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SEPTEMBER 2010 A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

Recognizing the Dedicated

The Edgewood Foundation is seeking nominations for the William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award. This year's winner will be announced at the Edgewood Foundation's Wine and Chocolate Affaire on November 6.

The award was created in honor of the Foundation's founding president, Bill Limpert, in 1991. Winners since Bill Limpert include John B. Major, Angelina Sammarone, Robert R. Fuchs, Robert P. Gibson, Nevin Rodes, Susan Bailey, Doris D. Jones, Brian Nogrady, Jay Bush, Dick Monheim, Mary Limpert, Louis Boccio Jr., Dick Lithgow, Tom Herward, Laura Horner, and Greer Mulholland.

Each winner's name is listed on a plaque that is displayed in the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, and a tree is planted at an appropriate site within the borough to honor each recipient.

To nominate someone whose community service and spirit of volunteerism is reminiscent of Bill Limpert and all the recipients, write to The Edgewood Foundation, 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, or e-mail Angel Lehrian at angel@lehrian.com. Nomination forms are also available at the borough building.



*Pictured:
William D. Limpert*



Calendar at a Glance

September (all dates in September)

Council Meetings: 7 & 20, 7:30 pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 10th and every Thursday after

Recycling: 9 & 23

Storytime @ CC Mellor: 10:30 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Toastmasters: 6:30 pm Tuesdays @ CC Mellor

Boy Scouts: 7:30 pm Mondays @ FPCE

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Library

Baby Lapsits Children 17 months and younger with a caregiver are invited to baby lapsit. Rhymes, songs and movements for children and their caregivers are offered Friday Mornings @ 10:30 a.m. Join us September 3.

Saturday, September 4 @ 1:00 p.m. **We/Two Read** a book club for children 4-7 years old and a caregiver. Participants will discuss the selected book with others and do an art project. The children get to keep the books thanks to a generous grant from Dollar General. Reserve your spot today as space is limited.

Story time resumes at the library Tuesday, September 7 @ 10:30 a.m. for **Toddlers** 18 months-3 years old. **Preschool** participants can choose between Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. beginning September 8.

Family Jammie Story time, Wednesday, September 8 @ 6:30 p.m. Put your jammies on and join us for story time.

Baby lapsit, Friday September 10 @ 10:30 a.m. Children 17 months and younger with a caregiver.

Saturday, September 11 @ 12:00 noon **the chocolate touch** a program for children 6 and up who are not allergic to chocolate. Reserve your spot by September 10.

Fall Storytime makes its way to the **Churchill Borough Building** every Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. beginning September 16-December 16, 2010.

Wild About Books is a weekly afterschool program for children k-4th grade. Every Wednesday, beginning September 22-November 10, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., children can go to the **Wilkins Recreation Center** and discover a new book character through stories and crafts.

Baby lapsit, Friday September 17 @ 10:30 a.m. Children 17 months and younger with a caregiver.

Saturday, September 25 @ 12:00 noon **CC Mellor Memorial Library's Hunger Games**. Fans of Suzanne Collins novels will love this program. This program is for tweens and teens at least 10 years old and up. Reserve your spot by September 24.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Please call the library at (412)731-0909 for more information or registration for the programs.

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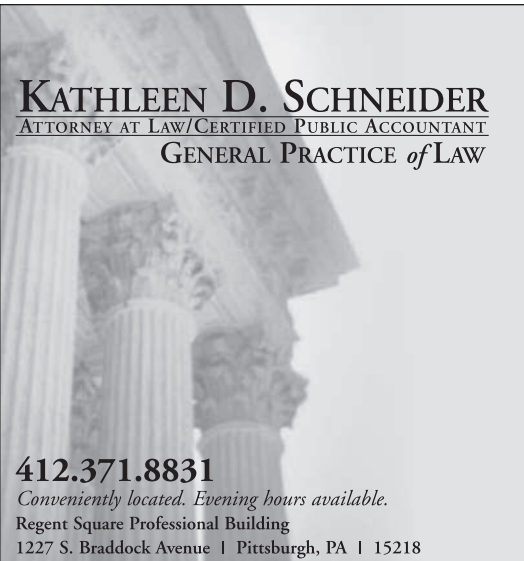
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Net Library to Continue

Earlier we reported that NetLibrary was dropped because of funding problems. We are happy to report that the subscription continues through June 2011 thanks to a deep discount from NetLibrary and Carnegie Library's generosity.

County residents will have access to the same collection of electronic books, with 30 new titles added monthly including products from Recorded Books. In addition, users will be able to download to mobile devices such as iPods and Droids in the near future.

Patrons can also use Overdrive which gives downloadable access to popular audios, videos and ebook titles. Both products can be accessed remotely from the library's website.

Pittsburgh Day of Giving

To kick off the 2011 Annual Appeal, the library will again be participating in The Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving which is October 13. The Pittsburgh Foundation has set aside \$500,000 as matching money for on-line credit card donations. The Day of Giving runs for 24 hours and matching money will be prorated. Go to The Foundation's website for more information on how to give and to review the profile for C.C. Mellor Memorial Library at www.pittsburghgives.guidestar.org.

Computer Classes

The following one hour one session classes are being offered. Classes are free and registration is required.

Beginning Internet
Tuesday September 14 @ 11am

Basic email
Tuesday September 28 @ 11am

Drop Dead Book Club

This discussion group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 8 at 7pm to discuss *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. The selection for the October 11 meeting is *The Missing* by Tim Gautreaux. The library has copies of the books for circulation. Membership is open to all.

WiseWalk

We kick off the fall session of this popular walking program on Wednesday, September 15 at 9am. Every Wednesday for 10 weeks we will walk for one hour on neighborhood sidewalks or in Frick Park. We also invite those who walk on their own to participate. We'll give you a t-shirt and a pedometer so that you can keep track of your steps. All that we ask is that you report your steps weekly.

Honor Book

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When:
Saturday October 2nd from
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

What:
There will be a classic car cruise, music, food and children's games. Local businesses and area non-profits are invited to reserve a space to promote their business and mission to the community. All Free of Charge.

Where:
On the WPSD campus and along Swissvale Avenue.

How:
Contact Gregg Bowers or Vicki Cherney at 412-371-7000.

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Annual Gala & Auction

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will hold their annual Fall Gala and Auction on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the John Heinz History Center. Proceeds from the event benefit academic enrichment programs for our students. Visit our website at wpsd.org to find out how you can be part of this event!

American Sign Language Classes

At WPSD, American Sign Language (ASL) courses go beyond sign language instruction.

Not only do our classes promote signing skills, but also a greater understanding of deaf culture through interaction with deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Plus, class sizes are limited to ensure individual attention from the instructor. Evaluations are conducted throughout the session to assist students in monitoring their progress.

Three 8-week sessions are offered during the school year on Wednesday

evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
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Fall September 22 - November 10

Winter January 12 - March 2

Spring March 16 - May 11

The fee for each session is \$60.00 and is due with your registration. Payments can be made as cash or check. Checks should be made payable to WPSD.

Classes are held on the main campus at 300 East Swissvale Avenue in Edgewood, PA 15218.

For more information on ASL courses, please contact Joan Stone at 412-244-4205 or jstone@wpsd.org.

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Scouts

Edgewood Cub Scouts Recruiting for Fall

Cub Scout Pack 23, which meets in the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, will be starting up regular meetings again in September. Cub Scouts is for boys entering 1st through 5th grades. Registration will be on Thursday September 9th, at 7:00PM at the church, and will include an orientation for the parents. Parents who registered in May should also attend. The first pack meeting, which all scouts, leaders, and parents attend, will be the following Thursday, September 16th, at 7PM at the church.

The summer has been a fun time for scouts old and new, including an overnight campout, minor league baseball game, resident camp, and day camp. We are still in the 100th anniversary year of scouting, with more exciting events to come.

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Featuring Beethoven's dramatic Egmont Overture and Finlandia by Sibelius.

December 4, 2010 -

Holiday Confections
This annual holiday concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is an Edgewood tradition!

March 12, 2011 -

Tales from Old Vienna
Enjoy Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

May 14, 2011 -

White Nights
Hear showstoppers Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev and Scheherazade by Rimsky Korsakov!

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Welcome, Neighbor

The annual newcomers' reception will be held on September 23 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rhonda and Chris Apossos, 349 Maple Avenue. People who have moved into Edgewood within the last year should receive an invitation in early September. If we have somehow missed you, please let us know at info@edgewoodfoundation.org and we will get you the details. The newcomers' events are a great way to meet your new neighbors and learn about the borough you are making your home.

Wine & Chocolate Affaire

Antioxidants will be flowing at the Edgewood Foundation's third biennial Wine and Chocolate Affaire, to be held November 6 at the Edgewood Club. Use the reservation form below to purchase your tickets now. Donations for the silent auction and

volunteers for the evening are still needed. Anyone making donations will be given a free ad in the evening's program. It's a great way to bring attention to your local business.

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Edward Jones Financial Advisor to Host Financial Workshop: Your Source for Financial Education

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Deborah F. Hughes of Regent Square will host a "Financial Workshop: Your Source for Financial Education." The four-week workshop will assist individuals in setting financial and investment goals.

The workshop will begin Thursday, 9/16/10, and continue through Thursday, 10/7/10. Classes will meet once a week from 6:00-8:00 pm and will be held at The Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. The enrollment fee for the workshop is \$10.00 per person, which includes all course materials.

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Susan Fox at 412-242-1075 or susan.fox@edwardjones.com.

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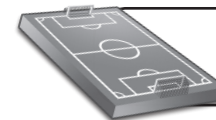
Deborah F. Hughes, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Regent Square, is supporting East End Cooperative Ministries by using her office as a drop-off location for a school supplies drive.

Local residents and businesses may help those less fortunate in the community by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours from July 15, 2010 to September 15, 2010.

"I'm asking Regent Square, Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and Pittsburgh residents to donate school supplies or volunteer their time," Hughes said. "These donations can add value as one more student will be provided with the appropriate tools to begin or continue his or her learning and development."

The items needed for the school supply drive include: backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, scissors (kid-safe and full-sized), Crayola crayons and markers, glue, and rulers.

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Recreation

The annual T-ball and softball picnic and exhibition games are sure sign that summer in the borough are winding down. True to tradition the games were played children vs parents and surprisingly the children won both games.

Both of the programs could not exist without volunteer coaches and lots of parental involvement. Heading up the T- ball program were Coach Jay and Coach Paul. Softball was led by Coach Kip and a slew of parents who got into the practices and games every week. Thank you to everyone involved who worked tirelessly to motivate and help hone the skills of these very eager players. These are both yearly programs; if you are interested in joining next year, keep your eyes on the borough website, <http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/> in the early springtime.

Pictured: Softball players gather around Coach Kip to receive their trophies after a victory over the parents.



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Police Report

As of the end of July the EVFD has answered 180 calls for service. That is an average of 25 calls per month. Starting August 30th the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) will be extending their services to respond to medical calls within the borough. Known as quick response service or "QRS" the fire department will be responding on only the most critical responses known as E-0 or E-1 calls along with the borough's EMS provider Eastern Area Prehospital Services (EAPS). The goals of this enhanced first responder role is to assist in providing necessary emergency medical care such as CPR, early defibrillation, control of hemorrhage and other early interventions which could make a difference when a medical crisis strikes. If you have any questions about EVFD's first responder program, or are interested in being either a firefighter or first responder you can contact us at 137station@gmail.com, follow us on Twitter at EVFD137, or on Facebook Edgewood VFD Station137.

that you want and need. Along with these questions, the email address will allow residents a chance to voice their concerns. Any concerns or anonymous complaints will be shared with the officers to remedy any problems.

In the following newsletter, a new question will be asked and the results of the previous question will be shown. This process is the only way to get feedback from the residents who do not feel comfortable calling our station or flagging us down. Now is your chance!!!

- Question one has two parts:**
- 1) What is your opinion of the Edgewood Police Department and,
 - 2) What can we do to make it better?

Please respond to Officer 713@edgeboro.com.

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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 more information on how to submit your news, see the box below.

Something New

As everyone knows, the Edgewood Police Department is one of the most interactive police departments in the area. The department is involved in many community events, such as Movie Night, Community Day and the Halloween Parade, just to name a few. We would like to take this a step further and get input from residents. In the next couple of newsletters, we will be posing a question to you, our residents. Your input to these questions will make the police department more aware of what it is

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EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



911

The Edgewood Police respond to many 911 calls; unfortunately, it is not as many calls as we should be responding to. Time and time again, the police hear, "it wasn't an emergency, so I didn't call." Many citizens are afraid of calling 911 because they feel their situation is not a true emergency and think that they are "bothering" the police. Please understand that the police serve the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We patrol the Borough looking for potential crime while monitoring traffic. We are always available to help our residents; NO call for service is waste of our time. The male/female walking through your back yard at night may seem like nothing to you, but understand that he/she may be the person we are looking for. Without the public's assistance, the person just goes on about their business. This may be a person just walking home, or it could be connected to a bigger picture. Without your call to 911, this person goes unnoticed.

A short explanation of 911: When calling 911, there is a "call taker" who asks for vital information. They ask for a name, address and location of the town for your emergency. When calling 911, there are up to five call takers on at a time. These professionals prioritize emergency calls and will handle life-threatening calls first. If your call is not life-threatening, and if they are busy, they will ask you to hold. No call to 911 goes unanswered—**all calls are important!**

Once the "call taker" gathers all information about the call, the call is sent to the Edgewood dispatcher. This process usually takes less than a few minutes depending on the complexity of the call. The dispatcher will then give the call to the police. It is not often that Edgewood Police have multiple calls at the same time, but if this occurs, we will prioritize calls and answer life-threatening calls first.

When speaking with the "call taker" you can specify if you would like to speak to an officer in person or just want them to investigate your call. You may also wish to remain anonymous, but it is helpful if you give your name and phone number in case an officer has a question.

In conclusion, all calls are important to the Edgewood Police Department. No calls will go unanswered and we hope all citizens will utilize the 911 system. The intended goal is to **protect and serve the residents of our community, as well as their property.**

Car 4

Just a quick note to let everyone know that Edgewood has a new police car. A 2010 Ford Crown Victoria was received at the end of July. The new car has a state-of-the-art light bar that can be seen for miles. The car is also equipped with light at the side windows, as well as the front bumper and rear deck. You may be wondering—why so many lights? The response is officer safety. When you can see a police car from miles away, you have enough time to slow down, move over and be cautious, which makes the police safer. Please obey all the traffic laws so that you don't see our new pride and joy in your rear view mirror!

Edgewood Police Activity Police Statistics

The Edgewood Police Department responded to and handled 1,436 calls for service in July 2010. There were 535 incidents reported, 220 complaints received and 13 accidents investigated, 1 of which resulted in personal injury, and 12 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 21 Part I Crimes committed in the Borough, there were

Police: Tip of the Month

Please obey the walk and don't walk lights at the intersections. Although a pedestrian has the right of way, a two-ton vehicle is unforgiving.

Please use caution when crossing the street!

0 for Robbery, 0 for Motor Vehicle Theft, 2 for Burglary, 8 for Shoplifting, 1 for Aggravated Assault and 10 Other Crimes.

There were 10 adult and 0 juvenile arrests made for Felony and Misdemeanor violations.

Edgewood officers wrote a total of 29 Traffic Citations, 257 Parking Citations and 2 arrests for Driving Under the Influence were made. There were 6 Vandalism/Criminal Mischief Complaints and 0 Narcotics Offense.

Officers also responded to 21 False Alarm Calls, took 147 reports, responded to 0 Public Nuisance Complaints, wrote 8 Non-Traffic Citations and responded to 17 calls for Medical Assistance.

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Tax Office

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax is now due at penalty. I will accept payment for the tax until Dec.15. I will try to send out a reminder to the people who have not paid yet, next month.

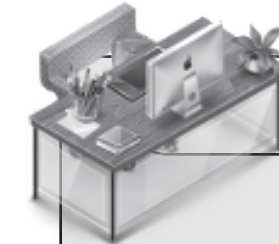
The Woodland Hills School tax is due at face through October 31st. If you are paying in installments you will receive a letter in October which will have your second and third installment coupon. Only send in the one that is due, not the entire sheet. If you do not receive your letter by Oct 15th please call me office at 412-731-0200. This second installment is due by November 30. If you have changed mortgage companies or are now responsible for paying your own tax remember to call the Allegheny County Treasurers office at 412-350-4100 and give them the new information. I try to keep up with all the changes but sometimes one or two will slip thru. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding when I have not been in the office on my scheduled days or gotten the checks in the bank as quickly as usual. Due to some family situations I have had to take days off when I would normally be working and didn't know until that morning. If you are coming in to pay your bill on a scheduled day and I'm not there, I will send you a receipt. Thanks again for your support. Maureen Smith, Tax Collector

I'm **Li'l Red** - a homeless, "porch" cat who wandered away from my caretakers in July. Not yet neutered. Probably now hiding in your garage, behind your shed, or under your porch.

I'm an orange tabby - white around my mouth & neck & white feet. **NO COLLAR. I NEED MEDICATION!**

DON'T APPROACH ME - I'M SCARED & WILL RUN. PLEASE REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SEEING ME
LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH LOCATION & TIME OF SIGHTING.

412-731-3489



From the Manager's Desk

Sidewalks in the Borough

Did you know the maintenance of the sidewalks in the Borough is the responsibility of the property owners? Each homeowner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in front of their home. As the weather turned warmer and people started to get out and walk and run throughout the Borough, we started receiving complaints about the condition of the walks. In response to these complaints our Code Department has started to inspect the condition of the walks and we are sending letters to homeowners whose walks need to be repaired. By the time you read this, some residents may have already received a notice.

Please be advised that if your problem is caused by tree roots from the trees along the street the Borough will make arrangements to have the roots cut once the damaged sidewalk is removed. We are also working with the Nine Mile Run Watershed association to explore the use of flexible paving in areas surrounding trees.

As a property owner in the Borough we are asking that you inspect your sidewalks and correct any deficiencies in your walk that may provide a hazard to people. By working together we can provide for the safety of our residents and visitors.

Parking Pointer

When calling in overnight parking, please give the name of the **resident** at the address and not the visitor's name. Also, remember that you can call in multiple nights between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM to 412-242-4824 or, prior to midnight, call them in to 412-242-9994. On the weekend, the answering service may advise you to call in each day.



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SIDEWALKS

Do your sidewalks need some attention?
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THE EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION...

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CALLING ALL SCOUTS

Pack 23 Cub Scouts want you!
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