

EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

We'll Miss You

Andrea McNeill has accepted a position with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and will be heading services for children and teens at the Hill District Branch. Andrea was the first Children's and Young Adult Librarian at C.C. Mellor. Co-worker, Jeanine Sismour, can still remember Andrea's very first story time, "Andrea was very nervous, but as soon as she opened her mouth to read, you could see she was obviously in her element", she recalls. Andrea has continued those famed story hours for toddlers and pre-schoolers, many of whom attend week in and week out. The children are greeted by name and are engaged and captivated throughout story time, a very special talent considering the age group.

During her sixteen years at the library, Andrea has expanded services for children and teens. These programs include "We Two Read", a program for early readers and their caregivers, "Let's Rap", a program developed in partnership with WHSD designed for Junior High students to keep them reading, and pre-school outreach programs. She also won a Pennsylvania Library Association Best Practices Award for outreach services. Andrea also forged strong relationships with other organizations here in Edgewood, including the Police and Fire Departments to develop safety awareness and a sense of community. Officer Livingston of the Edgewood Police department stated "Andrea and I have

worked together for fourteen years and during that time we in the Department have seen the community activities run by the library double or triple in size from the time they were started. We are very lucky to have her as a community liaison and she will be missed."

Andrea oversaw the layout and move of the Children's Department into the Fred Roger's Children's Room. Andrea has been an asset to the library, the community, and the children and teens she served. We'll miss her and wish her the best.



Please feel free to send comments and suggestions to:

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Council Notes

Election Day is just around the corner on May 17, 2011. There will be four Council seats available as well as a mayoral election. The candidates were asked to introduce themselves and why they are interested in serving our community.

Mayoral Candidates:

J. Edward Cook, a Democrat, is running for the 2 year position of Mayor of Edgewood. Ed grew up in the Laurel Highlands and he and his wife Susanne moved to Edgewood in 1988 to raise their three children. "We knew immediately that Edgewood would be a great community to raise our family." All three children attended Woodland Hills, as teens spent a year abroad in Germany and, after high school, earned university degrees in their respective fields and have now made Ed and Susanne the proud grandparents of 8 grandchildren. While their children

attended Woodland Hills, Ed and Susanne hosted numerous exchange students. "It was a lively household and not uncommon on a Friday evening to have 3 or 4 teens eating dinner with us and most of them were not our own children. Edgewood has been a good fit for me, my wife and our family."

Shortly after establishing residence in Edgewood, Ed joined the Edgewood Foundation for several years. Ed was later appointed to fill a 2 year vacancy on Borough Council and, at the end of that term, was elected to serve for another term on Council. When his term expired, Ed took time to pursue other interests, only to be reappointed 2 years later to fill another council vacancy. Ed has had the opportunity to serve the Borough on numerous committees. Ed feels strongly that "it is not about political party identification, but about what is best for the residents of Edgewood." Ed has a great appreciation for the intricate relationship between the office of Mayor and the Borough Council: "Council and the Mayor have a special relationship. Knowing how much time, effort and thought go into the decisions taken by each Council member makes

it an easy choice to work with the Borough Council to keep Edgewood the wonderful community it is."

Mal Hellett is a long time resident of Edgewood with wife Deborah and daughter Katharine, who is a freshman at Marietta College. Mal, who is the current Mayor of Edgewood, lives on the block that rocks on West Hutchinson Avenue. Mal has served 7 years as a Council member and past Council Vice President, Chair of Public Safety, Pension, Personnel and Community Service Committees. He has served as Turtle Creek Area COG liaison and Library Board member. Education Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, University of Pittsburgh and Local Government Academy. He has coached girls' softball. Past Driver's Committee member for the VSCCA Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

I encourage every Edgewood resident to participate in their local government, it's a life enriching experience.

"Edgewood - what a wonderful little slice of Paradise to live and raise a family."

Council Nominees:

George Fuller

My name is George Fuller. I am running for Council as a Republican. I have lived in or around Edgewood for nearly 45 years. I have seen the community change and grow in many ways. I attended Edgewood Elementary (where my mother taught second grade) and Edgewood High School, from which I graduated as valedictorian. After graduating with a degree in Environmental Sciences from college, I obtained a position as a chemist with a small industrial water treatment firm. I have worked there for the past 30 years. When my wife and I married, I sold my house on Savannah Avenue and we moved to Walnut Street, where we currently reside. For the past eight years, I have served as Edgewood's representative on the board of the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority. I am in my second interim appointment on Council, where I serve on Department of Public Works, Personnel, and Community Development committees. Edgewood is a community that has deep roots, and one that will always be home to me.

Cynthia Randazzo, business woman and mother, has spent much of her life as a personal consultant. Being a business owner afforded her the privilege of having the freedom to spend time with her children.

She is a Pittsburgh native and small-business owner, as well as an active member of the Monroeville Chamber of Commerce.

As a divorced mother of three, Cynthia

Randazzo began a web development company, Global Cyran Media Solutions, Inc. Her prestigious clients reached as far as Argentina, including having the honor of being the official web design company of the War Room Radio Show with Quinn and Rose for 10 years.

As a business owner, Cynthia has mentored students from ITT Technical Institute in Monroeville as her goal in helping future IT graduates gain hands-on experience. She has been an active member with her church and assisting in the development of pre-school children as well. With two children now in college and one in the US Army, she intends to continue to channel her energy toward assisting the Borough of Edgewood council members with the requests of Edgewood residents to maintain the high standards of their community while continuing to seek areas of advancement.

Cynthia Randazzo is currently employed as a Settlement Agent with NREIS while she remains a consultant for her present web design clients.

Pat Schaefer, mom of Katie and Andy Peters, has been a resident of Edgewood for 25 years and lives on Lloyd Ave. She is completing her third term on Council and is the current president. Pat is on the Board of 3Rivers Wet Weather, the first Vice Chair of CONNECT and a graduate of the Local Government Academy's Elected Official course. She is a RN working in breast and colon cancer research and is the Pastor of Robinson Presbyterian Church (Bulger, PA).

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John Wainright

My name is John Wainright and I am running for Edgewood Borough Council. I received my bachelor's degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2003, receiving a degree in political science. I moved to Edgewood in September of 2007, shortly after graduating from Duquesne Law School. Since then, I have been employed as an attorney for a small law firm in downtown Pittsburgh, specializing in insurance law and general civil litigation. I am a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, as well as the Allegheny County Bar Association.

During my time living in Edgewood, I have come to realize that it is, without a

doubt, one of the best places to live in the entire Pittsburgh region. Serving on the Borough Council would give me an opportunity to give back to this special community.

More Council News

Mayor Mal Hellett Named Thursday April 6 2011, Dick Lithgow day. Mayor Hellett's proclamation was read as follows: "Whereas, Dick Lithgow embodied what is best about volunteers in seeing a need and filling it without any fanfare or fuss, and when poor health prevented him from continuing to fight fires, he stepped into an administrative role in the department," Hellett said. "Throughout the years, he had been the president, vice president and secretary."

Dick Lithgow's daughter, Susan

Lithgow of Edgewood attended the meeting to hear the proclamation and receive a certificate in his honor.

Former Edgewood Mayor, Ruth Pickering, read aloud an open letter to Council, in which she donated American and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania flags to the Edgewood Police in honor of her late husband, James McGregor, US Court of Common Pleas Judge. The flags had hung in his courtroom.

EVFD

On March 22, 2011 Richard "Dick" Lithgow passed away. Dick was a lifetime member of the EVFD. He held the position of President and Treasurer for more years than I can remember with the department. To many of us, he was our mentor. I worked for Dick at the Edgewood Pharmacy AKA "The Druggie". It was there that we discussed the goings on of the EVFD with me anxiously awaiting my 18th birthday so that I could join him. We all went to him for advice and his opinion on department issues. He had a way of listening and resolving issues that we younger guys, at the time, learned from. He was our point man for Community Day and luminary. He knew everyone in the Borough and if you were new, he made you feel like you knew him for years after a few minutes. Our condolences go to his family.

Police Report

DUI Checkpoint

On Saturday, March 19, 2011 Edgewood and Swissvale Police Departments conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 1600 block of South Braddock Avenue. The checkpoint was funded by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

It began with a briefing and set up of cones and signs on South Braddock Avenue around 11 pm. It ended with the removing of signs and equipment, ending around 4:00 am. Drivers passing through the checkpoint were stopped and informed of the DUI checkpoint. Drivers were asked for their license, registration, and proof of insurance.

If the officer communicating with the driver felt the driver was impaired, the officer then asked the driver to exit the vehicle. The driver was then escorted to the parking lot across from Applebee's, where there was a command post set up. Officers would then run the driver through a series of field sobriety tests to see if they were capable of safe driving.

If the driver failed the sobriety tests, they were asked to submit to a blood draw from a phlebotomist who was on scene. In all, nine drivers were charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. One of those drivers was also charged with recklessly endangering another person for almost striking a police officer with their vehicle. One driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Three

The EVFD has been awarded a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response) grant from FEMA. This is a nationally competitive grant. We are one of six departments in the state of Pennsylvania to be awarded this honor. Funding for the grant will be used for the recruitment of new members, the ability to offer tuition scholarships to members, pay for training and help with the retention of members for the live-in program. Given the fact that the ranks of the volunteer fire service have been shrinking for years, this is a great tool to have in our tool box. Recruiting new volunteers is not an easy task and takes resources to do it. Now we have the resource and intend to put it to work to strengthen the EVFD to provide you with the best service possible.

Congratulations to Jared Amos and Joey Andrews for receiving Basic Vehicle Rescue Awareness and Operation certification. Both are junior firefighters and will complete their Technician certification when they turn 18. Lt. Teddy Bowman and firefighter Luke Hillegas are currently completing the Technician level of Vehicle rescue. Congratulations also go to Christine Hart who recently became EMT Certified. If you want to be part of the department, please stop by the station and pick up an application; we would love to have you.

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citations were issued for disorderly conduct. One citation was issued for an open container violation. Eighteen drivers were cited for driving under suspension, one citation was issued for an inspection violation, and one driver was cited for operating an unregistered vehicle. Over 20 officers participated in the DUI checkpoint from both departments. Officers have always taken a zero tolerance when it comes to impaired driving. Approximately 600 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, an extraordinary amount of vehicles.

We would like to extend thanks to Braddock Hills Police Department and their constable for their assistance during the checkpoint. We would also like to thank the East Hills DUI Task Force and Monroeville Fire Department for the use of their equipment and their assistance. Edgewood Police would like to thank Giant Eagle Supermarket, located in Edgewood Towne Centre, for their generous donation for the checkpoint. We would also like to thank The Triangle Bar and Grill, and Vocelli Pizza for their contributions. Special thanks to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office for giving us the opportunity to participate in the checkpoint. Last, but not least, thanks to all the participating officers for their dedication and hard work. As always, PLEASE DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

School Guards

Edgewood Borough is currently hiring for the position of school crossing guards. If you or anyone you know is interested, please complete an application, which is available at the Borough Building.

EDGEWOOD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Total Calls for Service	
Incidents Reported.....	1,290
Complaints Received.....	156
Accidents Investigated.....	10

Part I Crimes

Robbery.....	0
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0
Burglary.....	0
Shoplifting.....	7
Aggravated Assault.....	0
Other Crimes.....	5

Part II Crimes

Vandalism /Mischief.....	3
Narcotics Offenses.....	0
Disorderly Conduct.....	1
Other Crimes.....	3

Arrest Total.....24

Adult Arrests.....	20
Juvenile Arrests.....	4

Officers Activity

Citations Written.....	52
Parking Citations.....	195
DUI.....	4
False Alarms.....	10
Medicals.....	12
Reports Taken.....	225



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Board Members

The Board of Trustees has new members. Mayor Mal Hellett has joined the board, along with Edgewood Club appointees Mike Bonavita, Andy Mihm, and Julie Meder. They join members John Belechak, Christine Probert, Andrea Rockovich, Audrey Waldock and Pat Schaefer.

Stepping off the board were Jean Davin, Pat Doyle, Dan Donnelly and Kurtis Heidinger. We thank them for their contributions and their service. The Board of Trustees are responsible for overseeing library operations and for maintaining the building.

On-line Help for High School Students and Adult Learners

The library has subscribed to Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC), an on-line database that gives CC Mellor Library cardholders 24/7 access to education and career

information in the library or at home. TERC's test preparation application allows students to practice for college entrance exams, college credit exams, civil service and military entrance exams, as well as the GED exam. By using the college search feature students can find colleges, distant (online) learning opportunities, programs for international studies, and nursing schools. The specialty and career program search provides information on career colleges, vocational schools and technology programs. For adult learners there is information on graduate and advanced degrees, civil service test preparation, and executive education programs.

Civil War Book Club

E L Doctorow's *The March* will be discussed on Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm in the Boardroom. The book recounts Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's march with 60,000 soldiers across Georgia and the Carolinas in the concluding months of the Civil War. Pick up your free copy of the book at the adult circulation desk and join the discussions. The program is made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

Drop Dead Book Club

Join members of this long-standing book club as they discuss *Shanghai Moon* on Wednesday May 11 at 7 pm in the Boardroom. In this nail biter Lydia Chin and Bill Smith search for a valuable brooch. Copies of the book may be picked up in the children's room. The June selection is *Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiran.

Wise Walk

If you're up for a stroll and some fun conversation join us on Wednesday mornings at 9 am for a walk on neighborhood sidewalks or rambles in Frick Park. We meet at the library for this hour-long program. Participants receive a t-shirt and pedometer as well as water and snacks for the walk. The library is cooperating with the Allegheny County Library Association, Highmark and AARP to make the program possible.

Computer Classes

The following classes will be offered in May:
Basic Internet Tuesday May 10 at 1 pm
Getting started in email Thursday, May 19 11 am

In the Children's Room

Bookmark Design Contest. May 1-21, 2011. Children can submit their designs on a sample bookmark about Edgewood to the library. The winning bookmark will be selected by the Library Board at their next meeting. It will also be distributed to our patrons in August as part of our birthday celebration.

Family Jammie Storytime Put your Jammies on and join us for storytime Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm.

Read to Micke the tail wagging tutor Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am.

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omitted from this list.

We Two Read a book club for children 4-7 and a parent/caregiver. This month's selection is *Ruby and Bubbles* by Rosie Winstead. If you cannot make the discussion, we would be happy to order a copy of the title from another library for you to enjoy at home.

Karaoke the sequel! We had such fun the last time; we decided to do it again! Join us for the fun on Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 pm.

Come cheer on Woodland Hills Jr. High students during Battle of the Books! Wednesday, May 25, 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Join us for popcorn and a new release movie, Saturday, May 28 12:00 pm Movie Day at the library.

Did you know that you can schedule your classroom to visit the library or call for a librarian to visit your school/social event within our service area? We want to get everyone excited about reading this summer!

All events are free of charge. Please adhere to reservation requirements. For more information or to register for an event, please call the library at 412-731-0909.

Join the Summer Reading Club, One World Many Stories. Read ten books on your age level and log them in person or online between June 13 and August 13. There is also a read-to-me program for younger children. These participants need to hear and log the titles of ten books either in person or online between June 13 and August 13. Way Cool Wednesday programs are for readers age 6 and up. The programs happen every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Participants must be members of the CC Mellor Summer reading club in order to participate. Space is limited and you need to register each week.

The Kick-Off Party for both readers and read-to-me participants is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at the Edgewood

Club Community House Ballroom from 12:00 pm -1:30 pm. Participants will enjoy entertainment, snacks and sign up for Summer Reading. Reserve your spot by Saturday, June 11.

Join us for Teen Summer Reading; You are Here, June 13, 2011-August 13, 2011. If you have completed 6th grade-12th grade, you can participate. Teen Summer readers do not have a set number of books to read; however, they do get to fill out evaluations for the books they read. Each evaluation is a prize entry. The evaluations do not carry over week after week so in order to enter the drawings, you need to read new books each week.

The Kick-Off Party for teen summer reading is Monday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. Sign up for summer reading, sign up for programming events, enjoy a snack and entertainment. Register by Saturday, June 11.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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Community Organizations

 **FPCE**

 **Scouts**

FPCE is mounting a community production of Godspell and is looking for singers, actors, technical people and other theatrically-minded folks to participate. Performance dates are Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. There will be an audition meeting in July to go over audition procedures, the rehearsal schedule and all the other ways you can help make this a special event for Edgewood. Auditions will be in late July with multiple dates and times. Formal rehearsals will begin the week after Labor Day, but there will be several informal rehearsals in August. This will be a true community event and every effort will be made to accommodate anyone who wants to participate. For more information call the church at (412) 241-4613.

And join us for worship every Sunday at 11:00 am. This month our Communion service will be on May 8. Our Emerging Worship service – a less formal service with a wide variety of music led by a talented ensemble of musicians – will be May 15. And our annual Tartan Sunday, when we celebrate the Scottish heritage of Presbyterianism, will be May 22.

Don't forget that every June FPCE serves up a Strawberry Festival on our side lawn featuring fresh berries, delicious ice cream, homemade shortcake, and (for those who don't want to go straight to dessert) hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. This year's festival is Wednesday, June 15.

"Boys leading boys" is the central theme of Scouting and how scouts learn leadership skills. Scouts proceed through rank advancement as they acquire more skills and knowledge. The highest rank in Scouting is Eagle. In order to attain the Eagle rank, scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges, and plan and organize a community service project. Vincent LeDonne and Alex Huse of Troop 23 earned the rank of Eagle this spring.

Vincent is the son of Mike and Rose Ann LeDonne of Swissvale. Vincent's community service project involved exterior improvements to the grounds of Madonna Del Castello Church. Vincent planned and organized the work, completed with the help of other scouts. Overgrown shrubs and weeds along the Braddock Avenue side of the property were removed. New



Alex Huse and Vincent LeDonne of Troop 23

aluminum fencing was installed and grass planted. Parking safety features, in the form of large boulders, were positioned along the front of the parking lot. The additions to the property have beautified busy Braddock Avenue.

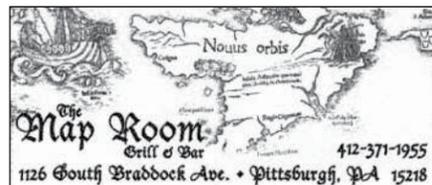
Alex is the son of Charles and Tracy Huse of Forest Hills. Alex chose to dedicate his community service project to the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. The main hallways linking the sanctuary with other interior spaces were badly in need of improvement. Alex and scouts under his supervision scraped and repaired the plaster. Then the ceilings and walls received several coats of new paint. In addition, the coat rack was repaired and a radiator cover was rebuilt. The main hallways play an integral part in the life of the church, linking the day care center, classrooms, meeting spaces, pastor's study and choir room with the sanctuary. Now the new life given to the hallways matches the life of the church.

Troop 23 would like to congratulate Vincent and Alex for earning the rank of Eagle. Less than 6% of scouts obtain this rank, and we are very proud of our young men.

Cub Scouts

Lots of organizations shut down for the summer - not Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 23 of Edgewood is recruiting boys who will be completing Kindergarten through 4th grade this spring. Get involved in the summer activities and be ready for fall. The next Pack Meeting and Raingutter Regatta at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood will be on May



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21 from 2-4 PM. This will be the meeting to sign up for cub scouting. Registration is \$20, and a subscription to the Scouting magazine, Boy's Life, is available for \$10. The church is located near the corner of Maple and Swissvale Aves. in Edgewood. Adults may take care of the paperwork and orientation while the boys race boats down gutters. Summer activities will include overnight and day camp.

There will also be a Pack Meeting on June 9 at the church at 6:30 PM. Cub Scouts will receive their rank badges that they have been working on all year. This is also a chance to sign up for scouting if you missed the May meeting.

If you have questions, please call Melita Carter at 412-731-6097 (evenings)

Edgewood Home Delivered Meals

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 or Jodi at the Center if you can spare two hours once or twice a month.

Spring Plant Sale

The Edgewood Garden Club's annual Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm, rain or shine, at Edgewood Memorial Park, corner of Race Street

and E. Swissvale Avenue across from the Edgewood Borough Building. Come and select from a wide variety of beautiful perennials suitable for planting in either sun or shade gardens. You can even incorporate edible plants among your ornamental flower beds, as herbs and tomato plants will also be available to fulfill your gardening needs. And if the only space you have is a patio or porch, plant your veggies in pots.

You'll be amazed at how prolific a potted tomato plant can be! Or, all you vegetable gardeners out there, be a friend to bees and bugs; there are many beneficial insects. We are in the middle of a major bee-loss epidemic worldwide, and without these pollinators, many flowering plants would suffer. Provide pollinator habitat by planting flowers with your vegetables. Garden Club members will be on hand to aid in your selections and to answer your gardening questions. And, as always, proceeds benefit the Edgewood community through our beautification projects throughout the borough. For more information, contact Chairperson George Pettrone at (412)371-7350.

EF Edgewood Foundation

Don't forget to mark these upcoming events on your calendar:

Senior Brunch.....May 22

Community DayAugust 27

Sleep Over in the Park.....Sept. 17

Newcomers Reception.....Sept 22

Fall Festival.....Oct. 22 & 29

Light Up Night.....Dec. 2

ESO

Journey to Russia with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra!

Experience the White Nights of Russia with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra! On May 14 at 7:30 pm at the Katz Auditorium of the JCC Pittsburgh in Squirrel Hill, the ESO will perform a concert filled with works from the Russian masters, including Rimsky Korsakov and Prokofiev.

This family friendly concert features WQED's Jim Cunningham as narrator to Peter and the Wolf! Members of the ESO will be visiting the Edgewood Primary School this spring to teach the students about this fun piece of music, so make sure that you bring the family to hear this familiar story set to Prokofiev's stunning score live in concert.

Tickets are \$12 (\$8 for students and seniors) and can be purchased online or at the door. Check out www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information and to get your tickets.

Save the date:

Join us on Sunday, June 19 to hear the ESO kick off the Bach Beethoven and Brunch series in Mellon Park.

The ESO is now registered with the Pittsburgh Foundation! Visit www.pittsburghgives.com on May 11 to learn more about the ESO and to make a donation that will be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation for their Day of Giving.

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Photography Walk with John Moyer

Saturday May 14th 2pm

Lower Frick Park parking lot, off Lancaster Avenue. Non-members: \$10 / Members: Free! Not sure if your membership is current? Email judi@ninemilerun.org

You've seen his work, now grab your camera and join John Moyer in this child and dog friendly event! John will take us on a tour of his favorite spots along Nine Mile Run and offer helpful hints and tips for improving your nature shots. John's photography not only graces the Nine Mile Run newsletters, email blasts and calendars, but his photographic documentation of the Nine Mile Run Restoration Project has been published in Civil Engineering Magazine, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine, and Landscape Architecture, and has appeared in the PBS documentary Liquid Assets .You must preregister for this event! Please register by calling 412.371.8779 ext. 115, or email lisa@ninemilerun.org.

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With the help of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener II Fund, The Richard King Mellon Foundation, and the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, NMRWA launched The Nine Mile Run Rain Barrel Initiative Phase II in the spring of 2007. Over the last 4 years, this initiative has successfully increased citizen awareness in our watershed about the regional issues of storm water runoff and sewage overflows, while giving residents a simple and cost effective way to help reduce their storm water footprint. NMRWA has installed more than 1400 rain barrels within the watershed with over 3.8 million gallons of storm water captured – that's a lot of water!

Unfortunately, NMRWA cannot guarantee subsidized pricing within the watershed for rain barrels after June 30, 2011, the end of our grant period. This includes the free barrels for study area residences. If you or someone you know has been putting off getting a rain barrel, we urge you to call today and schedule an assessment. Please note – because each rain barrel installation requires a property assessment - we will only be taking orders for barrels through June 1, 2011.

School News

Sarah Rinsma, Class of 2010, was selected as the "Swimmer of the Meet" for the Conference Four College Championships held in Charlotte, NC. The Johns Hopkins women's swim team captured its fourth Bluegrass Mountain Conference title and 11th overall in school history as the Blue Jays won the Championship with 796.5 points. Host Wingate took silver with 707 points

and Savannah College of Art & Design claimed bronze with 418.5 points. Hopkins claimed four titles and broke four school records on the final day en route to the team title. Freshman Sarah Rinsma <http://www.hopkinssports.com/sports/wswim/mtt/rinsma_sarah00.html>, who led the Blue Jays with six titles – three individual and three relay – over the four day championship, was named the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Swimmer of the Meet. Rinsma added to her collection of gold at this year's championship as she claimed the top spot in the 100 Free with a school and meet record time of 51.46. No swimmer in program history had broken 52.00 seconds in the 100 Free - Rinsma did it three times on one day. She broke the school record in her 100 Free prelim swim (51.64) before breaking it in the finals. She swam the opening leg of the 400 Free Relay in 51.92 in the final event. Rinsma was led by a flock of five Blue Jays that placed in the top 11 in the event to amass 68 points. Congratulations Sarah!



5th and 6th graders at Edgewood Elementary in the GATE program with their teacher Mrs. Karen Schollaert.

The 5th and 6th grade GATE students of Edgewood Primary have been working on a neighborhood project. This project will result in a hard back book of the beautiful architecture in Edgewood. The students are planning on presenting this book to the Mayor's office. In the fall, the students photographed buildings in the neighborhood. They researched and wrote architectural descriptions about each building. Edgewood business owner and architect, Susan Lami, consulted with the students to ensure their descriptions were accurate. Once published there will also be a copy

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Calendar *at a glance*



May 2011 (all dates in May)

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