

EDGEWOOD

MAY 2007

Borough Holds Open Meeting to Form Cooperative Comprehensive Plan



Borough residents' opinions are wanted in the creation of Edgewood's Comprehensive Plan. The borough is holding a public meeting at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion on issues vital to the future of the borough.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is meant to serve as a land use plan for borough council, staff, and volunteers in regards to the direction of the borough over the next ten years. This is a very important document, and we hope the meeting will be well attended. Consultants will be looking to identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities within the borough. This meeting will be very interactive where attendees will be asked to identify and rank aspects of the community they are either pleased or displeased with. Where should the borough be focusing its resources? What aspects of the community need more or less attention?

Knowing Our Strengths

Attendees, for example, will be asked to identify what is good about the community. Everyone in atten-

dance will place a value on the items that were listed. The same is done with problems, as well as identifiable opportunities. It is a very interesting process and one that will allow residents to discuss and shape the future of their community.

Inter-Borough Cooperation

This plan is actually a multi-municipal comprehensive plan. Last year Edgewood partnered with Swissvale and Rankin and was awarded a grant that covers 90% of the costs associated with the development of this plan. Each community will have its own individual components of this plan. Also, where appropriate, there will be shared components of the plan. An obvious example is South Braddock Avenue. This directly impacts Swissvale and Edgewood in Regent Square and then crosses into Rankin leading up to the waterfront. The issues, including traffic, infrastructure, and on-going maintenance, are significant. Through this multi-municipal cooperation will come many more opportunities for state participation in remedying the problems that all three communities share.

On-Line Surveys

There will be surveys that will be

available on-line very soon, which we will ask residents to fill out and return. There will be no other public meeting in the next ten years that will have a more direct impact on the potential future direction of the Borough than this one. We encourage you to attend this meeting, which we anticipate will run about 90 minutes. It will allow you to hear what other borough residents are interested and concerned about. If you have questions or need directions please call the office at (412) 242-4824 or email Kurt Ferguson at manager@edgewoodboro.com.

*By Kurt Ferguson
Borough Manager*

Summer Race Planning Takes Off for Edgewood 5K, Regent Square Run

Planning is underway for the annual Community Day 5K Race and Walk, the traditional kick-off activity for Community day activities, to be held Saturday, August 18 this year.

This year marks the 23rd annual running of the traditionally challenging race. Because the founders of the race wanted to keep the course entirely within the Borough of Edgewood, the course is hilly, including a short but steep climb up Beech Street. And don't believe anyone along the course if you hear, "It's all downhill from here."

This year, the race committee is planning a new shirt design, thanks to a grant from the Edgewood Foundation.

As always, organizers are already looking for volunteers and lining up fabulous raffle prizes. If you'd like to volunteer for this year's race, or become a sponsor, please e-mail Race Director Marjie Stewart at our new e-mail address, Edgewood5kRace@yahoo.com.

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EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Library

Drop Dead

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday May 9 at 7 p.m. They will be discussing *Heart of the Hunter* by Deon Meyer. New members are always welcome to join this group's lively discussion of mysteries.

Computer Classes

A new round of computer classes is scheduled for May. Basic Internet class will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. On Thursday, May 31 at 11 a.m., a basic class on Microsoft Word will be offered. These one-hour, one-session classes are free, but registration is required. Call the library at (412) 731-0909.

Memorial Day

The library will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The library will have regular hours over the rest of the weekend.

No Smoking

The Board of Trustees of the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House recently passed a No Smoking Policy to be in compliance with the new Allegheny County Ordinance for smoke-free facilities. Smoking is not permitted in the building or on the surrounding grounds.

Gratitude Springs Eternal

Special thanks to Sergeant Hockenberry of the Edgewood Police Department for the Spring Coloring Contest baskets, and Mrs. Hockenberry for assembling them. Thanks also to Officer Adam Lawrence for coming to judge. Congratulations to the winners, Gregory Parish and Sarah Wetzel in the 0-5 year-old division, Caleb James in the 6-8 year-old division, and Hayley Gilbert in the 9-12 years-old division.

Exploring China

The next stop for the Explorers Club is China when they meet on Saturday, May 5 at 12:30 p.m. Children six and up are invited to explore our world through stories, games and an art activity. Please register by Thursday, May 3. Previous participants, do not forget your passports. Newcomers, passports will be available at the meeting.

Mothers' Day Crafts

Children six years old and up can register (by May 10, please) to make something nice for Mom on Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m.

Rap. R-A-P. Rap

Come and support the Woodland Hills School district students in fourth and fifth grade at the first annual Let's Rap Spelling Bee to be held Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Club Ballroom. (Let's rap stands for

Literary Encounters To Sustain Reading And Proficiency.)

Parent/Child Book Club

This club will meet on Saturday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *Falling for Rapunzel* by Leah Wilcox. Parent/Child book club is for children ages four through seven with a parent. Copies are available in the library for your review.

Lady Bug, Lady Bug

Fly away to the library on Saturday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. for a Toddler Time with a lady bug theme. Children four and under can register for this program by Thursday, May 24.

Baby Lapsits

This popular program for children up to 18 months old continues Mondays at 10:30 through May 21.

May Story Time Schedule

Story Time schedules continue in May as follows:

- Toddlers: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Preschoolers: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of events for children and adults, check out our website calendar at: www.ccmellorlibrary.org

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians

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The Borough of Edgewood does not specifically endorse any community organization, but welcomes and publishes newsletter announcements from all community groups in the borough. The editor reserves the right to edit announcements for length, content, or to meet editorial policies of the borough. For information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

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

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Pirates and Pictures

Join the Edgewood Symphony on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at East Allegheny High School in North Versailles for a concert filled with music from movies, cartoons and exhibitions. For those listeners who are interested in a bit lighter fare, the ESO will play music from the blockbuster hit *Pirates of the Caribbean* as well as a medley of Bugs Bunny's Greatest Hits.

For the more classically inclined, the ESO will perform Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and Wagner's "Prelude to Die Meistersinger." As a special treat, the East Allegheny High School Orchestra will perform Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture." There's something for everyone at this concert!

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. For more information, please visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org or call (412) 473-8880.



Garden Club

Mother MAY I?

Here's hoping that everyone has risen from their long winter's nap with renewed energy for a month of May packed full of exciting Edgewood Garden Club activities.

First, visit us at May Market at Phipps Garden Center, Fifth Avenue at Shady Avenue, on Thursday, May 17 through Saturday, May 19, where the Garden Club will offer a variety of

shade plants for sale at this worthwhile event. Or better yet, visit us on Sunday, May 20, 11a.m. - 3 p.m., at Edgewood Memorial Park, E. Swissvale Avenue at Race Street, for our Annual Spring Plant Sale. It is here that you will find a wonderful selection of herbs and perennials for both sun and shade and, as always, they will be available at great prices.

A new addition to this year's Spring Plant Sale will be a Garden Flea Market. You will be able to find great bargains on numerous garden related items such as new or gently used gardening tools, decorative ceramic or terra-cotta pots, and vases, to name a few.

And while you are there, please admire the recently refurbished slate plaza of Memorial Park. It is through your generous support of Edgewood Garden Club programs that such projects come to fruition. Yes, YOU MAY!



Nine Mile Run

Invasive Species Workshop

The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association will sponsor an Urban Ecosteward Invasive Species Workshop on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m.-noon starting at the Chapel Shelter in Riverview Park.

In this workshop, you will learn what an invasive plant is, why you should care, and how to identify and effectively remove them, with a focus on species treated early in the season. To register contact Jeff at (412) 371-8779 or jeff@ninemilerun.org.

Return of the Rain Barrel

NMRWA is asking Edgewood residents to install a rain barrel to help clean the stream. You may be eligible to receive a free barrel if you live in one of the study neighborhoods, or you can purchase one at a reduced rate if you're a watershed resident.

To learn more about the Rain Barrel Initiative go to www.ninemilerun.org, call (412) 371-3095 or e-mail rainbarrels@ninemilerun.org.

Edgewood Foundation

Senior Brunch

This year's senior brunch is on May 20 at the Edgewood Club and if you know of a senior who has not yet been notified its not too late to call Laura Horner at (412) 241-7786 and get the details.

Great Edgewood Clean-up

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this years Earth Day cleanup so successful. The Foundation would especially like to thank Niki Augustine for organizing the event and also Jolene Augustine, who helped her mom sort out who would be working where in the borough. Great job to both of you.

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On The Edge

Baby Goldberg

Elizabeth Schano-Goldberg, daughter of John and Winnie Schano of Dewey Street, and husband Eric Goldberg are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Neve Lillian on April 8. The Goldbergs reside in Shadyside.

Wedding Bells

Hudie Evans and Suzanne Evens of Greendale Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily, to Brandon Mahler of Swissvale. Both Emily and Brandon are 2000 graduates of Woodland Hills High School and 2004 graduates of Penn State University. A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

A Young Scholar

Annie Jasiewicz, 12, has been named the 2007 Staley Family Scholar at the Winchester-Thurston School, which she'll attend beginning in the fall. Annie is the daughter of Jason and

Heidi McDonald of East Swissvale Avenue, and the granddaughter of Renee Waun of Oakview Avenue, and David and Sharon McDonald of Mifflin Avenue.

And a Much Older One

Newsletter editor Marjie Stewart of Walnut Street has accepted a position at Penn State Shenango as a writing instructor, beginning in the fall term.

Marjie is completing her coursework for a Ph.D. in composition at Indiana University of Pennsylvania this spring, and will begin work on her dissertation this summer. She recently presented a paper at the national convention of the College Conference on Composition and Communication in New York.

Notable Edgewoodian Honored

Kathleen Doolin Schneider, Esquire was honored at the 2007 Celebrate and Share Women of Achievement Award Breakfast. In a salute to Women's History Month, 21 notable women from the Pittsburgh and surrounding areas were honored for the role that they play in our region to help make a

difference in the quality of living for others.

Kathleen received her nomination for her support and involvement in her community and her commitment to helping women and children. Congratulations!



Recreation

T-Ball

T-ball begins at the end of June. Registration forms are still being collected. Please send them in as soon as possible to the Recreation Department at 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Come and learn what all the fun is about!

In-house Girls Softball

The In-house Girls Softball program is currently taking registration forms. They can be found at the Edgewood Borough Building. We are excited to start a new season.

*By Amber Barrante
Recreation Director*

Robert L. Garber, Esq.

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Desperately Seeking Alumni

The Woodland Hills Alumni Association wants to hear from graduates of Woodland Hills, Churchill, Scott, Swissvale, Edgewood and Turtle Creek High Schools.

The association is an independent, non-profit organization now being formed to help alumni maintain contact with their former classmates and with the school district.

Even if you no longer live in the area, the Woodland Hills Alumni Association would like to hear from you. To contact the association, and to be put on their e-news list or a mailing list for WHSD publications, call (412) 731-1300, ext. 0172.

WHAF All-District Art Show

The Woodland Hills Academic Foundation (WHAF) will sponsor an All-District Art Show May 11-20. The show, to be held at the Carnegie Library of Braddock, is free and open to the public. The library, the first Carnegie Library in America, will be

extending its hours to be open during the show.

C.C. Mellor Library is awarding \$100 to a high school student artist, whose painting will be on display at the library for a year.

WHAF's Alumni Cabaret, a benefit for the Foundation, will take place Saturday, May 19 in the library's striking Music Hall. Tickets (\$20 donation) are required for this performance, which will be followed by a dessert and coffee reception in the Art Show. Proceeds from the Alumni Cabaret will benefit next year's Art Show.

The All-District Art Show runs through May 20. Hours are 5-8 p.m. on Fridays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For additional information about WHAF and the Art Show Visit www.whaf.info or call Maggie Forbes at (412) 247-4371. Volunteer help is needed and appreciated.

Races Taking Off

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And consider our 5K an excellent training run for our neighboring race, the Run Around the Square 5K and 1.5 mile Fun Run and Walk, which will be held the following week, on Saturday August 25. Another challenging course, the Run Around the Square is celebrating its golden birthday this year. This festive race has been featured in *Runners' World* magazine as one participant's "favorite race". For more information, or to volunteer for the Run Around the Square, you can leave messages at (412) 915-5079 or write to runaroundthesquare@yahoo.com.



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Council Notes

Seeking Junior Council Person

The borough began accepting letters of interest for the 2007-08 Junior Council Person (JCP) position on April 15. The position is open to students living in Edgewood who will be entering the eleventh or twelfth grades in 2007-08, regardless of school. Home-schooled students are also eligible, provided they reside in Edgewood and are entering either the eleventh or twelfth grades.

Big Shoes to Fill

Emily Bush, a junior this year at The Ellis School, is Edgewood's inaugural JCP. In her role, she has attended official borough functions such as a Council of Governments meeting, the Western Pennsylvania Association of Mayors' annual dinner, and the annual Newcomers' Meeting; and she rode in the Community Day Parade. Emily attends council meetings regularly, and has learned a lot about borough government. She has also become a voice of the community's youth, bringing forward questions and issues from younger residents.

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Tax Time

The 2007 Edgewood Borough Real Estate taxes were mailed out on April 1. If you have changed mortgage companies, no longer have a mortgage company or have changed your mailing address, please contact my office. If you don't give me the information, the bill will be sent to the last address I have on file. If you have not received your bill yet, call my office and I will send you a copy so that you can pay it during the discount period.

The 2006-2007 Woodland Hills School District taxes that were mailed out in July will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector on May 1. After this date there will be an additional penalty added on.

If you have wage tax questions please call PAMS at (412) 826-0300.

*By Maureen Smith
Tax Collector*

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Police Report

Bike Thefts

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library will be giving out free bike locks again this year, compliments of the Edgewood Police Department. This program was initiated due to the large number of bicycle thefts that occurred near the library a few years back. Since the program began, bike thefts have reduced drastically in our area. There will be plenty of locks to go around again this year. We hope everyone takes advantage of this program, and helps us in trying to keep bicycle thefts at a minimum. Special thanks to Andrea McNeill for starting up this program.

Click it or Ticket Campaign

The Edgewood Police Department participated in a Click It or Ticket Campaign from March 1-7. This campaign was conducted between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. to focus on motorists' nighttime seatbelt use.

During the event, participating officers made contact with 78 drivers and issued a total of 83 traffic citations. Officers issued 20 seatbelt citations and one child safety seat citation. Officers also issued four citations for speeding, three citations for suspended drivers, and 55 citations for various other violations.



Police Tip of the Month

Spring is here. Remember that an unattended unlocked bike is fair game for a thief's ride home.

The use of seatbelts has saved dozens of lives and prevented thousands of injuries. Keep yourself and your passengers safe by making sure everyone in your car is using their seatbelts.

Open House

The Edgewood Police Department is gearing up to host our fourth annual Open House, which will be held at our borough building on July 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. There will be complimentary food and beverages, children's prizes, and demonstrations by your local first responders. We are trying to make this year's event the best yet and hope you will be there to enjoy it with us.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,927 calls for service in March. There were 550 incidents reported, 375 complaints

received and 10 accidents investigated, one of which resulted in personal injury, and nine of which 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 23 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were two robberies, two burglaries, 14 shoplifting incidents, and five other crimes.

There were 11 adult arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 173 traffic citations, 231 parking citations and one arrest for driving under the influence were made. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to 24 false alarm calls, took 235 reports, responded to 24 public nuisance complaints, wrote one non-traffic citation and responded to 21 calls for medical assistance.

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New Tools and Showing Off

Thanks to receiving a grant from Senator Jay Costa, we have purchased two new extrication tools as well as rope and equipment for the rescue truck. The first new tool is a Hurst "Jaws of Life" 40-inch spreader. This will be used to open doors on wrecked vehicle as well as moving dashboards out of the way. The next tool is a Mach 2 cutter. This is a tool designed to cut through the doorpost and window frames of a vehicle. In an effort to have this vehicle state certified as an operational level rescue we are also required to carry a large amount of rope as well as equipment to rig the rope. We were fortunate to receive this money to allow us to equip the rescue with the much-needed tools.

While speaking of the rescue we recently were visited by the City of

Pittsburgh EMS Rescue division. They are expecting delivery of two new rescues similar to ours. They heard that our equipment was well placed in the compartments and visited our station for ideas and advice. On May 5, the rescue will be going to Glick Fire Equipment for their annual open house to be displayed with other new apparatus. Not to brag or anything, but a fire department in Maryland has contacted Pierce manufacturing to request information on our rescue.

News Up to the Minute

I have been told that there are some who miss the roof siren because now they don't know when we are responding to calls. Just a reminder that if you're interested in keeping up to date with where and what we are responding to, check out www.station137.com. Lt. Greer maintains the site and not only lists the calls but posts pictures. So far this year we have had 55 calls. While you're on the web and need to search don't forget to use www.goodsearch.com and type in

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department for the charity. This will net the fire department one cent for every search. I know it doesn't sound like a lot but pennies do add up.

Gasoline Season

Now that spring finally arrived, and I hope that by the time you read this it has, remember to use caution and safety when storing gasoline. I know that with the escalating price gas is liquid gold, but please do not store gasoline in your house. The vapors from gas are highly flammable and can travel to find an ignition source such as your hot water heater pilot light.

If you have any questions or are looking for a suggestion on where or how to store gasoline feel free to drop me a line at firechief@edgewoodboro.com. And, as always, we are taking applications for new members. We can be found in the station every Thursday at 7 p.m. for training.

By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief

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To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or marmozette@comcast.net.						
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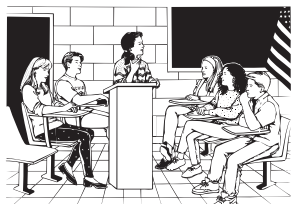
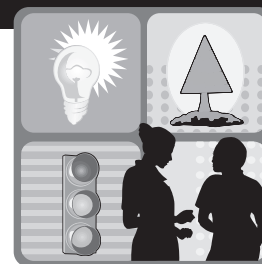
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The borough will hold a comprehensive planning meeting involving all citizens on May 17

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