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MARCH 2010

Bargain Books for the Whole Family

Make plans to attend the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale March 20-24. It promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the thousands of items in the sale: books, movies, audio books, music CDs and tapes, magazines and children's games. To top it all off, everything is at bargain prices.

The weekend kicks off with a preview party for Edgewood residents and their guests on Friday, March 20 from seven to nine p.m. This is a great chance to leisurely peruse the items for sale, visit with friends and neighbors and enjoy great tidbits and drinks. Members of the Drop Dead Book Club are hosting this year's event. Admission is \$15 per person. Please call the library to make a reservation.

Weekend hours for the sale are Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books will be priced at two dollars for hardbacks (five for eight dollars), one dollar for paperbacks (five for four dollars) and fifty cents for kid's books (five for two dollars).

Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days. Fill a bag for five dollars (the library provides the bags). Bag sale hours are Monday, March 22 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CCML is happy to take donations of books and other items up through the sale. They are also looking for volunteers to help set up, run and tear down the sale. To volunteer, call Sally Bogie at (412) 731-0909.



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An Edgewood Department of Public Works' truck clears away the snow after the February storm. "Given the size of the department and the equipment we have, I think the DPW did a great job," said Edgewood Borough Manager, Warren Cecconi. "We have gotten many positive reviews."

CALEA Recognition for Edgewood Police Department

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, known as (CALEA), was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations including the International Association of Chiefs of Police and others.

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners. This accreditation process is a proven modern management model, which promotes the efficient use of resources and improves law enforcement service delivery.

Approximately two and half years ago, the Edgewood Police Department decided to undergo the rigorous process of achieving CALEA recognition. I am proud to report that on November 21, 2009, I attended the CALEA conference in Salt Lake City. I attended the final hearing at this conference and made a presentation to the CALEA Commission on our attempt to reach CALEA recognition. As a result of this presentation and the examination of the hard work all members of this police department put into the required compliance standards, the Edgewood Police Department was awarded its CALEA Recognition.

We are currently the only municipal police agency in Western Pennsylvania that is a CALEA Recognized law enforcement agency. This is something of which the community, its leaders and this police department can be very proud.

By Chief Robert Payne, Edgewood Police Department

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Library

Cuts Hurt

Because of funding cuts in the 2009-2010 state budget, county and state libraries have been forced to make a number of changes in services. C. C. Mellor Memorial Library has reduced staff hours and will be spending less on new materials this year. Changes have been made in the way requests for library materials are made. To cut down on the number of items going through delivery, all holds are filled with the local copy first. Drastic cuts were made to the subscriptions used by Power Pennsylvania, the electronic reference source used by both students and the general public. Although the countywide eiNetwork is hoping to subscribe to some of these, the number and types of databases available are in flux.

Governor Rendell has released his 2010-2011 proposed budget which calls for an additional \$1.2 million cut in public library subsidies. There will be much talk in Harrisburg about the budget between now and July 1.

The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library needs your support. You can help by participating in library fundraisers, donating to the library, volunteering, and contacting your legislator.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Ready to clean your house and make money at the same time? Worried about the weather on Saturdays in May? Join the Great Edgewood Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ballroom and living room of the Edgewood Community House. Rent a table, which we provide, for \$25. We take care of the advertising and will even arrange to have left over items donated to a charity. Space is limited, so call the library today to reserve your spot.

Fines and Fees

At the beginning of 2010, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh raised their fines. If you return your overdue items at CCML, you will pay only \$.25 a day for adult print material and audio books and \$.10 a day for children's print and audio items. Fines for DVDs and CD-ROMs are \$1 a day.

The library allows you to check out items if you have fines under \$10. We do this as a courtesy, since we all get caught without enough cash or not realizing that an item is overdue. Our fine threshold is not meant to be a permanent loan. The library's budget is tight, we ask that you pay all of your fine or a little bit at a time. We'll even allow you to volunteer at the library to reduce fines; teens may also participate

in this. Please work with us to pay off your balance. It will help us all.

Stormy Weather

The library has never closed because of inclement weather. Most of the employees live nearby so we can get here in all kinds of conditions. If your items are coming due and you can not get to the library to return them, you can do one of two things: call the library to renew them at (412) 731-0909, or renew online at www.ccmellorlibrary.org. Do not renew on the automated phone line because these renewals are not always successful. If your items are overdue, you'll need to call the library for renewals.

Census Questionnaire Assistance

Trained census employees will be on hand at the library beginning March 19 to help individuals in filling out their census forms. Census workers can help those who have trouble with language, seeing the form, or need clarification of questions on the form. Assistance is free and done on a walk-in basis. Times will be announced in early March.

Correct census data helps the library receive funding. The library receives per capita funding from state aid, table games, and RAD funding.

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 April issue is Monday, March 15. Please send all articles or correspondence to the attention of the editor, e-mail edgewoodnewsletter@yahoo.com.



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Drop Dead Book Club

This mystery book club meets next on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the library board room to discuss *Final Jeopardy* by Linda Fairstein. Actress Isabella Lascar is brutally murdered while driving to Assistant D. A. Alexandra Cooper's beach house. Was she the intended victim? Or was Alexandra? Join the discussion of this great mystery. The club meets next month on April 14.

Police Academy

In order to make the library a safe haven for all, staff members would like to participate in the Edgewood Police Department's Police Academy. However more class members are needed to set up the sessions. If you have any interest in the Police Academy, please call Donna at the borough building at (412) 242-4824.

Holiday Closings

The library will be closed on Good Friday, April 2.

A Bit of Luck

The luck of the Irish awaits you at the library. Find a specially marked shamrock in a picture book and redeem it for a prize in the children's room. You must check the book out in

order to qualify for the prize. The contest begins March 1. Hurry... your luck runs out March 31.

Family Jammie Storytime

Join us for some fun in our jammies on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. This is a great way to experience storytime! Family Jammie Storytime will also meet on April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Seusspicious Celebration

There's some seusspicious activity in the library this month. Come celebrate Read across America Day with Dr. Seuss stories and activities on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. Children ages three to seven will enjoy this most. Please register by Friday, March 5.

A Historical Yak

This month Yak and Snack will discuss historical fiction. Participants ages 10 and up will do theme based activities while snacking. Yak and Snack will be held Saturday, March 13 at 1 p.m. Please sign up by March 12.

Elephants on the Loose

Watch out for a stampede of elephants at this month's Toddler Time. It will meet Saturday, March 20 at 11 a.m. Toddler Time is for children 18 months to four years of age. Please register by March 19.

Goldfish Swap

On Saturday, March 27 at 1 p.m., the We Two Read Book Club will discuss *The Day I Swapped Two Goldfish for My Dad* by Neil Gaiman. We Two Read is for children ages four to seven with a parent or caregiver. Participants discuss a previously selected title that is read at home. You may borrow a copy of the selected title before the club meets to enjoy with your child.

Area Program Opportunities

Every third Wednesday of the month, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., a beloved picture book character is celebrated at the Wilkins Township Recreational Building located behind the municipal building on Peffer Road. This month, join the celebration of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson, Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Storytime at the Churchill Borough Building happens each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Stories, fingerplays, flannel board stories and a craft await preschool participants. The borough building is located at 2298 William Penn Highway in Churchill.

Storytime at the Forest Hills Library happens every Monday at 10:30 a.m. The library is located at 444 Avenue D. Please call (412) 824-3567 for details.

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Stash That Trash

Stash the trash month celebrations at CCML begin April 1. If you pick up litter and put it in the trash can, let the library staff know. We will give you a special marker and stamp it. Trade in your fully stamped marker to win a prize. Pick up your marker at the library beginning April 1. The program ends April 30.

Mark Your Place

CCML is holding an Edgewood bookmark design contest from April 1 to April 26. Children can submit their designs about Edgewood on a sample bookmark to the library. The winning design will be selected by members of the library board on April 30. The winning bookmark will be distributed to our patrons in May.

Poetry Slam

On Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m., we will dim the lights, get out the bongo drum and get ready for a poetry slam. Poets eight years old and up can cele-

brate National Poetry Month at the library with us. Bring your own poem, or help us make some up. Please register by April 2.

Let's Read

The April meeting of Let's Read Together Parent and Child Book Club will discuss *Scat* by Carl Hiassen. The club is for ages eight to twelve with a parent/caregiver and will meet on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library to borrow and read before the discussion.

Don't Spill the Beans

Come to the library on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. for some bean filled fun. Children six to 12 years old will enjoy these activities best. Please register by April 16.

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 Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill,
Librarians*



WPSD

Crafts Added to Annual Flea Market

There's something new at this year's flea market. WPSD has added an arts and crafts area to the annual yard sale and changed the name. The new and improved WPSD Spring Craft Sale and Flea Market will be held Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

This year at the annual event, you will find an area dedicated to the sale of locally made arts and crafts. But don't worry, there will still be plenty of space available to sell and shop for all those "found treasures" from attics and garages.

Spaces are available for \$10 each and \$7 for each additional space. Tables may be rented for \$5 each.

Proceeds from space and table rentals benefit the WPSD Parent-Staff Organization and Student Enrichment Programs.

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The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be parked in Dickson School parking lot every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Primary care for children including physicals and immunizations will be available. For questions about asthma care, please call (412) 692-LUNG. For questions about primary care, please call (412) 692-7777.



Edgewood Foundation

Progressive Success

A big thank you goes out to the neighborhood for attending the 2010 Progressive Dinner. A grand total of 126 people attended the evening to help us to raise money for the next great project in Edgewood!

Earth Day is Coming

Do you have an hour to give to your community and your planet? Come one, come all, to celebrate the beauty of both! We will meet at Koenig Field at 9 a.m. on April 17 (plan for April 24 if it is raining). You will receive light snacks and drinks, gloves, trash bags, directions and the appreciation of all who live in Edgewood. As we head out in different directions to pick up the clutter and debris that has gathered over the winter, you can take time to stop and look at the spring flowers, architecture and nuances of our neighborhood. If you have any questions, contact Kathy at (412) 969-7519. See you there!

April Showers and May Flowers

When all the snow melts away, look for daffodils heralding the arrival of spring around the "Welcome to Edgewood" sign. The bulbs are new this year and were planted to naturalize the hill. They should also be a gift that keeps on giving by multiplying each year!

Senior Brunch Around the Corner

If you are a graduating senior who lives in Edgewood, you are invited (along with your family) to attend the 2010 Senior Brunch. It will be held on May 2 at the Edgewood Club.

Invitations will go out, but we may miss you due to schools not releasing all names. Please send us a quick email and we will forward it to the planning committee to make sure you are included. You can also list your graduating friends in the email so we can make sure they are included too!



ESO

Vive La France with the Edgewood Symphony and Carmen!

Enjoy La Musique de Carmen with the Edgewood Symphony on Saturday, March 13 at the Katz Performing Center at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill. The ESO will perform the opera *Carmen* in concert, featuring the CAPA High School Opera Chorus and soprano Kelly Lynch as Carmen.

The ESO's season will culminate with a display of *Musique Fantastique* on May 15 with a performance of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* and other fabulous French selections.

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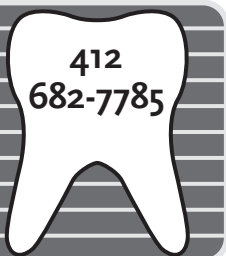
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Borough Manager

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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. Census results help determine funding to our local library. The results also help to attract new businesses to the area and affects planning for transportation, hospitals, and health services. Get help with your census form at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, see page two for details.

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.



Tax Time

The 2010 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Tax will be mailed out the first of April. The new millage will be set at 8.161, which is up one and a half mills from last year. If you have not paid your 2009 tax, you will be receiving a notice shortly from PAMS. I am no longer collecting this tax.

The 2009 Woodland Hills School Tax is now due at penalty. If you were paying in installments and missed your second or third one, please remember to add the additional 10% on the the remaining balance. I will be collecting these until around the 15th of May. If you need info about the wage tax please call PAMS at (412) 829-0567.

If you need copies of your 2009 taxes and did not send in a self addressed stamped envelope with your taxes, there will now be a \$5 fee.

My office is open Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. I will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the last two weeks of the discount period. The last day of discount is Memorial Day so I will accept taxes on June 1 and also accept a postmark of June 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (412) 731-0200 and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Thank you.

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Police Report

Clearing Off Your Vehicle

The heavy snow we received recently highlights the fact that it is imperative to remove all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving. Snow and ice could fall from your vehicle unexpectedly while traveling, harming other drivers and pedestrians. Clearing your vehicle also provides an unobstructed view for you as the driver, preventing accidents and the headaches that come along with them. If you don't clear your vehicle, you could receive expensive fines.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,380 calls for service in January. There were 359

Police Tip of the Month

Although it has become more difficult over the past month, please keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice. This is very important for everyone's safety. It also gives a clear path for rescue workers in case of an emergency. While clearing your sidewalk, please do not pile snow on storm drains. When the snow melts, the drains need to be clear for the runoff.

It is still cold outside, but remember that spring is almost here. Drive carefully and, as always, remember to secure your vehicles at all times and be courteous to your neighbors.

incidents reported, 153 complaints received and nine accidents investigated, 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 18 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there were zero for robbery, one for motor vehicle theft, one for burglary, 13 for shoplifting, one for aggravated assault and two other crimes.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 44 traffic citations, 551 parking citations and made two arrests for driving under the influence. There were two vandalism/criminal mischief complaints and zero narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to 19 false alarm calls, took 75 reports, responded to four public nuisance complaints, wrote five non-traffic citations and responded to 16 calls for medical assistance.

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Storm Highlights the Best in EVFD

I want to take this opportunity to let you know about the dedication of the members of the EVFD. During the recent snow emergency there was a crew in the station from Friday night until Sunday morning. They answered calls for downed wires and trees, assisted at a structure fire in Wilksburg and were there for you no matter what the situation may have been. You may be thinking that is what the fire department is supposed to do, but take into consideration that we are volunteers who left our families during this time to take care of yours. As a third generation fire fighter, I have been asked several times over the years why I am a firefighter. To be truthful, I don't think there is one fire fighter that knows the answer to this question. Firefighters have a desire to put their community before themselves. After being at the station for 36 hours, our volunteer firefighters finally went home to shovel their own families out. I believe they deserve a big round of applause for their dedication.

To keep your spirits high during the dog days of summer, I highly recommend you take a picture of your front and back yard now and post it on your fridge. Then, in the summer, remember you don't have to shovel rain and humidity!

A Great Team

I am also proud to report that the group of men and women that make up this department are working as a team, more than I have ever seen before. From the juniors to the seniors, everyone is working together towards the common goal of providing the best service possible for Edgewood. This includes the Emergency Service Workers that serve as drivers. These guys belong to other departments but will come in to assist, even on weekends, if they know there may be a shortage of drivers. If you want to become a part of this group, please stop by and pick up an application. We would be glad to have you.

Congratulations to Jared Amos for receiving his EMT certification. Jared is a junior firefighter for the EVFD. The night before his test he was at the station for training. In between maintenance checks on the air tanks, he was studying, determined to accomplish his goal.

Oscar Nominees at Regent Square Theater

Pittsburgh Filmmakers will present a host of Oscar nominees and winners in March. On March 6 and 7, there will be an exclusive sneak preview screening of the Secret of Kells, nominated in the category of Best Feature Length Animated Film. The Secret of Kells tells a tale from the pages of Celtic folklore, using animation that has garnered praise around the world. This beautiful film is suitable for all ages, and will be presented as part of the ongoing family programs at the Regent Square Theater supported by the Edgewood Foundation.

Thanks to a generous Allegheny Regional Asset District (ARAD) grant, new heating was installed at the theater in December. This improvement is part of ongoing capital upgrades at the theater by Pittsburgh Filmmakers.




Recreation

Here Comes Peter Cottontail

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27 for Edgewood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Koenig Field. Get your little ones ready with baskets or bags to collect eggs filled with goodies. The great egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. with five minute intervals for ages four to five, six to eight and nine to ten. If the weather is nice enough, maybe the Easter Bunny will even show up.

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March/April

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:30 Boy Scouts, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML 6:30 Toastmasters, CCML	10:30 & 1:30 Story Hour, CCML 7 Drop Dead Book Club, CCML 7 Venturing BSA, FPCE	10:30 Story Hour, CCML		1 Yak and Snack, CCML 7:30 ESO Concert
7 MARCH	8	9	10	11 Refuse & Recycling Pickup	12	13
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FOOTNOTES: AM/GP-Administrative Bldg./Greensburg Pike BB-Borough Building CCML-Mellor Memorial Library DIS-Dickson Intermediate School EPS-Edgewood Primary School ETC-Edgewood Towne Centre EC-Edgewood Club ECH-Edgewood Community House FI-Fairness Intermediate FPCE-First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood KI-Koenig Field MP-Memorial Park WHHS-Woodland Hills High School WPHJ-West Jr. High School

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