

# EDGEWOOD

May 2012

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## Recognizing the Dedicated

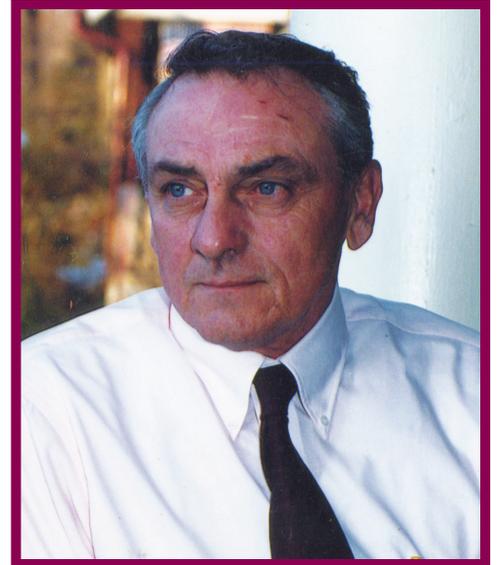
The Edgewood Foundation is seeking nominations for the William D. Limpert Volunteer Service Award. This year's winner will be announced at the Edgewood Foundation's Wine and Chocolate Affaire on November 3.

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, Greer Mulholland and Patrick Doyle.

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.

Winners are volunteers who selflessly give of themselves to serve the Edgewood community and its residents. Current Edgewood Foundation Board Members and employees of the Borough are not eligible to win this award.

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](mailto:angel@lehrian.com). Nomination forms are also available at the Borough building.



## They Found Them!

The annual Edgewood Borough Easter egg hunt on March 31 was a huge success with over 100 children and adults in attendance and more than 3,700 eggs found by local children ages 2 – 10. The Borough would also like to thank the volunteers who made the Easter egg hunt a huge success.



Nora Faraci finds eggs at the Koenig Field Easter Egg Hunt!



## EVFD

### Emergency Vehicle Driver Training is a Long Process

Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) is staffed by 21 volunteers, 24 hours a day and has one emergency service worker who is available between 8am and 12am on weekdays. This Borough staff member is available to support the EVFD as a driver during the day. In the event of an emergency call during the day, the available emergency service worker responds with the appropriate truck and equipment, which is critical support to the department considering most volunteers work during the day. In order to assure the best possible response for our residents, volunteers respond to the station and ride the appropriate truck or respond to the location of the emergency.

Not all volunteers are trained to drive our engine or rescue vehicles; therefore, during the spring and summer months while there are more daylight hours, you will see our apparatus driving around the Edgewood Town Center or on neighborhood streets. We are currently training new drivers to be able to drive to emergencies. There are several phases of driver's training. First, the firefighter must take the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training class and be extremely knowledgeable on all of the equipment and how to run the pump. Next, the firefighter will begin the first phase of driving which is conducted in a controlled environment, like the Edgewood Town Center parking lot. After many hours, the next step is conducted on public highways, followed by a final driving test. This process takes anywhere from 60 to 80 hours of training. Part of our mission is to arrive safely to all emergency calls for our residents and surrounding areas.

EVFD's primary response area is mostly residential; however, EVFD responds to emergencies at businesses in Edgewood Town Centre and Regent Square, as well as, the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Edgewood Primary School. In addition, EVFD is responsible for a portion of I-376 between the Squirrel Hill Tunnels and the Forest Hills/Wilkinsburg exit with the assistance of the City of Pittsburgh. The Port Authority east bus way runs through Edgewood, as well as a main line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad



## Police Report

### Edgewood Police Capture Murder Suspect

On March 26, 2012, the Edgewood Express was robbed at gun point. Edgewood Police were dispatched to the scene and received assistance from Wilkinsburg and Swissvale police departments.

The police forces worked together to apprehend the suspect. After a perimeter was set up and the suspect contained to a one block area a Police K-9 was used to apprehend the suspect.

Once in custody it was determined that the suspect was also wanted for a homicide in Erie, Pennsylvania, a robbery of the Sheetz in Wilkins Township and another robbery in Pittsburgh.

This information is being shared with Edgewood residents for safety reasons. These types of incidents are, fortunately, rare in our community however the possibility does exist.

Please remember to lock your doors, windows and vehicles. Our resident's safety is our number one concern.

The Edgewood police would like to thank the Wilkinsburg, Swissvale, Rankin and Braddock Hills Police Departments for the excellent assistance provided in the capture of the suspect.

### February Police Department Statistics

#### EDGEWOOD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

<b>Total Calls for Service.....</b>	<b>448</b>
Incidents Reported.....	173
Complaints Received.....	11
Accidents Investigated.....	11

#### Part I Crimes

Robbery.....	1
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0
Burglary.....	3
Shoplifting.....	8
Aggravated Assault.....	0
Other Crimes.....	5

#### Part II Crimes

Vandalism /Mischief.....	0
Narcotics Offenses.....	2
Disorderly Conduct.....	4
Other Crimes.....	1

#### Arrest Total.....13

Adult Arrests.....	9
Juvenile Arrests.....	4

#### Officers Activity

Citations Written.....	61
Parking Citations.....	47
DUI.....	1
False Alarms.....	7
Medicals.....	12
Reports Taken.....	275
Public Nuisance Complaints.....	4

## TIP OF THE MONTH

Street Sweeping has begun for the year. On Wednesdays, please ensure that you are adhering to your local street sweeping signs to avoid a parking ticket.



## Library

### Book Clubs

Join any of our lively book discussions. Upcoming titles are:

Drop Dead Book Club: **Christine Falls** by Benjamin Black. Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm in the Board Room at C.C. Mellor

History Book Club: **Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World** by Margaret McMillan. Thursday, May 17 at 7pm in the Board Room at C.C. Mellor

PALS Book Club: **Shanghai Girls** by Lisa See. Tuesday, May 22 at 1pm at Forest Hills Library

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

#### You're a Big Part of CCM's Success

Our great volunteers made another Book Sale successful. Volunteers include Rebecca Taksel, Connie Black, Liz Hickey, Angela O'Toole, Pat Kelly, Bill Steele, Karen Bradford, Dorothy Buchanan, Curt Roemle, Tom Reid, Mary Pat Cuarn, Francine Matey, Linda Bush, Carl Bolton, Sue Bailey, Julie Crollius, Vivian Broz, Alicia Peterman, Becky Studer, Audrey Waldock, Joy and Wolf Goethert, Clayton Merrill, Andy Holz and Laura Rundell. Thanks also to members of

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the Drop Dead Book Club who catered the Preview Party, Edgewood Borough and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the loan of tables and to the Edgewood Club for the use of the ballroom.

This year we had five great tax preparers who gave their time and expertise to complete tax forms for area residents. A big thanks to Hugh Terry, Edith White, Belinda Johns, Linda Heyman and Rosemarie Lightfoot.

Throughout the year volunteers make things happen in the library. Those assisting in the Children's Room and the Adult Library are: Kristi Kelly, Stephanie Fritko, Laura Broff, Liz Rocks, Anna Evashavik, Renee MacCamy, Madison McConnell, Danica Insogna, Camille Rose, Gene Delserone, Bill Steele, Carl Bolton, Mary Brady, Owen Lewis and Rose Farkasovsky.

### Financial Planning Workshops

A series of workshops on personal finances will be offered this month. Deborah Hughes of the Regent Square office of Edward Jones will lead these free and insightful programs offered on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3pm in the Library Board Room. Sign up for one or all.

#### May 1:

*10 Reasons to Consider Stocks*

#### May 8:

*Looking for Value in Fixed Income*

#### May 15:

*Politics and Your Portfolio*

### Researching your Family Records are People: Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors

Interested in finding out where your ancestors came from, when and how? Representatives of the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Services will show you how to use immigration records, visa applications, and naturalization certificates to help complete your family tree.

The Program will be held on Tuesday, May 1 from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the Edgewood Club Living Room. Register by April 25.

### Ancestry Library Edition

One of the databases available to C. C. Mellor Library card users is the library version of Ancestry.com. Patrons are able to search such things as immigration, vital records, census, family histories, court records, directories, photos and military records. Records include information from the US, Canada, Australia and Europe with some information going back as far as the 13th century.

The database is available for in-library use only. Come in anytime and we will help you get started in researching your family. There is plenty of information and your ancestors left clues along the way.

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## In the Children's Room

*Toddler Story Time*  
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*Pre-School Story Time*  
Wednesdays, 10:30am  
@ C.C. Mellor

*Children's Story Time*  
Thursdays, 10:30am @ Churchill  
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*Children's Story Time*  
Fridays, 10:30am @ Wilkins  
Township Recreation Building

*Baby Lapsit*  
Fridays, 11:30am - 12:00pm  
@ C.C. Mellor

## Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Club at C.C. Mellor Library begins with our kick-off party on Monday, June 11, from 12:00-1:30pm. This is a great opportunity to register for summer reading and have a ton of fun! Please call to sign up by Wednesday, June 6.

## Way Cool Wednesdays

Way Cool Wednesdays will run from June 13 through August 8 for the Summer Reading Program! Kids grades K-5 are invited to the library every Wednesday afternoon, from 1:30-2:30pm. Each week we will explore new topics through games, scavenger hunts, experiments, crafts and fun! Please call the library to register kids by Monday each week. Space and materials are limited, so make sure to secure your spot early!

Attention Summer Readers K-5:

This year Summer Reading is even more exciting – we're adding QUESTS! With QUESTS you get to choose your own experiences. It's all about exploring what interests YOU, and most of all, it's for FUN!

To join QUESTS you'll need a game pass from your local library with a secret code. That code will unlock the world of Quests from anywhere online.

You will journey through challenges and complete tasks that earn you player points. Use the points to unlock badges and quest levels and even virtual goods for your own clubhouse. You can score points online or by visiting your library or other places in the community related to your quest, by attending special events, and even by reading and posting your own comments.

The Summer Reading Club Wrap-up Party will be held Monday, August 13 (location TBA) from 12:00-1:30pm. Please join us in celebrating all of the fun we had reading great books this summer!

## UNPLUG & RECONNECT AT C.C. MELLOR!

Join our four workshop series. C.C. Mellor Library will be holding four creative workshops for children ages 2-8 and their parents. This program is all about shutting off our technological devices for an hour and using our hands and imaginations to create! The first workshop will be held Thursday, May 17, at 6:00pm and is entitled "Gardening and Growing!" We are happy to have the Edgewood Garden Club help us plant seeds and teach us about gardening. Please call the library to register your family! We will follow up in June with a workshop on Movement and Music, in July we will have a finger painting evening and August will wrap up our series with a

construction and building evening. Look for details about future workshops in our upcoming newsletters and on our website at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

## CHILDREN'S AUTHOR COMING TO C.C. MELLOR!

C.C. Mellor Library invites you to come and meet Jonathan Auxier, author of *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* on Thursday, May 24, at 6:00pm. Jonathan will read favorite passages, sign books and answer questions - come and join the fun! There is plenty of time for you to borrow the book from the library and read it before the author visits. Come and get your copy today!

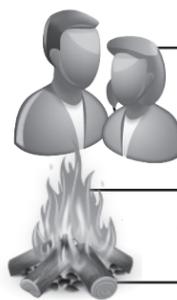
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## Community Organizations

### Scouts

Troop 23 would like to congratulate Wilson Kondrich for earning the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting. Wilson is the son of Keith and Helen Kondrich of Swissvale. In order to attain the Eagle rank, scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges and plan and organize a community service project.



Wilson's project focused on the recently planted sustainable garden at Word of God School. The garden was started by a joint effort between the students and Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. However, there was not a clear boundary for the garden. Wilson's project involved removing unwanted hedges, preparing the ground, and installing a new picket fence around the open sides of the garden. This new fence has helped to enclose and define the garden's perimeter giving it a better sense of place. Wilson also placed a commemorative stone in one corner of the garden, inscribed with the bible quote "Then the Lord God planted a garden ..." As part of his project, Wilson had to create a budget, fundraise, and organize and supervise volunteers (many of whom were fellow scouts).



### ESO

## Two Chances to hear ESO's May Concert!

Help the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra "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](http://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 some fun music and some summer sunshine.



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](mailto:edgewood.newsletter.2010@gmail.com)

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## Brinton Road Clean-up

We will be cleaning up debris along Brinton road on June 9 starting at 10am. We do this volunteer effort in conjunction with our own DPW and Braddock Hills DPW. We split up the months of the year and do our part to keep our shared road clean. Please meet at Winnie Schano's house (132 Dewey St) to pick up trash bags and gloves and to join us for morning coffee and juice. We usually can complete the job in an hour if we have at least 10 people. Please consider helping us this year. This event helps to make the entrance to Edgewood look clean and well-kept! Please do not bring kids under the age of 13, as this is a very busy road. We have other areas where they can help us clean if they would like to help out. Consider helping Edgewood look its best – volunteer!

## Save the Dates

**June 9:** Brinton Road Clean-up- our first cleanup of the season

**August 11:** Brinton Road Clean-up- our second cleanup of the season

**August 17:** Newcomers Reception for all of our new neighbors who have made Edgewood home

**August 25:** Community Day- fun for everyone

**September:** Oktoberfest- family friendly gathering (date to be determined)

**September 15:** Sleep Over in the Park- pitch your tent and sleep under the stars close to home

**October 20/27:** Fall Festival- hayrides and fun at the field

**November 3:** Wine and Chocolate Affaire with the Limpert Award Presentation

**December 7:** Light Up Edgewood- start the holidays with family and friends

## Thank You!

Below is a listing of contributors at the Supporter and above level who generously contributed to this year's Annual Fund Appeal as of March 29, 2012. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

It's not too late to show your support. Additional contributions can be sent to: Edgewood Foundation, 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 or donate via PayPal on our website, [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org).

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The 2012 Edgewood Borough Real Estate Tax was mailed out on March 31, 2012. If you did not receive your bill and you normally pay it yourself, call my office at (412)731-0200 to be sent an additional copy. Also, if you have changed your mortgage company please call my office with your new company's information. The Borough Real Estate Tax is due at discount until May 31, 2012.

The 2011 Woodland Hills School Tax is due at penalty and will be turned over to the school in May.

The tax office will be closed May 2 through May 9. Please remember that other office staff cannot give you a receipt if you drop off your taxes. If you need a receipt for next year's rent rebate or taxes, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

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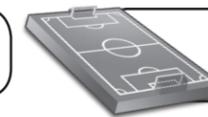
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## Recreation

### Farewell, Judy

Judy Mysels, Recreation Coordinator since 2007 will be leaving her post. Her smiling face (and hot dogs!) will certainly be missed. Judy was always available, rain or shine, on the sidelines and in the snack bar. Her tireless work behind the scenes to get it all organized was matched only by her enthusiasm for youth sports here in Edgewood.

### Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping out our Recreation Board please contact Warren Cecconi, Borough Manager, at (412)242-4824 or send an email to the Board of Recreation at [recreation@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:recreation@edgewoodboro.com).

### Batter Up!

Spring has sprung and that means it's time for Edgewood T- Ball and Softball to begin. T- Ball is offered to children ages 5 - 6 with birthdays between

6/2005 and 6/2007. Softball is offered to children ages 7 - 12 with birthdays between 6/2000- 6/2005. Registration forms can be found on the Borough website, [www.edgewoodboro.com](http://www.edgewoodboro.com) or you may pick one up at the Borough building. All registrations are due by May 21 at the Borough building.

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## Welcome!

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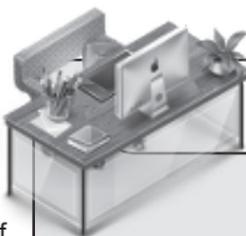
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## From the Manager's Desk

### Lane Closures in Squirrel Hill Tunnels

Westbound lane closures in the Squirrel Hill Tunnels have begun.

The \$49.5 million rehabilitation of the Squirrel Hill Tunnels will cause lane closures starting in March, PennDOT has announced. One westbound (inbound) lane will close at 10pm Mondays through Saturdays for the foreseeable future. Lanes will reopen by 5am, Tuesdays through Fridays and 10am, Saturdays and Sundays.

There will not be any overnight work into Monday. Full weekend closures of the westbound tunnel are scheduled to begin in late July. No restrictions are planned for the eastbound tunnel this season.



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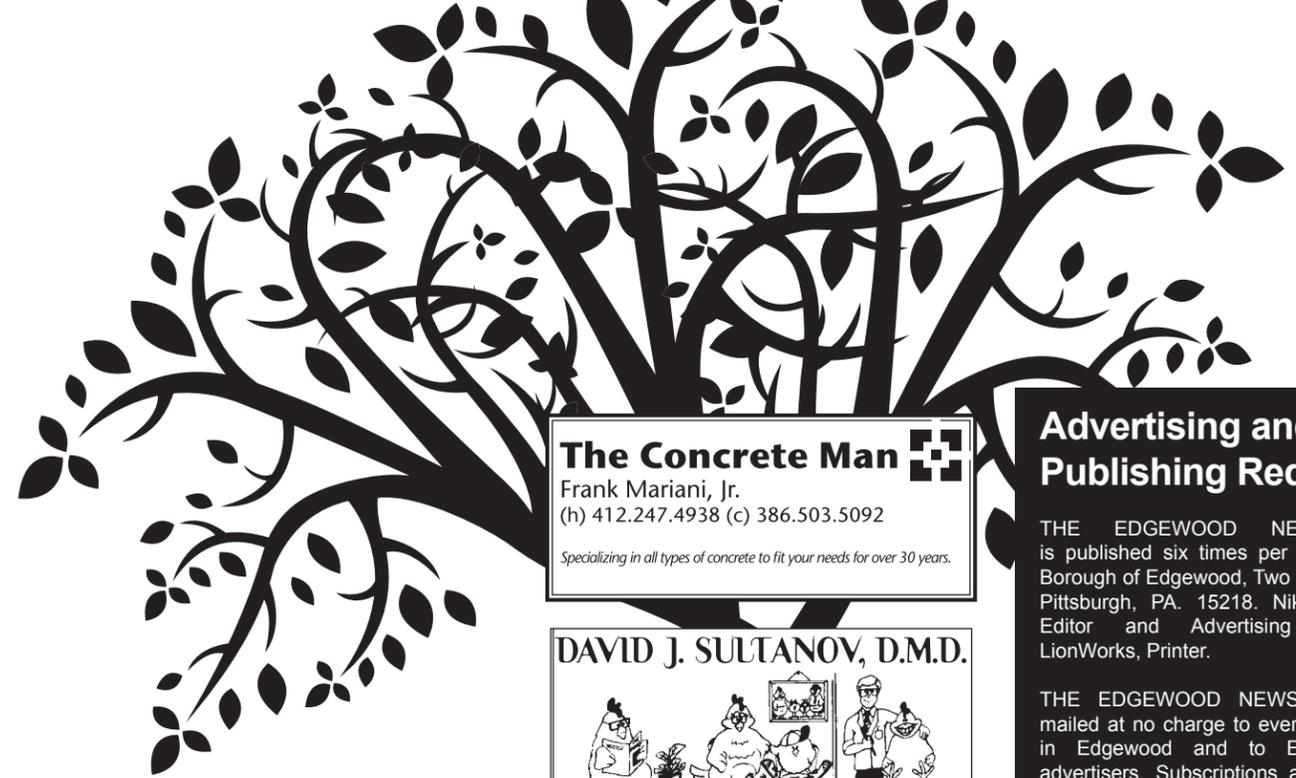
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**Refuse:** 3, 10, 17, 24 & June 1

**Recycling:** 3, 17 & June 1

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

**Boy Scouts:** Mondays 7:00pm @ FPCE

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May 21