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NOVEMBER 2008

Foundation, EVFD Join Forces for Light-Up Festivities



Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department will combine resources to bring a

Listen for those sleigh bells ringing (or at least the fire engine's motor roaring) telling us that Santa is on his way. Old St. Nick will be making his annual visit to Edgewood on December 5, when the Edgewood Foundation and the

new, improved Light-Up Night to the borough.

Unfortunately, the recent downturn in the global economy has hit the North Pole, and Santa has found himself a little short on elves. Because he has been busy making toys himself this year, he only had time for one visit to each town. So the foundation and fire department entered into lengthy negotiations with the Jolly Old Elf and agreed to combine their annual Santa events to bring Father Christmas himself to Edgewood for one longer, up-close-and-personal visit with children of all ages. The result? Light-Up Night and the Annual Fire Department Christmas Party have been combined into one bigger and better event.

The night will start with Santa's arrival via fire truck to light the Christmas tree in Memorial Park on Edgewood Avenue at approximately 7 p.m. Santa will then lead the procession to the Edgewood Club for a night of cookies, cider, entertainment and fun.

Children will have the opportunity to meet with Santa and try to persuade him that they have been good (for goodness sake!) this year. If Santa finds that to be true there may be a bag of goodies awaiting them.

Parents, friends, relatives and most importantly the children are invited to visit the Edgewood Club from 7-9 p.m. to celebrate the start of Edgewood's Holiday Season. We hope to see you there.

Greer Mulholland Honored for Library and Planting Work

Greer Mulholland received the William D. Limpert Award for Community Service from the Edgewood Foundation. This year the award was presented at the Wine and Chocolate Affaire.

Greer has served on the board of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for ten years and coordinated the fundraising and annual appeal for the library. She is a highly successful grant writer, and the funds she has brought into the library, over \$200,000, will benefit the Borough of Edgewood for many years to come. She also coordinated memorable fundraising events, including wine tastings and the fish art auction.

Greer also served as Community Captain for the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Highly Visible Flower Bed program for 12 years. Each May, Greer has recruited volunteers, and supervised the laying of hose, planting, and mulching of the plot near the parkway ramps. And if that weren't enough, she always invited all volunteers to her home for a fabulous lunch

of hot sausage afterwards, where they enjoyed the sanctuary of her personal garden.

Greer has also volunteered at many events sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation and given many hours to

the Community Day celebrations every year. Greer joins a long line of generous citizens who have received the Limpert Award because of their selfless dedication to the cause of improving life in the Borough of Edgewood.



Greer Mulholland with foundation board member Angel Lebrian and former Limpert Award winner Mary Limpert.

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Library

Book Gifts

The library has received gifts in honor of Greer Mulholland, this year's recipient of the William Limpert Award. Memorial gifts for Helen Gilmore have also been received.

Holiday Hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and remained closed for Thanksgiving Day. There will be normal hours during the rest of the weekend, which are Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

Computer Classes

The following one-hour one-session classes will be offered:

- Basic Word, Thursday, November 20, 1 p.m.
- Holiday Cards, Thursday, December 4, 11 a.m.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 7 for the Annual Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Edgewood Club Ballroom. Local artisans will be showing their wares; this is your opportunity to buy special, one-of-a-kind gifts for those on your list. Items range from watercolors to knit hats, jewelry to pottery, and wood

carvings to scarves. In addition each artisan donates an item to a raffle, which directly benefits the library. It's also not too late to book a table; call Elizabeth Thomas at (412) 243-4760 for more information.

A special event for children will be a part of the fair this year. Children six and up are invited to make mosaic tiles with renowned mosaic artist Daviea Davis. There is a charge for this program that benefits the library.

This is a fun event, be sure to stop in, browse the booths, and visit with neighbors and friends.

Multilanguage Support

All public access computers now have a Multilanguage functionality. The following languages are supported: Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

Drop Dead Book Club

The Poyson Garden by Karen Harper will be discussed on November 11. The December 10 book is *Jar City* by Arnaldur Indridson. The club meets on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the library's board room.

Bag a Turkey

Throughout November, turkeys are on the loose in the library. Find a turkey in a previously selected picture book and win a prize. Start hunting today – the contest ends November 30.

Scrabble

Bring your Scrabble board or use one provided when the library celebrates the classic word game. The whole family is invited on Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m. Let us know you plan to come by Friday, November 7.

Little Scientists

November's topic is animals in winter. Join the Little Scientists, a program for children 3-5 and a caregiver, on Monday, November 10 at 1 p.m.

On Monday, December 8 at 1 p.m., the scientists study the stars.

Reserve your spot for this popular program by the preceding Thursday.

After School Fun

This program for children in grades two through five continues on November 13 and 20 from 3:30-4:30. You must sign up by the Wednesday before each session.

Toddler Time

This popular program for children ages 2-5 and a parent or caregiver will meet on Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers will hear stories, sing songs, do rhymes and a small art project.

We Two Read

We Two Read is a book club for children 4-7 and a caregiver. The next meeting is Saturday, November 15 at 1 p.m., when we will discuss *My Life as a Chicken* by Ellen Kelley. The turkey isn't the only bird hiding this November. Reserve your spot by Friday, November 14 or until the book runs out.

Talking Turkey

Join the library on Saturday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m. for Turkey Tales. Stories, games and a craft await participants 4 and up.

Dinosaurs at the Library

Hear the roar of dinosaurs on Saturday, November 29 at 11 a.m. Children 4 and up who are crazy about dinosaurs will enjoy this activity. Special thanks to Peggy Edinger for the free books for the children who participate.

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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Jammin' in our Jammies

Family Jammie Story Time returns on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Family Jammie Story time. Put your jammies on and join the fun.

Parent/Child book Club

This club for children 8-12 years old and a parent will meet on Saturday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Taylor Lisle is the selection. Copies are available to borrow in the library.

By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill
Librarians



Toastmasters

Team Edgewood Wins

The Edgewood Toastmasters team swept the recent Area 10-District 13 Humorous and Table Topics Contest. The winners will move on to the Division C competition. They are:

- Denise Galloni, first place, humorous speech and table topics
- Dan Winwood, second place, humorous speech
- Rick Hays, second place, table topics.

Toastmasters welcomes all to their meetings, held Tuesdays at 6:30 at the C.C. Mellor Library.



WPSD

Commitment to the Community

WPSD has purchased seven properties on Walnut Street over the several years; the most recent acquisition is the 10-unit rental property at 1209 Walnut Street.

Since purchasing this property significant improvements have been made including a new roof, fire escape, and repaved parking lot. The interiors of five of the units have been refurbished with new kitchen counters and appliances, bathroom upgrades, new flooring, carpeting, and fresh paint. Soon new windows will be installed in all of the apartments. We hope that our staff and WPSD families will make these apartments their home.

The duplex WPSD purchased a few years ago was refurbished and is currently the home of three WPSD staff members.

Three of the other properties on Walnut were vacated at the end of August by the Pressley Ridge program. Two of the homes will be used for the WPSD Choices for Children program and CORES outreach services. The third house at 1117 Walnut, comprised of three apartments, will serve as rental property and will be available after the first of the year. Kefalos Realty does a great job of managing all of our rentals.

By purchasing, renovating, and maintaining these properties, WPSD is supporting the community and helping to improve the quality of life for local residents.



ALL SMILES: Neighborhood kids enjoy the block party held along Swissvale Avenue and sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf this fall. Also participating were the Edgewood Police Department, MADDADS, the Wilksburg Sun, and WTAE.



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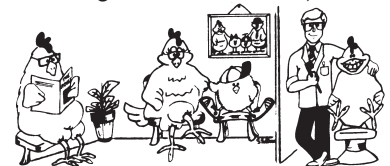
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Community Support

Please help us meet the challenge of keeping our community vital. We need your support to enhance the cultural, social and educational environment of our community. Please consider making a contribution to the Edgewood Foundation's Annual Fund Appeal. The foundation is working hard to enrich the community with programs that you and your family can benefit. We need your support to continue these initiatives.

Oh What a Night!

This year's Wine and Chocolate was an overwhelming success. More than 150 neighbors and friends attended, sipping wine, sampling fine chocolates, listening to the melodies of the Edgewood Symphony Quartet and enjoying the company of the neighborhood.

A special thank you to Lisa Seligman for coordinating all the artwork and to Shirley McCormick for helping her. Thanks to Marlene Rossi for her invaluable help throughout the evening; Chris Forbes, who helped educate us on the pairing of wines and chocolate; and Chaddsford Winery, who so generously donated much of the wine, with proprietors Eric and Lee Miller also lending their pouring hands. Our gratitude goes out to our local businesses, organizations, and residents for their donations of thousands of dollars worth of silent auction items. Finally, an enormous thank you to the board members and their families for their help with the event. They made the evening a huge success!

Progressive Dinner

New to this event or a regular, it is no matter, a fabulous time is always had by all who attend. Don't be left out of one of the hottest nights in Edgewood. Every year guests meet at a few different homes for appetizers, wine, and plenty of mingling with 40-50 guests at each party. When you arrive you will also find out the location of your dinner home. The number of dinner guests ranges from 10 - 14, a perfect setting for making new friend and reconnecting with old acquaintances.

After you have enjoyed your fabulous meal, everyone will meet up again in one location for sumptuous desserts, prepared by fellow attendees, more wine, and plenty of conversation. The earlier that you fill out and send in your form (on page 8 of this newsletter), the more likely you will have your preferred choice of duty for the evening.

Vacancy on the Board

Do you have some great new ideas? Love attending the foundation events? Want to get involved in your community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need you. The Edgewood Foundation has a vacancy on the board and needs an outgoing and enthusiastic person to fill it. Please submit your letter of interest to The Edgewood Foundation, 2 Race Street, Edgewood, PA, 15218.

Newcomers

This year's newcomers' reception was great success with many new neighbors in attendance and a wonderful turnout of our community leaders. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Horner family for opening their gorgeous home for such a lovely evening.

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Ring in the Holidays

Plan to come to the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood for the ESO's annual Holiday Concert on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will be showcasing your holiday favorites and will help to get you in the holiday spirit. Check out www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information.

Looking Ahead

Save the dates for these great 2009 concerts:

- Great European Masters featuring Beethoven's Eroica Symphony and music from Rossini and Sibelius, March 14, Katz Performing Arts Center, Jewish Community Center
- Around The World in 80 Minutes, bringing us music from Costa Rica, Italy and all around the world! May 9, Woodland Hills West Junior High



Garden Club

Deck Your Halls

Do you want to have yourself a Merry Little Christmas? First, start off with a new holiday tradition or renew a long held one by attending the Annual Edgewood Garden Club Greens Sale on Wednesday, December 3, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. And, because we want to help make your holidays brighter, the prices are the same as last year, even though the club's costs have increased. As one of the Garden Club's major fundraising events, the greens sale has always enjoyed the generous gift of support from so many of Edgewood friends and neighbors.

Various sizes of evergreen wreaths, roping (pine, boxwood, or cedar), swags, boxwood trees, or mixed greens are available for pre-order (see enclosed order form) or for purchase

the day of the event. There are also a few new lower priced items: check out our \$16 wreath! Likewise, red, white, or "Jingle Bell" (splashes of rose on white) poinsettias will also be available for purchase to enhance your foyer, mantelpiece, or holiday table.

So, make those lists and check them twice for all of your greens and holiday decorating needs. Please submit pre-orders for greens by Saturday, November 15 for the best selection. For more information consult the pre-order form which is enclosed in this newsletter or contact Greens Chairperson Suzan Lami at (412) 371-3602.

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Police Report

Caution: Holiday Ahead

Once again, the holiday season is quickly approaching, and we extend our wishes for a safe and memorable Thanksgiving to you and your family. With the anticipated increase in vehicle traffic on the roadways we encourage you to be patient and exercise caution while operating your vehicle. Please remind your guests who visit to park legally and not block driveways, intersections and not to park along yellow lines. This is not only being courteous to your neighbors, but ensures the safety of everyone.

Edgewood Avenue

Now that Edgewood Avenue has been paved, we will be aggressively monitoring the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit. There has been an increase in traffic on this roadway due to various detours relating to the Parkway East construction and the Briton Road overpass closing. Please slow down and drive carefully.

Maple Avenue

Just a reminder – there is very heavy traffic on Maple Avenue at the beginning of the school day and at dismissal. If you travel this roadway, please pay attention to the heavy pedestrian and vehicle traffic in this area. For safety's sake, officers are detailed at Linden Avenue and Maple Avenue every day during this time period.

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Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,628 calls for service in October 2008. There were 526 incidents reported, 246 complaints received and 10 accidents investigated, of which two resulted in personal injury, and eight 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 32 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were one motor vehicle theft, one burglary, and 11 other crimes.

There were 18 adult and no juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 119 traffic citations, 252 parking citations and made nine arrests for driving under the influence. There was one vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and no narcotics offenses.

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WHSD Tax

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The Wilkins School Community Center in Regent Square will hold three traditional holiday events:

- The annual Holiday Gift Shop will be open 7-9 p.m. December 5, with complimentary light snacks. Regular hours will run December 6-13 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The shop features original, handcrafted items.
- Make a Gingerbread House, Tuesday, December 9 from 7-9 p.m. Please register by December 2. The fee is \$15 per family (or per gingerbread house!).
- Regent Square Caroling, December 12 at 7 p.m. Please register by December 9 so that there will be enough songbooks and cookies.

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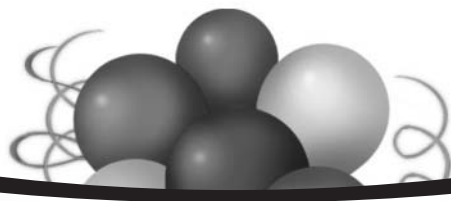
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November/December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE 7:30 Borough Council, BB	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 11 Basic Internet, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	9 Wise Walk, CCML 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE 7 Drop Dead Book Club, CCML	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 Scrabble, CCML
2 NOVEMBER	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	1 DECEMBER	2	3	4	5	6
				Refuse & Recycling Pickup		

To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Marjie Stewart at (412) 242-5345 or edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.
 FOOTNOTES: AM/CP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETG-Edgewood Toune 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

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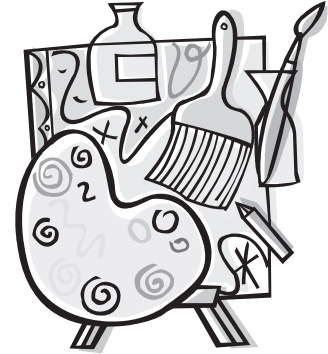
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