgewood Foundation events, log on to our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Library

Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 23.....10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Sunday, December 24.....Closed
 Monday, December 25.....Closed
 Tuesday, December 26.....10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 27 ..10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Thursday, December 28.....10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Friday, December 29.....10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday, December 30.....10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Sunday, December 31.....Closed
 Monday, January 1.....Closed
 Regular hours resume January 2

Volunteers

The library is looking for a few good volunteers who can regularly commit time to the library. In particular we can use help on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30, when library receives its delivery of items to fill requests every morning. A volunteer is also needed on the third Sunday of each month. The library is open from noon-3 p.m., and an extra hand is needed to help with the work at the circulation desk. If you are interested in any of these times, please call Sally at (412) 731-0909.

Computer Classes

Homework help for parents is here! In January the library will offer computer sessions for parents on the tools that are available through the library to aid students in their research for school projects and papers. Sessions for parents of elementary children (K-6th grades) will be held on Monday, January 15 at 11 a.m. and on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the adult library. Library research for parents of junior and senior high school students will be held on Monday, January 15 at 1 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. These sessions are one time and one hour long.

On Tuesday, January 30 at 11 a.m., the library will offer a class on e-mail. Participants will learn how to set up an e-mail account, how to use that account including sending and receiving, making an address list, and sending attachments.

Registration is required for all of these computer classes. Contact the library at (412) 731-0909.

New Year

If your New Year's Resolution includes reading, crafts projects or your health, consider these groups. No advance registration is required and all welcome new participants.

The Drop Dead Book Club will have their first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the library. The books to be discussed are available for loan from the library. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Back Room Quilters meet every Thursday in the library's board room from noon to 3 p.m. Participants bring

a lunch and any project on which they are working.

Weekly yoga classes with Scott McLeod are held on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a mat and wear loose clothing. A \$7 donation is suggested.

Not Just Milk and Cookies

Enjoy pancakes with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m. Please register by Thursday, December 14.

Santa Story Hours

Tuesday, December 19, Wednesday December 20 and Thursday December 21 Santa visits story hour. Story hours start at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday afternoon story hour begins at 1:30 p.m.

Story Hour Schedule

Story hour ends for the year on Thursday, December 21. Story hour resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Check the library for days and times.

Bell Ringing Toddler Time

On Saturday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time celebrates with "Ring the Bells"! Children 15 months and older with a parent can enjoy this program of songs, rhymes, stories, and a craft project. Please register by Thursday, December 21.

Family Friendly Film

Movie Day is Saturday, December 30 at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a family movie complete with popcorn.

PJ Party

Wear your warmest jammies on Wednesday, January 3 for pajama family story time at 6:30 p.m.

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We Two Read

Pick up a copy of *The Girl Who Wore Too Much* by Margaret Read MacDonald at the library and join the discussion on Saturday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m. We Two Read Book Club is for children 4-7 and a parent. Register by January 5.

Parent-Child Book Club

Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore Look will be discussed on Saturday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. Parent-Child Book Club is for parents and their children 8-12 years old. Register by January 12. Pick up your copy today at the library.

Winter Beach Party

Come out of the cold and have some fun on Saturday, January 20 at 1 p.m. Register by Thursday, January 18, 2007.

By *Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill*
Librarians



Edgewood Environment

Kurt Ferguson Featured Speaker

The results of our Community Day environmental survey have come in, and we were not surprised to discover that one of the chief concerns among Edgewood residents is recycling. In response to this, we invited Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson to speak to our group, and at the last meeting we learned about the recycling program here in Edgewood.

Kurt's main challenge as the borough manager is to improve the quality of service without drastically increasing spending, and this does not exclude the area of recycling. He shared some impressive information about borough recycling, both curbside and paper, that reflected what we believe - that Edgewood is an environmentally conscious community. The curbside recycling program has a high number of participants, and participation in the paper recycling has been steadily increasing as well. Some residents may not be aware that the borough is reimbursed financially for each ton of paper recycled, but it is true that our efforts in paper recycling translate into a bigger borough budget.

Increase Your Recycling Participation

Edgewood Environment would like to make Edgewood residents aware that if a household is in need of another

recycling bin, additional bins can be purchased for only \$10 from the borough. You may take all of your paper goods to the bins behind the borough building to be recycled (phone books, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard (corrugated and non-corrugated).

Inside the borough building, there is a collection box for used cell phones, and soon Edgewood Environment will place a drop-box for battery recycling as well. Thank you for commitment to recycling in Edgewood.



Garden Club

Holiday Schedule

Due to all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Edgewood Garden Club will not be having a December monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, when our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at 12 noon at the Edgewood Club. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Thanks for a Great Year

The Edgewood Garden Club also wishes to thank all of our friends and neighbors in the Edgewood community who have participated in and supported us throughout 2006 at Garden Club events. It is only through your generous and continued support that we, your Edgewood Garden Club, can sustain our education and beautification programs throughout the borough. Happy holidays to one and all!

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WPSD

Holiday Show

Join us in the WPSD auditorium at 6 p.m. on December 10 for the Annual Holiday Show. Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from WPSD and Word of God will perform this year's show, "Its Christmas, Carol".

New Year Performance

On January 3 at 7 p.m. Peter Cook, a deaf performing artist, will be on stage in the WPSD auditorium. Mr. Cook uses American Sign Language, pantomime,

storytelling, acting and movement to entertain his audiences. He has performed at the Kennedy Center, at the White House and has appeared on PBS in Live from Off Center.

The show is open to the public. Admission is \$7 at the door, and \$5 in advance. Children under three are free. Call (412) 371-7000 for advance ticket purchases.

Sign Language

Winter session of American Sign Language classes will begin January 10 and run through February 28. Classes are offered for ASL Levels 1-4. Cost for

the eight-week session is \$60.

For more information please contact (412) 244-4205 or mstefko@wpsd.org.

Edgewood Foundation

Like Chocolate for Winos

The Edgewood Foundation recently held the first of what looks like a long-standing tradition of Wine & Chocolate Affaires. The Edgewood Symphony's Quintet and Quartet provided background music. Our guests tasted wines that were especially selected for pairing with chocolate. Participants viewed art from some of our local artists, bid on many of the lovely baskets of goodies and shared in good times with neighbors and friends. Thanks to all of our wonderful donors and volunteers (especially Point Park University students Ralph Hinkle, Melissa Green, Katie Houser and Jonathon Coffman) who made this event such a special night.

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Recreation

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I would like to take the time to make a special thanks to David Watts for designing the Haunted House. Also I would like to thank the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department for all the hard work they placed into the timeless event. It was an occasion that was enjoyed by each participant who ventured out.

Viper Flag Football

I would like to thank Mitch Brouman, Kevin Laird, and Rocky Rickard for volunteering their time with the Viper Flag Football program. There were close to 35 kids participating in the fun.

Beginning in November, Edgewood Recreation will host a flag football program on Saturdays. Children between the ages of 9-13 are encouraged to sign up. Registration forms can be found in the borough building or on the Edgewood Borough Website.

Adult Basketball

Men's Basketball meets Thursday nights. For more information, contact Amber Barrante at (412) 243-9790.

Edgewood Skate Night

Join Edgewood Recreation as we break the ice with our fourth Edgewood

Recreation on Ice. On Monday, December 11 from 7-9 p.m., Edgewood Recreation will rent the Schenley ice rink for the evening. The night is designed for everyone, even if you don't ice skate. Registration forms can be found at the Edgewood Borough Building, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, and the Edgewood Website. Sign up early and enjoy the fun for the whole family. For more information contact Amber Barrante at (412) 243-9790.

*By Amber Barrante
Recreation Director*



Tax Time

Tax Due Dates

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate Taxes are due at penalty until December 15. I sent reminders out the end of October. These will be turned over as delinquent after this date.

The Woodland Hills School taxes are also due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The third and final installment is due by February 28. If you did not make your second payment, the whole amount is now due with 10% penalty added on.

If you have changed mortgage companies or are now paying your own taxes please make sure to call the Allegheny County Treasurer office (412-

350-4100) and give them the right mailing address. If you have not received your school tax bill (sent out in July) please call my office ASAP at (412) 731-0200.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

*By Maureen Smith
Tax Collector*



On The Edge

Welcome, Santiago

Julie and Rob Crolius became proud grandparents on October 11 of Santiago Castro who arrived at Magee-Women's Hospital weighing six pounds, three ounces. After a month of orientation on Maple Avenue, Santiago left for Lima, Peru, where he will reside with his parents, Ines and Antonio.

Newsletter

Holiday Schedule

This edition of Edgewood covers December and January. Deadline for advertising or news for the February issue is Monday, January 15.

The newsletter family also extends its sympathy to Advertising Manager Jan McDowell, who had a death in her family just as this issue was going to press. We apologize to any advertisers who missed their regular calls from Jan during her period of mourning.

The newsletter wishes its readers and advertisers a happy holiday.

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EVFD

You'd Better Watch Out

Santa is coming to town – twice. After lighting the borough tree, he makes his second trip on December 9 for his annual visit to the firehouse. Unfortunately we had to downsize Santa's ride – no, not due to budget cuts, but this year we will use the new squad which will make more streets accessible.

Santa would like all the borough children to meet him at the firehouse after his tour for pictures and lunch, and goodie bags. Nothing like sugaring up the kids and sending them home for Mom to deal with is his motto!

Luminaria

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insert in this newsletter to find your block captain to place your order. Delivery to the block captains will be December 20-21.

Rescue 137

December 14 will be the acceptance trip for the new rescue. It should be in our garage Christmas week. Please stop by and welcome her to the borough. January the truck will be sent out to outfitted with all the tools we will carry. This is why I refer to it as "her" – she sure knows how to accessorize! A Welcome to the Department Party is also in the works for when she goes in service. Watch the sign board for her arrival date and the time of the party.

Safety Corner

As always, I like to end with a safety tip. This time it takes a personal twist. On November 5, while attempting to clean out my gutters, I fell 10 feet off of a ladder onto my concrete driveway. I have climbed many ladders as a firefighter but this time I set it up wrong and thought it would be ok. Well, after four fractured ribs, three broken bones in my back and being knocked unconscious, I learned always to make sure the ground is secure and the ladder is at a proper angle.

The hardest thing about this is for me to sit still for six to eight weeks. I can't wait to get back to my second home. Thank you to those who sent cards and well wishes.

*By Dave Andrews
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Police Report

Halloween Party

On Thursday, October 26, the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library held their annual Halloween party. The party seems to get more popular each year. There were approximately 75 children attending this year's parade and party. Officer Tim Quinn gave a safety talk to the children and their parents. Then children paraded around the block and returned to the library for treats. They feasted on pizza, candy and cookies. The police department would like to thank Andrea McNeil for letting us participate in this annual event, as well as Fox's Pizza and Sweetie Sweetie for their generous donations to this event. We hope next year will be even bigger than this year's event.

Crime Hotline

The Crime Alert Hotline has been operational for quite some time now. This number was established to keep the resident's informed of important incidents that occur in Edgewood. The message is now being updated Monday through Friday by our emergency services personnel. To reach the hotline, dial (412) 242-4824. During business hours the secretary will connect you to extension 700. After business hours and weekends, you will have to enter extension 700 in your phone keypad. When you reach the hotline you will hear a

Police Tip of the Month

The holiday season is here. It's a good practice not to keep anything of value in your vehicle. If you absolutely must keep gifts in your car, such as when you are out shopping, be sure to lock them in the trunk. Make sure the doors to your car are locked. Anything of value left in the seating area of your vehicle may be too tempting for thieves to resist.

recorded message. We hope that you will take advantage of the hotline and find out what is happening in your area.

Traffic Safety Award

In 2006, the Edgewood Police Department was recognized by West Penn AAA for its efforts with traffic and pedestrian safety. The Department received AAA's highest honor, the Platinum Award, for the various programs the Department sponsored through the course of the year. The Edgewood Police Department was one of only six winners across the state to be recognized for its dedication to traffic and pedestrian safety programs with the Platinum Award.

New Officer

Michael Ferguson recently joined the Edgewood Police Force as our newest part-time officer. He has worked in the Oakmont and East McKeesport Police Departments. We welcome him, and hope he enjoys working here.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department

responded to and handled 1,801 calls for service in October 2006. There were 526 incidents reported, 257 complaints received and eight accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury. The remaining seven 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 27 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, none were robbery, none were motor vehicle theft, six were burglary, 15 were shoplifting and six were other crimes.

There were six adult and no juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 83 traffic citations, 125 parking citations and made no arrests for driving under the influence. There were four vandalism/ criminal mischief complaints and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to 18 false alarm calls, took 345 reports, responded to 16 public nuisance complaints, wrote no non-traffic citations and responded to 18 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
Chief of Police*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 DECEMBER	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30, 1:30 & 6:30 Story Hour, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		10-5 Library Arts & Crafts Fair, EC
4	7 Ice Skate Night, Schenley Park Rink 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	7 Refuse & Recycling Pickup	8	9
10	11	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	13	10:30 Story Hour, CCML Holiday Break begins, WPSD	15	10:30 Breakfast with Mrs. Claus, CCML 
17	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	12	19	14 Refuse Pickup	22	23
24	Christmas Eve	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	20 Recycling Pickup	21 Refuse & Recycling Pickup	28	10:30 Toddler Time, CCML 12:30 Movie Day, CCML
31	New Year's Eve	18	26	27	29 Refuse Pickup	30
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	1 JANUARY	2	5 Refuse Pickup	6		6

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or marmolette@comcast.net.
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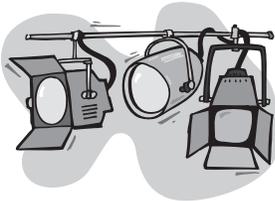
Join him as he tours the streets with the Fire Department, then shares lunch with the kids at the fire hall on December 9.

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AND DON'T FORGET THE MRS.

The long-suffering Mrs. Claus enjoys breakfast with young readers at the library on December 16.

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PETER COOKS THE WPSD STAGE

Deaf performing artist Peter Cook plays WPSD on January 3.

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