

EDGEWOOD

April 2012

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

Our Crossing Guards

The morning commute to work and school are coincidental, putting both drivers and school children on the same busy streets going to school and work. Edgewood is very fortunate to have a crossing guard patrol dedicated to keeping our school children (and often adults too) safe every morning and afternoon. No matter the weather you can find our six friendly crossing guards on their corners of Edgewood stopping traffic and encouraging safe behavior while children wait for the bus.

The Crossing Guards were inadvertently left out of the Community Map sent to homes in the Borough; however their dedication and crucial service to the Borough should not go unrecognized.



L to R top row: Chief Payne, Crystal Jones (6 months of service), Sue Pollick (6 months of service), and Dave Boslett (6 years of service). L to R bottom row: Janet Henly (8 years of service), Judy Mason (20 years of service), and Captain Leigh Scullli (42 years of service)



Anna Evashavik is sworn in as Junior Council Person by Mayor Ed Cook

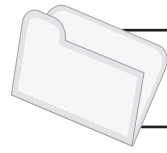
Anna Evashavik Sworn in as Junior Council Person

On Monday March 5, 2012 Anna Evashavik was sworn in as the Borough of Edgewood's sixth Junior Council Person. Anna is the daughter of Sherry and Greg Evashavik of Locust Avenue.

Anna is a junior at Oakland Catholic High School where she is actively involved in the student council. It was her experiences on student council that sparked her interest in the workings of local government.

In the position of Junior Council Person Anna will be able to participate in discussions concerning the Borough's recreation programs, budget and public works projects. She will also attend the Edgewood Foundation's monthly meetings along with Mayor Ed Cook. The Junior Council Person position is a non-voting position.

The Borough Junior Council Person program began in 2005 under the leadership of former Council Member Heidi McDonald. Council President Pat Schaefer is currently the Junior Council Person advisor.



Council Notes

Edgewood Newsletter Will Be Printed Six Times a Year

Beginning this summer, the Edgewood newsletter will be printed on a bi-monthly basis. This has become necessary due to increased costs and new post office distribution requirements that now require the Borough to print and distribute hundreds more issues than there are households within the Borough.

Beginning with the June/July issue, subsequent newsletters will cover two-month periods; August/September, October/November, December/January, etc. Most municipalities have quarterly newsletters and while Edgewood has published more frequently, Council has carefully considered the cost and burden for our small staff and determined we can improve communication more efficiently by focusing on the Borough website.

The Borough website will be upgraded in the near future to feature a timely, informative and user-friendly format that will become more integral to Borough communication. Please check it out at www.edgewoodboro.com for quick answers to questions or an update on Borough happenings and current issues of the CAN (Council Action Notes).

The Borough newsletter will continue to be delivered to every residence in Edgewood six times per year.



EVFD

Get an Insider's View of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

EVFD will be holding a Citizen's Fire Academy. This is a free educational program that provides Edgewood residents with fire safety, rescue training and hands-on experience in emergency operations. In addition, you will gain firsthand knowledge of how the EVFD works.

Participants in this program will meet once or twice a week for several weeks. The program will include both classroom and practical outdoor sessions.

Topics included in this program are:

- Familiarization with our air packs & bunker gear
- Smoke maze and air pack confidence
- Vehicle Extrication ("Jaws of Life")
- Rope rescue
- Firefighting
- Fire Investigation
- CPR/First Aid

This course will be taught by EVFD firefighters, fire officers and guest speakers from various agencies. Classes and practical days will be held in or around Edgewood depending on the activity. The EVFD will be hosting the CFA in late May or early June. Participants must be Edgewood residents and at least 18 years old. A signed liability release form will be required for all participants. The CFA has limited enrollment so request your spot today! For additional information, visit www.station137.com or email lieutenant@station137.com

Call for Service

The EVFD has responded to a record-breaking 78 calls as of March 1, 2012.



Police Report

Copper Thefts

With the cost of copper scrap rising so are reports of copper theft. Homes that are most targeted are vacant and homes that are for sale. You can help protect your property by keeping it looking "lived in." Leave your window treatments up, turn on porch lights in the evening and consider having lamps on timers throughout the home.

If you are selling your home, moving out or going on vacation, please call the police station and notify us so that we can make extra patrols. When you call to leave your information, be sure to leave information regarding someone who has a key to the property whom we may contact in case of an emergency.

As always, our goal is to keep you and your property safe. Help us help you, and report anything that looks out of the ordinary. If it doesn't feel right, then it's probably not. Please call 911 if you have any concerns.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Summer storms are just around the corner. Please have an emergency plan set up with your family in case of power outages, flooding, etc. These storms pop up quickly and it's always safer for you and your family to be ready.

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January Police Department Statistics

EDGEWOOD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Total Calls for Service.....	632
Incidents Reported.....	451
Complaints Received.....	166
Accidents Investigated.....	15

Part I Crimes

Robbery.....	1
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	1
Burglary.....	0
Shoplifting.....	3
Aggravated Assault.....	1
Other Crimes.....	7

Part II Crimes

Vandalism /Mischief.....	1
Narcotics Offenses.....	1
Disorderly Conduct.....	4
Other Crimes.....	3

Arrest Total.....12

Adult Arrests.....	12
Juvenile Arrests.....	0

Officers Activity

Citations Written.....	50
Parking Citations.....	18
DUI.....	2
False Alarms.....	8
Medicals.....	17
Reports Taken.....	285
Public Nuisance Complaints.....	3

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Library

AARP Driving Classes

If you are 55 and over this is a great chance to brush up on your driving skills while earning an insurance discount. Volunteers from AARP will teach the Basic Class on Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19 from 9am-1pm. A refresher course, for those have had the Basic Class, will be offered on Thursday, April 26 from 9am to 1pm. Class certificates are good for three years. All classes are held in the living room of the Edgewood Community House. Cost of the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call the Library to register.

Street Smart is Street Safe

With warm weather coming, school out and more people taking advantage of the outdoors, the library has partnered with the Edgewood Police Department to offer a program to help keep you safe this summer. Chief Robert Payne and Officer Fred Livingston will lead this informative and insightful program on Sunday, April 29 from 5-7pm in the Living Room of the Edgewood Community House. You will learn how to prevent yourself from becoming a victim, what you can do to make your home secure, when to use 911 and what it can do for you, and how you can help the police keep Edgewood safe. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. This program is geared towards adults. Babysitting will be available that evening. A children's version will be offered in June. A light supper will be served. Call the library by April 23rd to register at (412)731-0909.

One Book One Community

Join us as we celebrate the tenth year of Allegheny County's **One Book, One Community** with this year's featured book This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. Book discussions will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 7pm in the Board Room at the Library in Edgewood and Wednesday, May 2, at 7pm at the Branch in Forest Hills. Copies of the book will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.

Honor Books

The library has received a donation in honor of Chris Riga. Books on friendship will be added to the collection.

The library's Honor and Memorial Book program is a great way to honor a family member, neighbor or friend. For as little as \$25 a book will be added to the collection. A gift plate is placed in the book and a card sent to the honoree or family notifying them of the gift. Your gift is a lasting tribute and provides entertaining or educational materials for our users.

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Easter Holiday

Hours over the Easter weekend will be:

- Friday, April 5 - Closed
- Saturday April 6 - 9am to 4pm
- Sunday, April - 7 Closed

In the Children's Room

Toddler Story Time
Tuesdays @ 10:30am
@ C.C. Mellor

Pre-School Story Time
Wednesday, 10:30am & 1:30pm @
C.C. Mellor

Children's Story Time
Thursday, 10:30am @ Churchill
Borough Building

Children's Story Time
Friday, 10:30am @ Wilkins
Township Recreation Building

Baby Lapsit
Friday, 11:30am @ C.C. Mellor

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One Book Every Young Child 2012

For the seventh consecutive year, Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child program will lead the way and highlight the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers ages 3 to 6. The selection for this year's program is Stop Snoring, Bernard!, written and illustrated by Zachariah OHora. This engaging book follows the loveable sea otter Bernard as he tries to find a place in the zoo where his loud snoring won't disturb the other animals. Stop Snoring, Bernard! encourages young readers to appreciate what makes each of us different. For further information, please visit www.paonebook.org. In celebration of this year's winning

book, C.C. Mellor will be providing a paperback copy of the book to each family of a preschooler who attends a library program in April. We will also be holding a special Stop Snoring, Bernard! program at C.C. Mellor Library on Saturday, April 21, where we will read the winning book and create a craft to compliment the story. If you are interested in attending on the 21st, please contact the Children's Room to register.

Will You Help?

We are asking for your help in supporting Pennsylvania's One Book Every Young Child program by making a donation of \$25 which will give 10 children the gift of reading. Your name as a donor will be placed inside those books and will also be noted on our donor board. Your help will be appreciated.

Children's Choice Awards 2012

Hey Kids! It's your turn to pick the best book of the year! The 2012 Allegheny County Children's Choice Awards are here! You know reading is good for you, but it's even better when you do it for fun. Read as many of the contenders as you can starting today! You can get your copies at C.C. Mellor Library. Voting starts online April 1 through April 30. In the meantime, check out the Children's Choice Awards website at www.rscclubhouse.org where you can post your own impressions of the books you read. The winning book will be announced at the 'Celebration of Reading' event on May 8, 2012 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in Oakland. Over 200 kids came last year, and even more will come this year...will you be one of them?



Does your home have history? If you are interested in sharing your home's history in the Edgewood Newsletter please contact Niki Augustine at edgewood.newsletter.2010@gmail.com

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Community Organizations

Make a Difference

Bring beauty back to our neighborhood one sidewalk at a time. Join neighbors on Saturday, April 21, to help with clean-up day in Edgewood. Clean-up day is sponsored every year by the Edgewood Foundation. Reflective vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided as well as light refreshments. Activities begin at 9am at the Koenig Field House. Rain date will be April 28 at 9am. Hope to see you there!

Attention 2012 Graduating High School Seniors

The Edgewood Foundation would like to invite you to this year's Senior Brunch. This great event is happening May 6th at the Edgewood Club. Please contact our parent volunteer, Marcy Bilyak at (412)956-2728 or mabilyak@comcast.net, so that you can be included in our formal invitation mailing. If you are a parent that would like to help Marcy with this event, please contact her. Help will be needed with the planning and on the day of the event.



Scouts

26th Annual Scouting for Food

During the month of April the Laurel Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America will conduct its annual Scouting for Food program. Scouting for Food is conducted as a joint partnership with the United Way. Scouting for Food mobilizes community businesses and organizations representing more than 250,000 people who collect food for county food banks that serve 120,000 needy people throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

Scouting for Food is targeted primarily at collecting canned foods, particularly canned products having a high nutritional value. In addition to food, paper products, soap, and bulk packages of household commodities are needed. All kinds of canned fruits, vegetables and other canned products are welcome, as well as sealed, dry packaged foods such as cereals.



ESO

Save the Date for ESO's May Concert!

Help the ESO "return home" on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30pm at the Katz Auditorium at the JCC Pittsburgh in Squirrel Hill, as they finish up their 2011 - 2012 season with some "American Originals!" Featuring American composers with hits such as "American in Paris" by George Gershwin, "Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson and a special version of Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady", the ESO will also feature violinist Kemper Edwards performing Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole". Kemper is a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) and was the winner of the recent PYSO conducting competition.

If Sunday afternoons are more your speed, the ESO is doing a special "pre-peat" of this concert at the Woodland Hills West Junior High School on Sunday, May 6 at 2:30pm. Please visit www.edgewoodsymphony.org for more information on both concerts.

And speaking of Sunday performances, be sure to reserve the morning of Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day!) for Bach, Beethoven and Brunch. The ESO will be performing at this favorite summer event in Mellon Park, so plan to pack a brunch and head over to enjoy fun music and some summer sunshine.

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School News

WHSD Kindergarten Registration Begins in April

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012 - 2013 School Year will be held from 12 - 7pm at the following locations:

Tuesday, April 17th – Dickson
Wednesday, April 18th – Edgewood
Thursday, April 19th – Fairless
Tuesday, April 24th – Shaffer
Wednesday, April 25th – Wilkins
Thursday, April 26th – WH Academy

Registration at the Academy does not insure future enrollment as that is determined by a lottery. The date for the Academy Lottery is Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30pm.

The central registration office at the administration building is closed. Please contact your local neighborhood school for registration hours and information. To register your child for transportation only, please contact (412)731-1300 ext. 0187. Kindergarten registration with kindergarten screenings are done in the spring at the elementary schools. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1st of the year they plan to start school.

There are a number of documents we will need to receive from you to establish residency within our District, as well as requirements for your child(ren) before entering school. They are highlighted below:

1. Current deed or lease agreement or Notarized Affidavit of Residency.

Any one (1) of the following must be provided in addition to the above:

1. Valid PA Department of Transportation: license or identification with current district address.
2. Valid PA automobile registration.
3. Current (within thirty (30) days) utility bills (gas, electric, cable, water) with district address.
4. Current tax statements with district address.
5. Current check stubs from wages with district address.
6. Copy of state/federal program enrollment.
7. Current credit card bill.

In addition, Parent/Guardian will also present the following for the child(ren) : Child(ren)'s proofs:

1. Birth or baptismal certificate or current passport with child(ren)'s date of birth. Prior school record indicating date of birth.
2. Proof of immunization required by law – acceptable documentation includes:

- a. Student's immunization record.
 - b. Written statement from prior school district or a medical office that the required immunizations have been administered or that a required series is being administered.
 - c. Verbal assurances from prior school district or a medical office that required immunizations have been completed, with records to follow.
3. Notarized Affidavit of Guardianship, if applicable. (Sworn Statement of Resident in support of free school privileges for nonresident child) No child will be registered until residency can be proven. No child will be admitted to school without proof of immunizations. The above list of acceptable documents is subject to change at any time according to mandated requirements from the PA Department of Education.

The school district reserves the right to request proof of residence of any resident with school age children at any time.

They must have all updated shots, including Hepatitis B, two doses of MMR, and a dose of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Please remember that Immunization records will be reviewed by the school nurse for required updates prior to child(ren) starting school.

If you have any questions regarding registration procedures, please contact The Child Accounting Department at (412)731-1300 ext. 0130



Tax Office

2012 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax bills should be mailed out the first of April. The millage for this year is the same as last year, 8.161. These bills can be paid at discount until May 31, 2012. If you are mailing in your payment and would like a receipt please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. The 2011 Woodland Hills School tax is due at penalty until the end of April, at which point it will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector, Jordan Tax

Service. If you have changed mortgage companies or are now paying your own taxes, call my office at (412)731-0200. Tax office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Please be advised that the tax office will be closed May 2 through May 8.

With the warmer weather here: Please remember that pets are not permitted at Koenig Field.

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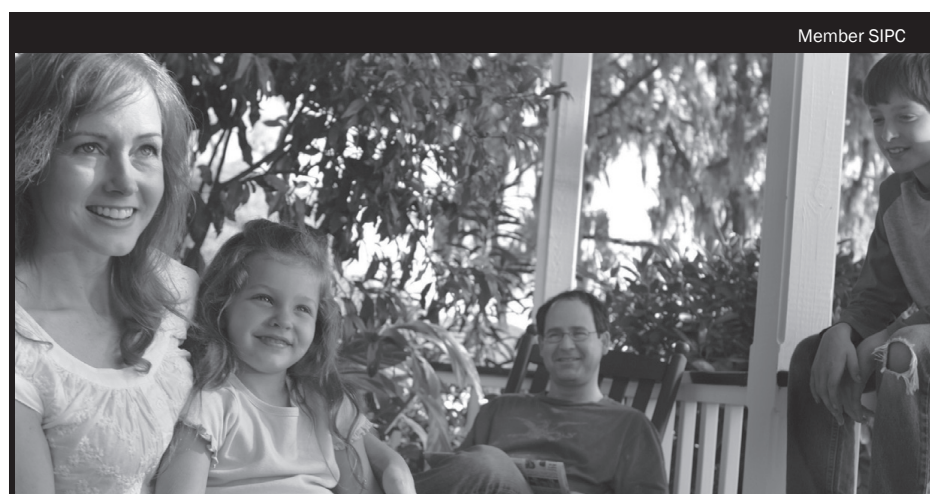
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Spotlight on a Local Business: Lami Grubb Architects, LP

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master's office. The attention to detail flows outside with the installation of a rain garden designed by Nine Mile Run Watershed Association.

Lami Grubb Architects offers a wide range of design and architectural services such as pre-design, architecture design, green design, interior design and construction management. Recent projects include an affordable housing project in Garfield, educational adaptive reuse (designing existing buildings to house schools) and high end home restorations that maintain the historical integrity of the home.

Suzan and Bob have been Edgewood residents for 24 years and are very involved and active in the community. Suzan, a member of the Garden Club maintains much of the plantings around Edgewood Primary School as well as

the rain garden installed at the train depot. She also lends her time to the education of the students at Edgewood Primary with monthly, science based lessons with themes ranging from bridge building to plants. Bob has been on the Planning Commission for the Borough for several years. Together they have been supporters of Edgewood Recreation and Woodland Hills events.

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Happy Birthday!

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On the Edge

Chae Fitzgerald, daughter of Jesse Fitzgerald and granddaughter of Kathee and the late D.C. Fitzgerald of Elm St., recently competed in the PA State Gymnastics Competition. Chae came in first place to win the gold medal for floor exercise and placed fourth in the State on the bars. Congratulations, Chae!

Troop 23 will be participating in Scouting for Food on the following dates:

**Monday,
 April 9th:**

Scouts will be distributing Scouting for Food bags throughout Edgewood.

**Saturday,
 April 14th,**

9am - Noon:

Scouts will be going door to door to pick up your donated items. Please place all donated items in the Scouting for Food bags and set the bags out at your front door no later than 8:45am.

The Scouts would like to thank the Edgewood community in advance for their generosity. We always have a high degree of participation in this program which serves our local food bank right here in Edgewood.

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April 2012

Council Meetings: 2 & 16, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

Refuse: 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycling: 5 & 19

Story Time @ C.C. Mellor: 10:30am Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Boy Scouts: Mondays 7:00pm @ FPCE

Toastmasters: Tuesdays 6:30pm @ C. C. Mellor

Community Happenings:

Earth Day Cleanup:

21, 9 – 11am @ Koenig Field see page 5 for details

Stay Safe Police Program:

29, 5 - 7pm @ Edgewood Community House see page 3 for details

Scouting for Food:

9 & 14 throughout Edgewood see page 10 for details.