

EDGEWOOD

MAY 2009

Crossing Guard Captain Crosses Generational Lines



Leigh Sciuilli has kept generations of Edgewoodians safe while they crossed the borough's streets. Mrs. Sciuilli, who celebrated her 80th birthday on April 2, has been at her post as a crossing guard captain for 39 years. Her career began when a friend who was a crossing guard convinced her to apply for the job.

"I was walking up the street to see the dentist," Mrs. Sciuilli explained. "I knew the lady who was running the light then. She told me the borough was hiring crossing guards. I went up there, they hired me, and I've been working ever since."

On days when the weather drives lesser women (and men) indoors, Mrs. Sciuilli can be seen at her post on the corner of Race Street and Penwood Avenue. "I enjoy it," she said. "I think that I'm healthier for working outside.

I'm out here in all kinds of weather, but I don't even get colds."

Mrs. Sciuilli has been a fixture in the borough for many families. She crossed Jason McDonald when he was an Edgewood School student. Today she crosses his children. "It's just really cool to still have her out there watching over my kids, just as she watched over my brother and I," Jason said. "It's one way in which things change but stay the same and ultimately is another reason why living in Edgewood is special."

Mrs. Sciuilli was honored for four decades of service by Edgewood Borough at the April 6 borough council meeting. Mayor Jean Davin declared April 13 Leigh Sciuilli day in Edgewood. For her birthday, Mrs. Sciuilli's fellow crossing guards also celebrated, by taking her to lunch and giving her a birthday cake.

Edgewood Loses Devoted Son

David Grubbs was a man strongly bound to his community. Whether it was collecting historical postcards, cooking for friends and neighbors, or gardening in his native soil, his love for Edgewood was obvious.

Professionally, David was a financial auditor for Mellon-Stuart Co. (which became Michael Baker Corp.), but friends remember him most for his work in the community. Edgewood resident Janice Leckey remembers him as the driving force behind several local organizations. "He was a wonderful person," Janice said. "He did so many things for so many people. He revived the Edgewood Historical Society. He organized and did all the work for the Three Rivers Postcard Club. During Community Day he always had a booth there, and he would man the booth, selling reproductions of his postcard collection. He had wonderful postcards of Edgewood from the 1900s. He was going to do a book about Edgewood. It's so sad that he did not get to complete that. He did so much for so many people and the community. He just did everything for everyone and never complained."

He was also a member of the Western Pennsylvania Herb Society, which was founded by his mother, Louise Mellon. Former Edgewood mayor, Ruth Pickering McGregor remembers that David inherited his mother's green thumb. "He loved to cook and he loved to garden," she said. "David was a wonderful entertainer. He was a good friend to people. He was a loyal friend. I knew him for more than 50 years. He had a strong sense of community and a strong sense of family."

Mayor Jean Davin considered David a valuable source of information about the community. "Edgewood has lost its most dedicated historian in David," she said. "The information David had about this community was priceless,

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Library

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo

The celebration begins Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Children six and up will appreciate this program most. Please register by Thursday, April 30.

Baby Lap Sit

Baby Lap Sit is back for spring. This month the program meets Mondays, May 4, 11, and 18 at 10:30 a.m. Due to the holiday, Baby Lap Sit will not meet Monday, May 25. This half hour program offers stories and nursery rhymes for infants 0-17 months of age with a parent and/or caregiver. Register your baby today!

Family Jammie Story Time

Put your jammies on and join us for stories, a short movie, and an art project on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Made for Mom

Children six and up can register to make something nice for mom, grandma, or someone who is like a mom to them. The activity will be held Saturday, May 9 at 1 p.m. Please register by May 8.

Tape It Up

On Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. teens can make something interesting out of duct tape. Children 12 and up are encouraged to participate. Please register by Thursday, May 14.

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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Deadline for the June issue is Friday, May 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Babes in the Meadow

The theme for Toddler Time is Meadow Fun. This month's program will meet Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. Children 18 months to four years of age will enjoy this program most. Please register by Thursday, May 21.

Let's Read Together

Get a jump on summer reading with Polly Horvath's *Everything on a Waffle*. The Let's Read Together book club for children will meet Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. This book club is for children 8-12 years of age with a parent and/or guardian. Pick up a copy to read with your child today.

You're Invited

The Summer Reading Club kick-off party will be held Monday, June 15 at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Edgewood Club Ballroom at 12 p.m. Enjoy a snack, be entertained by folk musician Sandy Putorek, and sign up for a reading club for children who have finished grades 5 and younger. Please register by June 13.

Furniture Sale

The library is selling a number of pieces of furniture. These range from solid oak mission style tables, to oak Windsor chairs, children's tables and benches, to tall and medium sized book shelves. Some of the pieces date back to the 1930s. Most of the items are on display in the library with suggested prices. The sale runs through June 30. There is also a link on our web page www.ccmellorlibrary.org

that will take you to photos of the items for sale.

Board of Trustees

At its last meeting the Board of Trustees reorganized for 2009. The officers are Pat Doyle, President; Alice Johnston, Vice-President; Dan Donnelly, Treasurer. Greer Mulholland and Marilyn Messina were appointed as at-large members to the board. The board also welcomed Eric Shultz as the new appointee from Edgewood Borough Council. Other members of the board are Ed Cook, Jean Davin and John Belechak.

The board thanked Heidi McDonald for her three years as a member.

Tax Volunteers

A big thank you goes out to Marion Hershman and Hugh Terry. Once again, they volunteered their time, and their expertise, to help file federal and state income tax forms, stimulus requests, and rent rebate forms for local residents. From February through April they helped 299 individuals with their taxes. They are always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to help next year, we will put you in touch with Marian and Hugh. Training starts in September.

Memorial Books

The library has received several memorial gifts in the past month. We will be adding books to the collection in memory of Jean Phillippi, Sue Cunningham, Shirley Helick, and Judge David Gilmore.

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Memorial Day Weekend Hours

Friday, May 22 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 23. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday, May 24 Closed
 Monday, May 25 Closed

We the People Bookshelf

The library was selected to receive the 2009 We the People "Picturing America" Bookshelf. We will receive seventeen books for children and teens for both the library in Edgewood and the library in Forest Hills. The books use literature and the visual arts to look at the history, aspirations and ideals of the American people. The books are made possible by a grant to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Wise Walk

It's not too late to participate in Wise Walk, a walking and fitness program. Participants keep track of their steps on a library provided pedometer and are asked to report those steps once a week. You can walk independently or join the library's walking group on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Drop Dead Book Club

This month's selection is *Dark Matter* by Phillip Kerr. The book club will meet in the board room on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. June's selection is *In the Woods* by Tana French. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. New members are welcome.

All events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Please adhere to reservation requirements. Reservations for any of the programs listed can be made by calling the library at (412) 731-0909.

*By Sallie Bogie and Andrea McNeill
 Librarians*

Edgewood Foundation

Date Change for Senior Brunch

The annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch has been changed from May 3 to May 10. Please mark your calendars accordingly. At noon on May 10, our community will honor graduates and their families at the Edgewood Club. Cathy Gleason will head the coordination of this great tradition. If you have a graduating senior, or if you would just like to lend a hand, please call her at (412) 243-1502. Our seniors are graduating from many area schools including Woodland Hills, Central Catholic, Ellis, Shadyside Academy, and Oakland Catholic. This lovely event features good food, good company, and good memories, so make plans now to attend.

Nominate a Good Neighbor

It's time once again to nominate outstanding Edgewood volunteers for the prestigious William D. Limpert

Volunteer Service Award. This award was named in honor of the Edgewood Foundation's founding president, Bill Limpert in 1991. Nominations are solicited annually and an impartial, anonymous panel judges the nominees. Their selection will be announced in July. Nomination forms may be acquired from the borough building. The deadline for nominations is June 15.



WPSD

It's Not Too Late

You can still sign up for the 16th Annual Elroy Face Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, June 25 at Champion Lakes Golf Course. Tee off is at 11:00 am. Proceeds benefit the WPSD Choices for Children Parent-Infant Program. For more information contact Chris Fletcher at (412) 371-7000, cfletcher@wpsd.org or visit wpsd.org.

Walk For a Healthy Community

WPSD is one of 44 organizations that will be participating in Highmark's annual Walk For A Healthy Community on Saturday, May 30 at Heinz Field.

If you are interested in being part of the WPSD team, please contact Chris Fletcher at (412)371-7000, or cfletcher@wpsd.org.

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Garden Club

Spring Plant Sale: New Day, Earlier Time, Same Place

Spring has finally sprung with its promise of life renewed, spring cleaning chores, and the much anticipated Edgewood Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale. Please take note that this year's annual fundraising event will be on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Edgewood Memorial Park, East Swissvale Avenue at Race Street.

You will once again, or perhaps for the first time, find a bounteous selection of herbs, tomato plants, and perennials, which are suitable for either sun or shade. As always, they are available at great, affordable prices! Knowledgeable garden club members will also be available to assist you with your plant selections and to answer many of your gardening questions. We look forward to, and appreciate, the Edgewood community's continuing support. The proceeds benefit the Edgewood Garden Club's beautification plantings throughout the borough.



ESO

Around the World in 80 Minutes

Please join the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra for a musical trip around the world at Woodland Hills West Junior High School on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. The ESO will play

music from Costa Rica, Italy, the United States and more. This concert will allow you to hear some exotic tunes from all over the globe featuring world renowned whistler, Sean Lomax.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for seniors and students) and are available at the door. Call (412) 473-8880 or visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information.

Be sure to check the website for announcements of the ESO's free summer concerts.



School

Art Show

The 2009 All District Art Show will again be held at the former First Presbyterian Church on Library Street (across from the Braddock Carnegie Library). The show will be held from Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 17. It will be open and free to the public. The hours are: Friday, May 8 from 5-8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, May 9-10 from 1-4 p.m.; Thursday & Friday, May

Edgewood Sparkles After Clean Up Day

Citizens turned out on a beautiful spring morning to rid our streets of litter. Below: Borough Manager Warren Ceconi and Kathy Clevenger assigned volunteers Greg and Greer Mulbolland their area, armed them with trash bags and gloves, and made sure they had enough coffee and doughnuts to keep them going.



Above: Natalie Buchanan and Diane Scheuerman clean their street, Maple Avenue.

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14-15 from 5-8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, May 16-17 from 1-4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served for the opening on Friday, May 8. On Thursday, May 14, the Mini Grant Program will be showcased and WHAF art show awards and scholarships will be announced. The annual "Alumni Cabaret" fundraiser will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at the Braddock Carnegie Library Music Hall. This will be followed by a reception at the art show.

Would You Share Your Home...

with a student from a foreign country? There are several students looking for families in the Woodland Hills School District that they could live with during the 2009-10 school year. The students are sponsored by the international study abroad organization, C.I.E.E. This year, there were several C.I.E.E. sponsored students at the High School.

This is one of the most beneficial educational experiences you can provide for your children and it is an experience the entire family will not only enjoy, but also benefit from. To see a brief bio of the students who need family hosts, visit http://www.whsd.k12.pa.us/admin/Public_Relations/files/Bring%20Exchange%20Students%20to%20Woodland%20Hills%20High%20School.doc.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Ms. Peg Schmidt, CIEE Local Coordinator and Team Leader at (412) 913-9841 or email her at pghpeg@gmail.com.



On The Edge

Graduating Senior Wins Scholarship

Edgewood resident Allie Solomon has accepted the Presidential Scholarship from the Honors College at the University of Southern Mississippi. This academic scholarship covers full tuition costs for four years, including room & board, meal plan, books, and the opportunity to study-abroad. The scholarship required a composite score of at least a 30 on the ACT or a 1320 on the SAT, along with a resume and 500 word essay. Allie is a senior at Woodland Hills High School. She lives on Lincoln Avenue with her mom Cindy Leone, stepfather Philip Leone, and her three brothers, Adam, Jared, and Jonathan.

Allie is also the daughter of Dr. Neil Solomon, who lives in Mississippi with his wife Jill, and Allie's sisters Melinda and Julia.

Congratulations Allie and good luck in Mississippi.

Birthday, Babies and Bubbles

On April Fool's Day, Damian Kosempa of Garland Street celebrated his first birthday. Damian held a party for his friends at home where the babies enjoyed yummy cupcakes and refreshments before playing with bubbles. Damian is the son of Jessica and Damian Kosempa. Happy birthday Damian, we hope every year is as good as the first!

Edgewood High School All Class Reunion

The Edgewood High School Class of 1969 invites all fellow EHS alumni,

guests and teachers to an All Class Reunion on Saturday, June 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Edgewood Club. Music and refreshments (beer, wine and soft drinks) will be provided. Admission is \$20 per person. Reservations are required. Make check payable to EHS Class of 1969 Reunion and mail to M. McConville, 6 Olympia Place, Pittsburgh PA 15217. Contact Mike McConville at (412) 760-4603 or email mmcconville1@hotmail.com for additional information.

St. Anselm's High 40th Reunion

St. Anselm's High School Class of 1969 is having their 40th reunion, May 23 at Kingston Hall in Wilkins Township. Admission is \$35 and includes a buffet dinner with a beer and wine bar. All who attended the grade school and high school are invited, even though they may not have graduated from St. Anselm's. For more information please contact Denise Kaschauer Schreiber at ddschrbr@aol.com, (412) 655-0269 or Rita Rajakovich Hyland at hylandrita@yahoo.com, (412) 241-0204.

Autism Speaks Raises Thousands

Nick and Heather Kefalos extend their sincere appreciation to all who attended the Dance for Autism Speaks on March 7 at the East Pittsburgh VFW. The event was enjoyed by many Edgewood neighbors and friends, and raised over \$8,000 for autism research. Team Tyler thanks everyone for their support.

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Recreation

Summer Sluggers

Sign up for Edgewood Borough Recreation Department's fun and exciting baseball and softball programs.

Girl's in-house softball is for ages 7-12. The season begins in June and ends in August. The fee is \$40.

Co-ed tee ball is for ages 5-6 and runs during June and July. The fee for tee ball is \$30.

The registration deadline for both programs is May 18.

Applications for these programs can be found on the borough's website at <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm>.



Nine Mile Run

Rain Barrel Open House

Join the staff on Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at NMRWA for a fun evening of savory food and drink and explore innovative options for residential storm water management. See the rain barrel workshop; learn how to install and maintain your barrel for

optimum performance. Learn techniques for incorporating rain barrels in your landscape and learn about the best products and methods for painting a rain barrel. See the NMRWA rain garden and talk with Sylvania Natives and Kathy McGregor about the optimum plant choices for a rain garden on your property. Please RSVP by calling 412.371.8779 ext 15 or email lisa@ninemilrun.org. The open house will be held at the NMRWA offices at 702 South Trenton Avenue.

Bird Walk

On Sunday, June 7 join the NMRWA as they bird the Nine Mile Run Valley, and learn about the ecological restoration efforts in the southern end of Frick park. In the past, they have been delighted to see some unusual winged visitors—come see if there are any pleasant surprises this year. Chuck Tague and Jack Solomon lead this joint outing with the Wissahickon Nature Club and the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association.

Breeding birds should be active. An Orchard Oriole nested in the valley last June, so you may see it, or its more common cousin, the Baltimore Oriole. Carolina Chickadees, Carolina Wrens,



Yellow Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, and Indigo Bunting—they're all possible in the watershed on an early June morning. Keep an eye out for butterflies and dragonflies too, as well as late spring and early summer wildflowers.

Then, join the group for brunch at Kazanky's whenever they tire or the birding slows. Register by calling 412.371.8779 ext 15, or email lisa@ninemilrun.org. This event begins at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the lower Frick Park parking lot off Lancaster Avenue. A children's activity, lead by the Frick Environmental Center and suitable for ages 5-9, will be part of this event. Please RSVP.

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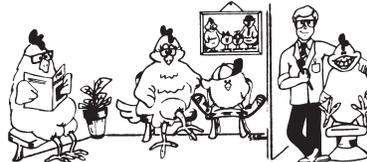
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Edgewood Borough's 2009 movie night kicks off the season on June 15th and will run through August 3rd. All movies are shown for free at Koenig Field and begin at dusk.

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| June 15 |Kung Fu Panda |
| June 22 |Speed Racer |
| June 29 |TBD |
| July 6 |Horton Hears a Who |
| July 13 |Hotel for Dogs |
| July 20 |Madagascar 2 |
| July 27 |Indiana Jones 4 |
| August 3 |Marley and Me |



Borough Notes

Stand Up and Be Counted

The 2010 census is coming up and your participation is vital to our neighborhood. The results of the census are used to distribute congressional seats, plan for community services, and to distribute federal funds to state and local government. The results also help to attract new businesses to the area and affects planning for transportation, hospitals, and health services.

A few quick facts about the 2010 census:

- You are required by law to participate in the census.
- The 2010 census is comprised of 10 easy questions that take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the information you share during the census.

Your Rising Sewer Bill

You may have noticed a slight increase in your recent sewer bill. Beginning in January, Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) increased the sewer rate by 16 percent from \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used to \$3.77. The quarterly customer service charge was also increased from \$6.83 to \$7.92.

What does this mean for your wallet?

Well for example, if you use 18,000 gallons of water in a quarter, you will see an increase of \$3.50 per month.

Why is this happening?

Stormwater in the sewers has increased due to aging infrastructure in the county, while the number of citizens has decreased. ALCOSAN must also comply with federal regulations to improve public health and the environment. The communities ALCOSAN serves are under EPA mandates to repair broken sewer lines, reduce inflow and infiltration, and reduce sewer overflows.

What can you do to lower your bill?

Your sewer bill is based on the amount of water you use during a quarterly billing period. If you want to pay less on your water bill and your sewage bill, you could begin to conserve water. Some easy tips for water conservation are:

- Take shorter showers
- Install water saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Check for leaks
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or washing dishes
- Only run your dishwasher or laundry when you have a full load

For more tips on water conservation visit <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-serve/index.php>.

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Council Notes

Six of Seven Borough Council Seats Up For Election

The upcoming primary on May 19, and general election in November, will bring six new faces to Edgewood Borough Council. Six of the seven council seats are up for election this year, along with the mayor's office, and tax collector's position. Council members are elected for four year terms. The open council seats are normally staggered so that every two years either a class of four seats, or a class of three seats, is up for election. Sometimes, due to personal or professional reasons, a member cannot finish their elected term of office.

The early departure of two council members from the class elected in 2007 brings the number of open seats to six for this election. Two of the six seats will be two year terms in order to return to the normal cycle of three and four open seats every other year.

Current President Patricia Schaefer remains on council while member and President Pro Tem Mal Hellett is running in the primary. Council is responsible for passing legislation, managing the budget and borough resources, and the hiring and firing of personnel.

Mayor Jean O. Davin is seeking her third term. She is running unopposed. The mayor serves a four year term. The mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Police Department. In the event of a tie in council voting, the mayor casts the deciding vote. The mayor has veto power over legislation passed by the council, although council may override a veto by a majority vote plus one additional vote.

Tax Collector Maureen Smith is running unopposed for reelection. Maureen has served as tax collector since January of 1998.

The primary will be held Tuesday, May 19 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at your assigned polling place.

Meet the Candidates

The following candidates are running in the primary on May 19. The Edgewood Borough Newsletter offered the candidates the opportunity to share a statement with readers. An attempt was made to reach all candidates. The statements included here were the responses we had when we went to press.

Mayor

Republican: Jean Davin

Council - four year seat

Democrat: Jack Wilson
Republicans: John F. Bright, Jennifer Gleba, Mal Hellett, John Hartwell Hillman III

"Edgewood is a small and very successful example of the real America. The borough leadership has always been excellent over the years and I want to keep things this way".

John F. Bright is a stockbroker in Edgewood

"I have lived in Edgewood for seven years now and love the friendly atmosphere, beautiful setting and great location. We recently moved, but stayed in Edgewood because we like the area so much. My background includes degrees in political science and speech pathology. I most recently worked at The Children's Institute in Squirrel Hill for six years before leaving to start my family. My motivation in joining council is to continue the tradition of quality services and reasonable borough taxes. As a council member, I would continually ask: Is this a well-informed and cost-effective option for Edgewood taxpayers?"

Jennifer Gleba

Council - two year seat

Republicans: Gregg Bowers, George Fuller
Democrat: Audrey Waldo

"While growing up in Edgewood, I experienced many of the wonderful social, recreational and educational

opportunities this community has to offer. In my capacities at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, I have had numerous dealings day, night and in the middle of the night, with the men and women of our police and fire departments. We are so fortunate to have them in times of emergency or crises. I feel, serving on the borough council would be a small way for me to give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family."

Gregg Bowers is Assistant Superintendent at WPSD

"I have lived in or around Edgewood for nearly my entire life. I attended grade and high school here, graduating as valedictorian. My goal is to keep Edgewood a thriving, vibrant community. I have served as Edgewood's representative on the Wilkesburg-Penn joint water authority for the last seven years. I also hope to maintain Edgewood's reputation as a safe (thanks to the police and fire departments), family friendly community. I also would like to continue the excellent work that council has done, especially concerning holding the tax rate steady for the last few years. "

George Fuller is a chemist

"Creating a strong community requires an active citizen-led government. I believe it's the responsibility of every citizen to participate in the democratic process, whether as a voter or candidate, and that is why I'm running for Council. I call myself a skeptical optimist meaning I'm generally optimistic that problems can be solved and things will go well. But, I'm skeptical enough to know that solutions can be difficult and sometimes things go very poorly before they end well. I share the same feeling as Abe Lincoln when he said, 'If elected I shall be thankful; if not, it will be all the same.'"

Audrey Waldo

Tax collector

Democrat: Maureen Smith

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Police Report

The Edgewood Police Department would like to express its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the City of Pittsburgh Zone 5 Officers Eric Kelly, Paul Sciuillo II and Stephen Mayhle for the loss of their loved ones during the tragic events of April 4, 2009. Members of the Edgewood Police Department attended the funerals for these officers as a show of support and to share their grief in this heartbreaking loss.

Fun and Educational Open House in the Works

Edgewood Borough Police Department will hold its Sixth Annual Open House on Saturday, July 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Although it's still in the planning stages, we currently have the 911 van scheduled to make its first appearance at the open house to teach children how to use the 911 system properly. We hope to bring you a canine demonstration, children's games, and helpful information from the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Department. Complementary lunch, desserts, and munchies will be provided during the event. Of course, we will still have children's prize drawings. We are also exploring some different concepts to bring new activities and demonstrations. Mark your calendar and bring the entire family for food and fun.

Public Notice

The Edgewood Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment to verify that professional standards are met as part of a program to achieve accreditation.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accredita-

tion program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (412) 242-0958 on Monday June 15 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Comments will be taken by the assessor.

Telephone comments are limited to ten minutes and must address the Department's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Edgewood Police Department. Local contact is Officer Tim Quinn, who can be reached at (412) 242-0958, ext - 716 or via e-mail at officer716@edgewoodboro.com.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Edgewood Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to: The Committee on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Easton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030-2215.

Comments may also be submitted by visiting the CALEA website at www.calea.org

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,474 calls for service in March. There were 445 incidents reported, 210 complaints received and four accidents investigated, two of which resulted in personal injury, and two 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 24 part I crimes committed in the borough, there were one for robbery, 20 for shoplifting, and three other crimes. There were zero motor vehicle thefts,

Police Tip of the Month

Always lock your bicycles when leaving them unattended. It only takes a minute for a thief to ride away with your bike. Even when you are at home, put bikes inside a locked area or use a bike lock. Remember, the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library will supply you with a bike lock if you don't have one.

burglaries, and aggravated assaults.

There were 20 adult and one juvenile arrests made for felony and misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 92 Traffic Citations and 246 Parking Citations. Seven arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and zero narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 16 false alarm calls, took 154 reports, responded to 17 public nuisance complaints, wrote four non-traffic citations and responded to 14 calls for medical assistance.



Tax Time

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate Tax was mailed out on April 1. This tax is due at discount by May 31, but that day is a Sunday so I will accept a postmark of June 1 (which is Monday). Please remember the tax office will be closed the week of May 11 and will reopen May 18. You can still drop your taxes in my door mail slot or in the office but there will be no receipts given out. If you need a receipt, place a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment and make sure there is sufficient postage on it.

The Woodland Hills School Tax is due at penalty until June 15. If you were making installments and missed the last one, you must add the 10% penalty to the amount due.

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EVFD

The Latest Spring Fashions

Much like the caterpillar that emerges as a beautiful butterfly, the members of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department have come out to greet spring in their new fire fighting gear. The firefighters will now be wearing the latest in fashion from the designers at Morning Pride. Before you rush out and get a set for yourself, keep in mind the ensemble costs \$2,500 for just the coat and pants, accessories are extra. Congratulations to the gear committee who assembled a set of gear that not only provides the best protection to the wearer but is also light weight to fight fatigue. If you would like to get a set of this gear for your own, stop by on Thursday to pick up an application to join the EVFD!

The new gear was made possible through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the State Fire Commissioner's grant and your donations to our fund drive. An additional grant that we are seeking is an AFG fire prevention grant to purchase a fire extinguisher training system. The 2009 AFG grant has opened which we will apply for in hopes of obtaining a fire service washing machine to keep the new gear in good condition. We would also like to apply the funds to a new breathing air compressor to fill the air bottles and rescue truck. We are working with the other fire departments in the Woodland Hills School District to apply for a regional AFG grant for laptops and software for the apparatus.

Junior Firefighter Wins Big in Harrisburg

Congratulations to Junior Firefighter Mario Bertonni. He attended the annual



Edgewood firefighters show off their fashionable new gear. Pictured l. to r., Christopher Renner, Dave Andrews, Mark Ratajeski, Steve Krumbolz, Luke Hillegas, Mario Bertonni, Jared Amos, and Joey Andrews

Junior Firefighter Leadership Program in Harrisburg. Mario received a first place medal for his power point presentation on leadership in the fire service. This was the first time EVFD was represented at the conference and he made us proud!

Charitable Child

A big thank you goes to Alexander Rupp for his donation to the EVFD for the purchase of fire equipment. Alexander sold some of his toys to raise money. Instead of going out and buying new toys for himself, he donated his proceeds to EVFD.

Get Involved

As always, if you are interested in serving your community, the EVFD is taking applications. If you are 14 years old, you can apply to the junior program. If you don't want to fight fire, but want to help, we have auxiliary positions to accommodate anyone. Stop in... we will be glad to show you around.

By Dave Andrews
Fire Chief

Edgewood Loses Devoted Son

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and we will miss him and his wonderful ability to fill in all the blanks. He was such a great asset to this community. We counted on David to help us break the ice with our new residents at all of our newcomers' meetings by sharing with them the old history of Edgewood and seeing his postcards. When we lost David, we lost so much of our Edgewood history that is irreplaceable."

David was born in Edgewood on January 23, 1942 to Barton and Louise Keeble Grubbs. His mother later married Edgewood resident E.P. Mellon, president of Mellon-Stuart Co. David died at his home on March 3. He was 67 years old. David is survived by a brother, Thomas Alexander Mellon IV, a nephew, Timothy Barton Grubbs of Charlottesville, VA, and a niece, Stacey Grubbs Rhodes of NC. Funeral arrangements are by Thomas L. Nied Funeral Home. The memorial service will be private, at the family's request.

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| 12 Senior Brunch, EC <i>Mother's Day</i> | 7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE | 10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML | 10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE | 14 Refuse Pickup | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 10 Spring Plant Sale, MP  |
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To list your Edgewood event in the community calendar, please contact Tara Sidonio at (502) 472-0771 or edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.
 FOOTNOTES: AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Council, CCML-Mellor Memorial Library, DIS-Dickson Intermediate School, EPS-Edgewood Primary School, ETC-Edgewood Tourne Centre
 EC-Edgewood Club FI-Fairless Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KF-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WJrH-West Jr High School



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