

EDGEWOOD

SEPTEMBER 2007

Cool, Crisp Community Day Starts with 5K Race; Ends with Fireworks Bang

Edgewood Community Day 2007 enjoyed the best weather in at least ten years. The unseasonably cool August day began with the traditional 5K Race and Walk, leaving Koenig Field at 8:30. Race organizers would like to thank the sponsors: Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, the Edgewood Foundation, Kefalos and Associates Real Estate, Murphy's Taproom, Katerbean, Kramer Construction, Exquisite Smiles by David J. Sultanov, DMD, Eyes on Regent Square, Edgewood Family Chiropractic, Dunning's Grill and Fleet Feet Sports. Special thanks to Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy, a new sponsor, who also provided pre- and post-race stretching and massage. Thanks, too, to all the volunteers, especially Eleanor and Dave Magyar, hosts to the water stop. Top winners received the coveted pottery awards made by Paul Raith. Race results are available on the Edgewood Borough website.

When the race was over, it was time for the parade. Featured this year were brothers Gregory (pictured on this page) and Adam Parrish of Swissvale, overall North American Unicycling Champions in their age groups. Other features of the parade were the Woodland Hills High School Marching Band, Boy Scout Troop 23, borough officials, and many fire trucks.

Following the parade to the field, residents found food, fun and music for the rest of the day. The traditional firemen's chicken and ribs dinner was spiced up with chicken wings this year, and Edgewood Foundation popcorn kept the crowds snacking happy.

And for the first time in three years, the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra concert and the fireworks were not rained out. The orchestra played a series of popular favorites, including music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and the traditional finale, *Stars and Stripes Forever*, lead directly into a fabulous fireworks display.



EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Library

Fall Hours

Now that school is in session the library will be open on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. beginning September 9. The weekly schedule is:

Monday–Thursday.....10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday10 a.m.-3 p.m.
SundayNoon-3 p.m.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the circulation desks, both children's and adult. We can use help on the first or third Sundays of the month from noon to 3 p.m. Additionally, we could use help processing our book delivery from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. If you are interested, please contact Sally Bogie

Television

We are looking for a recent model 22-inch television to use for children's programs. If you have one to donate, please contact Andrea McNeill.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library reorganized at its last meeting. The president is Walt Hazlett and the vice-president is Pat Doyle. Other members of the board are John Belechak, Jean Davin, Alice

Johnston, Heidi McDonald, Marilyn Messina, Greer Mulholland and Lorraine Nogrady.

Computer Classes

A class on basic Internet will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 11 a.m. A class on basic e-mail will be held on Thursday, September 27 at 11a.m. Space in the classes is limited so register early. The one-session classes are free and last for one hour.

Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 12 from 7-8 p.m. They will discuss Deborah Crombie's *A Share in Death*.

The Genius Book Club will meet on September 18 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. They are discussing *The Bell Curve* by Richard Herrnstein.

Each of the book clubs welcomes new members. Copies of the books being read are available at the children's circulation desk.

Meeting Room

A number of groups use the library's meeting space, and they also welcome new members. The Edgewood Toastmasters meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Backroom Quilters meet on Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m.

Fall Story Time

Wednesday afternoon Preschool story time returns. Join us at 1:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 5 through Wednesday, May 30, 2008.

Baby Lap Sit

Bring your baby up to 18 months old to the library Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for a special program just for the two of you. Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes, and meet other parents, infants and toddlers. Baby lap

sit starts Monday September 10 and runs through Monday, October 29.

Toddler Time

Fall is apple season at Toddler Time on Saturday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m., when the theme is "Let's Pick Some Apples." Toddler time is for children 18 months through five years of age. Register by Thursday, September 13.

Storybook Art

This is a new program for children at least three years old. Storybook Art uses picture books to explore art techniques. The first session is Saturday, September 15 at 1 p.m. Register by Thursday, September 13.

After School Discovery Club

Children in grades two through five are invited to the library Thursday afternoons from September 20 through November 15. Show up at 3:30 to unwind from a tough day at school with fun activities and stories each week.

Let's Read Together

This book club for parents and children eight years and up starts on September 22. The first book is *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Pick up a copy to read today.

Exploring Ancient Greece

The Explorers' Club meets on September 29 at 1 p.m. Newcomers will receive their passports at the class. Previous travelers, remember your passports. Register by Thursday, September 27. Explorers' Club is for children six and up.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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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Edgewood Foundation

Newcomers Reception

Every year the Edgewood Foundation hosts a reception for those of you who are new to the community. This year the reception will be held on September 20 at 7 p.m. During the reception you will have the opportunity to meet with local organization leaders, receive general information about the borough, and enjoy light refreshments. Invitations will be arriving in mailboxes shortly. If you are new to the community and do not receive an invitation please do not hesitate to contact Niki Augustine at (412) 371-1711. We look forward to seeing you there.

Vacancy On the Board

With the departure of Vaughn Busch, the board of the Edgewood foundation is left with a seat for a new member. The board is seeking an Edgewood resident who is interested

in promoting and enhancing the cultural, social and educational environment of Edgewood life for all residents

All board members are asked to attend once monthly meetings and to head a committee. There is no length of residency requirements – if you are new, or if you have been here since Maple Avenue was paved you are welcome to apply. If you are interested, please call Lois Winslow at (412) 241-6749 or drop off a letter of interest at the Borough Building to the attention of the Edgewood Foundation.

Progressive Dinner

What a great way to warm up on a cold winter night! An Edgewood favorite, the Progressive Dinner is coming in February. Much planning goes into this event and the RSVP form will be coming out in the next edition of the newsletter. This is the year your recipe could be the winner. Start looking through your recipes to submit with your form. Or maybe this is the year that you want to host a dinner? Guest or host, the Foundation is looking forward to seeing you there.

Community Day

We couldn't have ordered better weather for our annual Community Day celebration. The Edgewood Foundation would like to say thank

you to all of you who stopped by our booth to say hello. Make sure that you drop by the fence at Koenig Field to see the beautiful trees made by the children in our community. They are spectacular.

Calling all Volunteers

As some of you may know, Edgewood Borough and the Edgewood Foundation have entered an agreement with Braddock Hills to keep Brinton Road clean. We cannot do this without help from the community. If you are interested in being a part of our next scheduled clean up please contact Niki Augustine at (412) 371-1711. This is a gateway into our community, so let's keep it clean.



Historical Society

Return to Edgewood

On Saturday August 12, two busloads of the descendants of Charles Garland visited the memorabilia cases at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. The yearbook collection was of interest to the group since many were related to people who attended Edgewood Schools from the early part of the twentieth century to 1967. In addition to three families in Edgewood that were related, including the Garlands, McLains, and Stoners, there was a Holden from Forest Hills who had married a Garland.



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Summer's End

Don't miss out on one last summer concert at Mellon Park on Sunday, September 9 at 1 p.m. as part of The Craftsmen's Guild's annual A Fair in the Park. Shop for some unique items, eat some great food and enjoy the music of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra on the performance stage. A Fair in the Park is held in Mellon Park behind the Center for the Arts on Fifth Avenue. Check out www.craftsmensguild.org to learn more about the fair and the ESO concert.

Fall Concert

Order your subscription now for the exciting new Edgewood Symphony Orchestra season of Magical Nights. The ESO has a great line up for the coming year, beginning with a Night of

Great Classics on Saturday, October 20. Featuring Dvorak's lyrical 8th Symphony, the concert will be held at the Katz Auditorium at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill.

Looking Ahead to the Holidays

Also be sure to mark your calendar for the ESO's annual holiday concert, The Night Before Christmas, which will be held on Saturday, December 8. This concert serves as the official kick off to the holiday season and is a much-loved tradition in the Edgewood Community. See the flyer enclosed in this newsletter for more information on this fabulous new season and to get information on ordering your subscription. For only \$40, you'll get to go to four great concerts and have four very magical nights. Single tickets are also available. Visit www.edgewood-symphony.org for more information.



Scouts

Anniversary Celebration

This year, Boy Scout Troop 23 celebrated its 95th anniversary as an organization. Founded in 1912, Boy Scout Troop 23 is one of the oldest and longest-running troops in the United States. The Troop has a proud legacy of developing past and present leaders and looks forward to a bright future of helping local boys reach their highest potential.

Summer Camp

In June, nine boys attended week-long Summer Camp at Heritage Reservation, which boasts 1700 acres of unspoiled woodland in Farmington, Pennsylvania (south of Uniontown). The Scouts had a fun and educational week, learning and practicing a variety of outdoor skills and leadership techniques as well as enjoying boating, fishing, swimming, target shooting, hiking, and other outdoor activities. They earned a total 22 merit badges, ranging from lifesaving and archery to environmental science and wilderness survival.

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American History Trip

On Saturday, July 7, eight scouts and eight adult leaders boarded a commercial airline in Pittsburgh and flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for an exciting one-day trip that focused on our nation's historical and cultural heritage. Highlights of the trip included visits to the Liberty Bell, Benjamin Franklin's grave, Independence Hall, Carpenters Hall, and the Betsy Ross House. Troop members also enjoyed original Philly cheesesteak sandwiches at a local restaurant, explored the waterfront and shipyards, and toured a tall ship.

Community Day

The troop once again participated in Edgewood Community Day on Saturday, August 18 at Koenig Field. Community Day visitors had the opportunity to try their skills on the rock climbing wall provided by the Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America, make a leatherwork craft, and learn more about the scouting program.

Troop Picnic

The Annual Troop Picnic was held on Sunday, August 26 at BY Pond in Trafford, Pennsylvania. Scouts and their families participated in a fishing contest and enjoyed a potluck cook-out. Scouts also received their merit badges and other rank advancements earned during the summer months.

How to Join

The troop meets every Monday night from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, located at 120 East Swissvale Avenue, across from the Edgewood Borough Building. If your son is interested in learning more about Scouting or would like to join the troop, feel free to visit a meeting any Monday or call Scoutmaster Charlie Huse at (412) 471-2927

Cub Scout Recruiting

Cub Scout Pack 23 will be holding its new Scout recruiting event at the first pack meeting, which will be held Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Boys entering first through

fifth grades this fall are eligible to join. All Cub Scouts meet monthly (usually Thursdays) as a pack at the church. Individual dens are grouped by grade and meet in between the pack meetings on mutually agreeable dates for the parents and den leaders. In addition, the pack has a monthly outing. The Cub Scouts have visited places such as parks, the zoo, aviary, bowling lanes and more. The September pack meeting will also include an orientation session for the parents of the scouts. There is a one-time fee of \$20 to join. If you have questions, please call Melita Carter at (412) 731-6097 evenings.



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EVFD

Community Day

Thanks go out to all who came to the rescue with convertibles for the parade this year, and also to everyone who supported us by purchasing a dinner or wings. The wings were the first item to sell out followed by ribs. Next year (yes, I am already planning for it), we will do more wings in variety of toppings.

How about the unicyclists? I could not believe that they rode the whole parade route. I am trying to get the whole unicyclist club to ride next year.

Junior Firefighters

By October, the EVFD will be accepting applications for junior firefighters. The junior program will allow boys or girls 14 or older to join the department. Although they are not able to fight fires in this program, they will receive the same training any person receives when becoming a mem-

ber. Juniors will assist with maintaining equipment and on calls will assist with refilling air bottles and tool readiness. If you are interested drop me an e-mail. This also goes out to any adult that cares to join.

But Who's Counting?

Here is your thought for the day: Did you know that there are only 126 days until Christmas? (*Editor's note: even fewer by the time you read this!*)

By Dave Andrews
 Fire Chief

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Police Report

New AEDs

The Edgewood Police Department is proud to announce the recent acquisition of two new state-of-the-art Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The police department already had one AED at all times for use by our officers to serve the residents of Edgewood. Now, thanks to the generosity of the PULSE Program of the St. Margaret Foundation, two AEDs will be available for use. The PULSE Program is designed to give AEDs to organizations that might not be able to afford the purchase of these expensive machines. With the new models, everyone — including infants less than one year of age — will be able to be treated. Sincere thanks go to Dave Bianco, PULSE coordinator for the St. Margaret Foundation, who assisted the department in making the grant process quick and easy.

Open House

The fourth Annual Edgewood Police Department Open House was held Saturday, July 28 under cloudy skies. A smaller visitor turnout than usual was in attendance, but everyone there went home happy and with full stomachs. The attendees were able to see the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department's new rescue truck up close, and members of the Department were on hand to answer questions.

Andrea McNeill and other staff

Police Tip of the Month

Since school is back in session, there will be a lot more children walking and waiting for buses in the early morning and afternoon hours. Please slow down and drive carefully when children are around. Also, observe the 15 mile per hour school zone signs.

members from the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library were on hand to help the children create spin art, and free books were distributed.

The Street Treat Patrol from WSHH radio gave out delicious ice cream and iced tea. Prizes were given away and lots of delicious food was served. Thanks to Edgewood K-Mart and Edgewood Giant Eagle for their generous donations to the Open House festivities. Thanks to Donna Lewis and Lee Sculli for sitting out in the sun all day to sign people up for the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy. A big thank you goes to Donald Rhoten from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the use of their parking lot. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all the members of the Edgewood Police Department who helped make this annual event another success.

Recovered Bikes

The Edgewood Police Department has in its possession approximately ten recovered bikes which were accumulated during this year. Anyone who is missing a bike may come to the police station to see if it may be in our inven-

tory. If you are planning to stop down, please call ahead to make sure there will be someone here to show you the bikes. If the bikes are not claimed in the very near future, they will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 2,127 calls for service in July 2007. There were 699 incidents reported, 274 complaints received and 12 accidents investigated, two of which resulted in personal injury, while the remaining ten 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 25 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, one was burglary, 14 were shoplifting, and 11 were other crimes.

There were 12 adult and seven juvenile arrests made for Felony and Misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 89 traffic citations and 119 parking citations and made two arrests for driving under the influence. There were four vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and one narcotics offense.

Officers also responded to 25 false alarm calls, took 453 reports, responded to 38 public nuisance complaints, wrote 13 non-traffic citations and responded to 16 calls for medical assistance.

*By Paul Wood
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AT THE LUAU: Norm Farrish prepares to carve at the annual Edgewood Court pig roast.



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Residents celebrated the award at the annual Edgewood Court pig roast, held in July, where some of the world's

best macaroni and cheese accompanied the title course.

Watch this space next fall, as we fully expect Norm and Edgewood Court to claim their tenth prize.

Baby Boy Busch

Vaughn Busch and Marjie Stewart of Walnut Street welcome their grandson, Donald James. Donnie, the son of Vaughn's daughter Julie of Greenfield, weighed 9 pounds 11 ounces, and was 21 inches.

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September/October

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 SEPTEMBER 1 ESO Concert, Mellon Park	3  10:30 Baby Lap Sit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	4 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 7:30 Borough Council, BB	5 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Drop Dead Book Club, CCML	6 Refuse Pickup 10:30 Story Hour, CCML	7 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	8 10:30 Toddler Time, CCML 1 Storybook Art, CCML
9	10 10:30 Baby Lap Sit, CCML 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	11 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 11 Basic Internet, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML 6:30 Genius Book Club, CCML	12 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML	13 Refuse & Recycling Pickup 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Newcomers' Reception	14	15
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30	1 OCTOBER	2	3	4 Refuse Pickup	5	6

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.
 FOOTNOTES:AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETC-Edgewood Toume Centre
 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KI-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJH-West Jr High School

THE SCOOP



WELCOMING NEWCOMERS

The Edgewood Foundation will sponsor its annual Newcomers' Reception September 20

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Edgewood's Boy Scout Troop 23 celebrates its 95th anniversary

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