

EDGEWOOD

APRIL 2010

New Program Brings Resident Firefighters to Borough

In May, the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department will begin a live-in program designed to increase the number of volunteers within the borough limits. Of the twenty-five volunteer firefighters in the department, only three live in Edgewood. "Because we have so few firefighters living in the borough, the goal of the program is to have two to three firefighters living here at all times," said Lieutenant Ben Reynolds. "The candidates will get free lodging and in exchange they will respond to fire and rescue calls in Edgewood Borough."

The first participant in the program is University of Pittsburgh freshman, Charles Pratt. He is seeking a B.S. in emergency medicine and taking firefighter classes. "I hope to get some emergency response experience since that's the career field I'm going in to," Charles said. Originally from Ithaca, New York, he has been a member of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department since December.

"A live-in program is a huge recruitment and retention tool," Ben said. "For a college student who has to go to school and work, finding time to volunteer may be difficult. We take some of the burden off by providing a place for them to live." Ben added that he only knows of three other programs in the area.

The department is looking for two more candidates for the program. To qualify, a candidate must be accepted as a member of the Edgewood Borough Fire Department. If they are in the FireVEST scholarship program their grade point average has to be a 2.0 or higher. They also have to have taken Essentials of Firefighting at the Allegheny County Fire Academy and get their certification to operate the rescue vehicles.

The volunteers will be housed on the second floor of the borough building. The living quarters there were originally used to house the fire chief prior to 1961 when Edgewood had a paid fire department. Since the quarters have not been used in many years, members of the fire department are in



Charles Pratt poses in his future living quarters. The window behind him is one that is still in need of repair.

the process of cleaning, painting, fixing and remodeling the space. The quarters consist of a dormitory style bunk room, a day room, kitchen, bathroom and dining area. So far, the department has a leather couch, pair of recliners and two twin beds to furnish the space. They are seeking donations of a bunk bed, armoires or lockers, a coffee table or end tables, floor lamps, twin bed sheets, bath vanity, shower tile and kitchen appliances. Since the existing carpet can't be removed easily they also need area rugs to cover the old carpeting. The department is also hoping to secure a combo dining/game table for the dining area and a bar style table and chairs for the members to use their laptops on. If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact the fire department through the borough building. Since it is a fairly small space, someone from the department will assess the donation to determine if it will be a good fit. Please do not drop off donations at the fire station. If you would

like to help but don't have any of the mentioned items, cash donations are always welcome. The quarters also have quite a few cracked window panes. If you or someone you know is a contractor who would like to donate the time and material to fix the windows, that service would be greatly appreciated.

Once completed, the dayroom will be for the entire department's use. Ben envisions a place where members can watch DVDs on the big screen television, play games and use the internet. The volunteers of your local fire station are the first to respond when your life or your property are in danger. So far this year, the department has taken 80 calls. They expect to break 300 calls by the end of the year. If you would like to help protect your community, consider volunteering for the department. If you don't have the time to volunteer, donations of furniture, money or time will help those that are protecting you every day.

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Library

Stash the Trash

Stash the Trash Month celebrations at C.C. Mellor begin April 1. If you pick up litter and put it in the trash can, tell the library staff about it. They will give you a special marker and stamp it. A fully stamped marker wins a prize. Pick up your marker at the library beginning April 1, you have until April 30 to complete the marker.

Poetry Slam

Get out the bongo drum and get ready for a poetry slam at the library on Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m. Poets 8 years old and older can participate in this celebration of National Poetry Month. Bring your own poem or help us make some up. Please register by April 2.

Family Jammie Story time

Put your jammies on and bring your family to the library for an enjoyable evening on April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Let's Read Together

On Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. the Let's Read Together Parent and Child Book Club will read *Scat* by Carl Hiassen. The club is for children ages eight to 12 and a parent/caregiver. Copies of the book are available at the library to borrow and read before the discussion.

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

Spill the Beans

On Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. come to the library for some bean filled activities. Children ages six to 12 years will enjoy these activities most. Please register by April 16.

Book Character Celebrations*

Come to the Wilkins Recreation Center on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. when Spot, the loveable puppy, will be the focus of stories and activities. The recreation center is behind the Municipal Building in Wilkins on Peffer Road. Children ages three to eight and their families will enjoy these activities best.

Acts of Green

The Green Book Walk will begin on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. Children 18 months to five years will enjoy this activity most. The walk will start and end at the library with story breaks in between at marked locations.

Garbage Games

Make crafts and play activities with recycled materials on Saturday, April 24 at 1 p.m. Children aged six and up can register by April 23.

Bookmark Design Contest

Beginning April 1 children can submit their bookmark designs about Edgewood to the library. The contest ends April 26. The winning bookmark will be selected by the library board at their meeting, April 27. It will also be distributed to our patrons in May.

Congrats Chess Masters

Martin Caro won the junior division at the ACLA Chess Tournament at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library held Saturday, February 27. Nicolas Caro won the senior division. Jacob Boles finished second in the junior division and Darius Irani finished second in the senior division.

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Thank You

Before anyone knew what this winter would be like, Edgewood resident Tony Skaro volunteered to keep the library sidewalk clear of snow. A big thank you goes out to Tony who tirelessly shoveled snow, sometimes two or three times a day.

One Book One Community

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson has been selected by the Allegheny County Library Association for this year's One Book One Community program. This is a humorous account of the author's attempt to hike the entire Appalachian Trail. A book discussion will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. in the board room. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Good Neighbor

In order to be a better neighbor to those who live near us, the library will be conducting regular clean-ups along Pennwood Avenue. In addition, we are going green by cutting back on the number of fliers and notices we print. One week of story hours will focus on being kind to mother earth by not littering and using resources wisely.

Wise Walk

This popular ten week walking program returns to Edgewood and a second one begins in Forest Hills. Walkers are asked to keep track of their steps during the program and report them weekly to the library. For those who want to walk as a group, the library offers a weekly walk which begins at the library. In Edgewood, the walks are on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. beginning April 14. The Forest Hills program starts on Friday, April 16 at 9 a.m. Walkers will receive a pedometer and new participants will receive a t-shirt. Please register at the circulation desks.

Voter Registration Forms

The last day to register for the May primary is April 19. The library has voter registration forms available at the second floor circulation desk.

Book Clubs

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the board room to discuss *Wife of the Gods* by Kwei J. Quartey. In May, they will discuss *A Beautiful Place to Die* by Nalla Nunn.

Members of the PALS Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library to dis-

cuss the *Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Fowler.

Great Edgewood Yard Sale

Join us for 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 one of our tables for \$25. We will take care of the advertising and will arrange to have left over items donated to charity. We've also teamed up with the Edgewood Garden Club and their Annual Plant Sale. Call the library to reserve your spot.

Computer Classes

The following one hour one session computer classes are being offered:

- Thursday, April 15 at 1 p.m.
Basic Internet
- Tuesday, April 20 at 11 a.m.
Getting Started on Facebook

All events are free of charge. For further information or reservations, call the library at (412) 731-0909 or visit us on the web at ccmellorlibrary.org.

**Event takes place at an outreach location within the library's service area.*

*By Sally Bogie and Andrea McNeill,
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Vive La France with the Edgewood Symphony!

Help the ESO wrap up a fantastique French season on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a performance of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and *The Swan* from Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*.

The concert will be held at the JCC's Katz Performing Arts Center on Darlington Avenue in Squirrel Hill. Tickets will be available at the door. Please visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more details.



Wine & Chocolate Affaire

Save the date for the Edgewood Foundation's 3rd Annual Wine & Chocolate Affaire on November 6. We promise a return of all the things you loved: wine tasting, delectable chocolates, scrumptious appetizers and beer for our non-wine drinking friends, plus a silent auction and a chance to celebrate with this year's Limpert Award winner who will be announced that evening. Plan to share an evening of fun and celebration with your neighbors and friends. Check our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org for more information.

If you are interested in helping with the event, either in the planning stage

or the evening of, please contact Angel Lehrian at angel@lehrian.com.

Applications for the Limpert Award

Nominations are now being accepted for this year's Limpert Award. Do you know someone who selflessly shares their time and effort to make Edgewood a better place? Now is your chance to reward your friend, colleague or neighbor. Applications can be picked up at the borough building or found online at www.edgewood-foundation.org.

You Will Notice....

The flower bed by the Welcome to Edgewood Sign is beginning to bud with the daffodils donated by Phipps Conservatory's own Katie Werner, from last spring's show at Phipps! Although blooms are late this year, the daffodils will shortly burst into full color. In May phase two will begin, placing perennials for year round beauty and enjoyment.

Clean Your Corner of the Earth

Earth Day, April 17, is dedicated to cleaning up our community. The clean up begins at 9 a.m. at Koenig Field House where light snacks will be served before we set off to clean the borough. Maps, gloves, vests, and trash bags will be provided to protect and assist you in efforts to beautify our community. Do you have an hour? Join the Edgewood Foundation in this effort.

Spring Brings the Senior Brunch

The annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch will be held on Sunday,

May 2 at 11:30 a.m., at the Edgewood Club. This is when we will honor graduates from many area high schools including Woodland Hills, Central Catholic, Ellis, Shadyside Academy and Oakland Catholic. Invitations have been sent out to 24 graduating seniors in the borough, but if we missed you, please contact Lydia Josowitz at (412) 247-9606 so you and your family can be included in the festivities. This is a wonderful event with great food, great company and great memories, so mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



Garden Club

Dinner with Humorist Peter McKay

We will host Peter McKay and his talented wife, Gretchen, at our annual dinner to be held at the Edgewood Club from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. Peter McKay is a nationally syndicated humor columnist, who began writing for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 1999. Peter's columns on home repair, dealing with kids, dogs, neighbors and American life have appeared in that paper since. In recent years, Peter has returned to his roots, working on television and feature film scripts. This invitation is extended to everyone in the community. We can't keep such a wonderful opportunity to ourselves!

Reservations are required, as is a side dish or dessert contribution. The

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Annual Spring Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 15 the Edgewood Garden Club will once again hold its Spring Plant Sale from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Memorial Park, across from the Edgewood Borough Building and the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Race Street and East Swissvale Avenue. Our members will be available to offer you expert gardening tips and to help you select the best perennials, shade plants and shrubs for your sun-drenched or sun-deprived gardens. Tomatoes and various herbs will also be available.

All proceeds are used for the Garden Club's community plantings at various Edgewood sites. Come join us and find those hard-to-find plants at prices you won't see at the big box stores. Better mark your calendar! For questions, please contact George Petrone at (412) 371-7350.



WPSD

Extended School Year

Due to the number of snow days taken during February, the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will be extending the 2009-2010 school year. The last day of school for students will be June 18. Graduation for the Class of 2010 will be Thursday, June 17. Contact the school at (412) 371-7000 if you have any questions.

Choices for Children Reunion

The WPSD parent-infant program, Choices for Children, will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on June 12 with a "family reunion." For more information call (412) 244-4261.

Arts & Craft Sale and Flea Market

Don't forget The WPSD Arts & Craft Sale and Flea Market on Saturday, May 1.

Sales start at 8 a.m. This is a rain or shine event. Contact Vicki Cherney at

vcherney@wpsd.org for more information.

WrestleFest

Attention all studio wrestling fans! Deaf WrestleFest returns to the WPSD campus on Sunday, May 2. More information is available on the website at wpsd.org.

ABC School

Spaghetti Dinner

The marching band is hosting a spaghetti dinner between shows of Annie on Saturday, April 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Woodland Hills High School Cafeteria. Adult plates are \$6 and children 12 & under are \$4. This year the spaghetti will feature a new homemade sauce, plain or with meat. Salad, Italian bread with butter, dessert, and coffee or beverage will accompany the meal. Tickets are available at the door. For

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On The Edge

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Edgewood Home Delivered Meals is a service that is supported by the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood and run by the Eastern Area Adult Services. Any Edgewood or Swissvale resident who is unable to shop for or prepare meals during a period of recuperation or for a longer term is eligible to

receive this service. Volunteers pick up the meals at the Swissvale Senior Center Monday through Fridays and deliver them to shut-ins. If you or a member of your family needs this kind of help, call (412) 731-6125 and register with the director, Jodi Trovato.

Once again we are in need of drivers and runners to deliver the meals; please call Joy Goethert at (412) 731-1640 if you can spare two hours once or twice a month.

Edgewood Night at Pittsburgh Public Theater

Edgewood resident Marilyn Coleman, co-chair of Pittsburgh Public Theater's Ambassadors, has arranged for Edgewood area residents to receive a deep discount on tickets – just \$25.50 for the best seats available to see Alan Ayckbourn's *Time of My Life* on Thursday, April 22 at 8 p.m. The wildly funny comedy takes place in a restaurant where three couples are seen in the past, present and future. Meanwhile, one actor works as the entire restaurant

staff! To receive the special discount for this performance, call Becky Rickard at (412) 316-8200 ext.704 and ask for the Edgewood discount. Arrive early if you can to meet in "The Pub" lounge on the theater's second floor to socialize with friends and neighbors.



Nine Mile Run

Nine Mile Run Stream Sweep

Join NMRWA as we sweep Nine Mile Run of litter on April 24. Every time it rains or snows, litter from the upper watershed communities of Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Wilkinsburg and Swissvale washes into our stream. Come help us keep Nine Mile Run beautiful and clean! We provide gloves, safety vests and trash bags. Please wear long pants and sturdy boots or shoes. Register by contacting Lisa at (412) 371-8779 ext.115 or lisa@ninemilerun.org.

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Recreation



Players for the Red teams show off their championship trophies.

Red Hot Hoopsters

The Edgewood Recreation Basketball League finished 2010 in the red - in a good way. Every player, in every division, wearing a red t-shirt won the championship this year. Congrats to Red 7-8s, coached by James Willis, Red 9-10s, coached by Kimon Andreos, and Red 11-14s, coached by Mike Zgola.

As is the phenomenon of Edgewood Recreation hoops, the season may start off slow and sloppy with double dribbles and missed foul shots, but by the time March madness rolls around, players, parents and coaches know that anything can happen. In the end, it's no surprise that hoopin in Edgewood is always fun.

Thanks to all the coaches including TJ Cioppa, Jeff Hanchett, Greg Miller, Steve Fogerty, and Bill Roland for their lasting contributions and outstanding performance.

Registration for next year's basketball program will be available sometime in October.

Baseball Season Registration

Registration forms for the upcoming baseball season will be mailed out very soon to those who played last year. They will also be available at the borough building and will be on the website for those interested.

By Marjory Freedline



Borough Manager

Doggie Duty

Please remember to clean up after your dog. It seems that during the snow many pet owners decided to skip the clean up. Remember it is always necessary to pick up and dispose of dog waste properly. Please do not place waste in the storm drain. Your neighbors will appreciate your effort!



Tax Time

The 2010 Edgewood Borough Tax Statements were mailed out on March 31. If you have not received your bill, please call my office. There have been a lot of changes with the mortgage companies this past year, so some of the bills are going to mortgage companies when they should be going to residents. If a mortgage company requests your bill but it has your mailing address on it, it will be sent to you. If you prefer it be sent to them, I must have written permission from you to change this. If you have refinanced or are now paying you own taxes, please call the county tax office and my office to let us know. It is your responsibility to get this information to the county. Their number is (412) 350-1400.

The Woodland Hills 2009 School tax is now due at penalty. I will be collecting these until May 15. If you were paying in installments and missed the second and third installment, they are both due at penalty. There were coupons mailed out in September that included the second and third coupon. These are the only coupons the school district sent out. If you have any questions as to whether you paid your bill, call my office at (412) 731-0200. I apologize for not getting receipts out sooner but I was off for a week so I was a little behind, thank you for your patience.

By Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

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Police Report

Have you lost your bike?

We currently have 12 bicycles that have been either found or turned in to us during the previous year. If you have lost a bike during this time period, feel free call to make an appointment with an officer to show you the bikes. Any unclaimed bikes will be turned over to the Salvation Army.

Spring Safety

After a long and snowy winter, spring is finally almost here. With warmer weather comes more vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Please be alert when driving, look out for children on bikes, joggers, pedestrians and mothers pushing strollers. Remember, if you see an aggressive driver, please report them to 911 immediately.

Citizens on Patrol

The Edgewood Police Department will offer the Citizen's Police Academy to residents and non-residents at no cost. You must register for the class



Police Tip of the Month

As the weather heats up, please remember to lock your car doors and patio doors. Thieves look for easy targets when attempting to break into homes and vehicles. Let's not make it inviting for them. As always report any suspicious activity to 911.

using the form found on the website www.edgewoodboro.com. The class runs for eight weeks and is held, for the most part, in the Edgewood Borough Council Chambers. Speakers from the City of Pittsburgh Police Department and various other organizations will visit during the classes. Please return your completed form to the Edgewood Police Department, ATTN: Citizen's Police Academy, 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. For further information, please contact the borough at (412) 242-4824.

Activity Report

The Edgewood Police Department

responded to and handled 938 calls for service in February 2010. There were 408 incidents reported, 165 complaints received and 24 accidents investigated, zero of which resulted in personal injury, and 24 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 15 Part I Crimes committed in the borough, there was one for robbery, zero for motor vehicle theft, two for burglary, 10 for shoplifting, zero for aggravated assault and two other crimes.

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

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 33 traffic citations, 68 parking citations. Zero arrests for driving under the influence were made. There were three vandalism/criminal mischief complaint and zero narcotics offenses.

Officers also responded to eight false alarm calls, took 88 reports, responded to wrote three non-traffic citations and responded to 16 calls for medical assistance.

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