

# EDGEWOOD

April/May 2013

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## Edgewood Borough Launches New Website

*The Borough of Edgewood is pleased to announce that our new website is up and running!*

During the 2011 Community Survey, residents requested updates to the Borough's website. We heard you loud and clear! We've created a new website that went live in November 2012. The new site is user-friendly and quickly provides pertinent information to residents about the local community. The website was designed with mobile devices in mind and the layout works well on handheld phones and tablets. If you haven't been to the site, check us out at [www.EdgewoodBoro.com](http://www.EdgewoodBoro.com).

A new feature on the site is a "Search" box in the upper right of the Home page. You can type in exactly what you're looking for and be directed to it. Just below the "Search" box are large boxes labeled **NEWS**, **EVENTS** and **MEETINGS**. Click on these headings to see current news, a calendar of daily events and information about meetings of the Borough Council.

You can now **sign up to receive e-mail notifications**. The user determines exactly how much mail they wish to receive from the Borough. Click on "Sign up for Borough e-News." This box redirects you to a sign-up form where you can select one or more of the following categories:

- *e-News Alerts* (street closings; advisory notices)
- *Borough e-Newsletter* (notification when the newsletter is available online)
- *Council News* (updates and minutes of council meetings)
- *Recycling* (updates or changes in the recycling program; leaf pick-up schedule)
- *General Interest* (Recreation sign-ups; Foundation events; free flu shots; street sweeping schedule)

Whenever new information is put up on the website regarding these items, you will receive an e-mail notification.

**Permits and forms are also available** from the site. Under the "Administration" tab, the following forms are available: Parking Permits, Dumpster forms, Lien Letter Request form, Occupancy Permit, Dye Test Certification and Solicitation Permit. Print and mail forms quickly and easily.

On our Recreation page, you are able to access registration forms and information for Sports activities throughout the year, both for Youth (Basketball, T-Ball, Girls' Softball, Soccer) and Adults (Basketball).

Please take the time to visit the new site and let us know what you think!

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**Public Announcements**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting, Monday, February 25th**

Edgewood Borough Council will have a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7: Council Chambers within the Municipal Building, 2 Race Street, Edgewood. The meeting is open to the public.

**REMINDER**

Borough Code requires each household to shovel the snow from sidewalks adjacent to a home. Please make property safe for pedestrians!

**Parking Permits & Visitor's Permits 2013**

Visit our [Parking Permits](#) page for more information on [Fees](#) and to download the [2013 Parking Permit Applic](#)

**More Articles and Local News...**

For the most recent Council news, check out the latest [Council Action Notes](#)

Visit our [News Page](#) for more articles and announcements.

# Council Notes

## Edgewood Recreation

### Youth Basketball


The Youth Basketball season was a great success! Over 100 boys and girls ages 5 to 14 played on teams throughout January and February. They practiced at the Edgewood Primary School gym and played games at the WPSD gym. Thanks to our devoted coaches who donated their time and expertise, and a special thanks to Jeff Hanchett, our Basketball Coordinator.

### Youth T-Ball and Girls' Softball

Sign-ups will be starting soon for Youth T-Ball (ages 5 – 7) and Girls' Softball (ages 7 – 13). Look for sign-up sheets on the Recreation page of the website, or pick up forms at the Edgewood Borough Building. Games for both sports will be played at Koenig Field in June and July. Deadline for signing up is May 21, 2013.

Please note: Edgewood does not have its own boy's baseball team. We refer our players to either 14th Ward Baseball: ([14thwardbaseball.shutterfly.com](http://14thwardbaseball.shutterfly.com)) or Squirrel Hill baseball: ([www.sqhillbaseball.org](http://www.sqhillbaseball.org)).

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# EDGEWOOD RECYCLES

## Hazardous chemicals, CFLs and batteries will be collected

This year, the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) is sponsoring three Hazardous Chemical Collections throughout Allegheny County. These events are opportunities to dispose of these difficult items safely. Please note that the list of acceptable materials is made up of items which cannot be thrown out in your trash. Here is a list of items which will be accepted at a cost of \$2/gallon.

- Paint
- Water sealers
- Paint thinners
- Furniture strippers
- Rust preservatives
- Creosote
- Automotive fluids
- Antifreeze
- Aerosol cans
- Chemistry sets
- Gasoline & kerosene
- Household cleaners
- Mercury
- Photo & pool chemicals
- Herbicides
- Pesticides

Additionally, these collections will accept Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) and batteries.

### The collections will occur

**9 AM to 1 PM on:**

- May 4 – North Park
- July 27 – location TBD
- Sept. 21 – South Park

Please visit the website to learn more about these collections: <http://zerowastepgh.org/ZW-hcw-events.html>. These events are great opportunities to dispose of difficult materials safely.

# Police Report



L TO R Chief Roberts Payne, Mayor Ed Cook, Officer Joseph Tomko

## NEW FULL TIME OFFICER

On January 19, 2013 Edgewood Borough hired a new full time officer, Joseph Tomko. Officer Tomko was born and raised in the area and graduated from Woodland Hills High School. After high school, Officer Tomko enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served 8 years. He was deployed, and reactivated during his enlistment. After leaving the Marine Corp, Officer Tomko enrolled in the police academy at the University of Pennsylvania. Once graduated, Officer Tomko took a part time position with Swissvale Police, moving onto a full time position with the Carnegie Police Department. Officer Tomko then moved onto a full time position with the Penn Hills Police Department.

Officer Tomko is looking forward to serving the community where he grew up. He brings with him 12 years of experience and a wealth of knowledge. The Edgewood Police Department now has 8 full time officers and 4 part time officers to serve the community.

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## CHANGING POLICE FLEET

In the summer of 2012, the Edgewood Police Department purchased a new 2012 Ford Expedition. The new Expedition replaced an aging Ford Explorer, which was given to the Edgewood Department of Public Works. The Ford Expedition has a state of the art lighting package and can be seen from miles away. This may seem like too many lights to the average citizen, but when you are responding to an emergency call, the more visible the police are, the safer we are! In the coming months, equipment will be added to the S.U.V to conform it to a command vehicle.

In March 2013, the Edgewood Police Department received its first 2012 Dodge Charger. The new Charger will be replacing the oldest Ford Crown Victoria, which will be sold. Ford has stopped making the Crown Victoria, forcing police departments to change their fleet to another vehicle. It was determined that the best fit for the Edgewood Police Department was the Dodge Charger. The Edgewood Police Department will eventually replace all of the Ford police cars with Dodge Chargers.

### Tip of the month:

Street sweeping will return on Wednesdays in April. Check the signs where you park to ensure that you will not have a surprise ticket on your windshield when you return to your car.

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<b>Total Calls for Service</b>		
Complaints Received	438	509
Accidents Investigated	11	14
<b>Part I Crimes</b>		
Robbery, Burglary	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Shoplifting	8	6
Assault	2	2
Arson	0	0
Other Crimes	3	6
<b>Part II Crimes</b>		
Vandalism/Mischief	1	2
Narcotics Offenses	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	4
Other Crimes	2	2
<b>Arrest Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
Adult Arrests	10	15
Juvenile Arrests	3	0
<b>Officer's Activity</b>		
Traffic Stops	52	113
Traffic Citations	37	91
Nontraffic Citations	2	13
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Medicals	11	19
Suspicious Person	4	9
Public Nuisance Complaints	4	4

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# Library

## Adult 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 10 and Thursday, April 11 from 9 am- 1 pm. A refresher course, for those who have had the Basic Class, will be offered on Thursday, April 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. 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 at 412-731-0909.

### ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY 2013

#### The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks has been chosen by the Allegheny County Library Association for this year's One Book, One Community read.

In 1996, Hanna Heath, a young Australian book conservator, is called to analyze the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a priceless 600-year-old

Jewish prayer book that has been salvaged from a destroyed Bosnian library. When Hanna discovers a series of artifacts in the book's centuries-old binding, she unwittingly exposes an international cover up. A Pulitzer Prize winner, Ms. Brooks will be in Pittsburgh on April 8 speaking at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland at 7:30 pm. The Library will have a book discussion on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 pm in the Board Room in Edgewood. Book Club kits are available for groups. To reserve a kit, please call Sally Bogie at the Library at 412-731-0909.

### JOIN A BOOK CLUB

**Drop Dead Book Club** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Edgewood Board Room. You can follow the DDBC on their website at [dropdeadbookclub.worldpress.com](http://dropdeadbookclub.worldpress.com). They will be discussing:

- April 10: *At Risk* by Stella Remington
- May 15: *Before I Go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson

**PALS Book Club** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the Forest Hills Library.

Upcoming books are:

- April 23: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard
- May 28: *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts

**The Contemporary Issues Discussion Group** is changing its name to **Conversation Salon** but it will still

continue to discuss meaningful and interesting events of our time. The salon meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Board Room of the Edgewood Library. Some of the previously discussed topics were the fiscal cliff and immigration reform. Conversation Salons are sponsored in 14 libraries by the Allegheny County Library Association. The salons were formed to encourage face to face conversation among a diverse group of interesting and well informed residents. This is a great opportunity to become a participant in a larger world around you, to develop the skills of good conversation, and to connect and contribute to your community. Next meetings are April 4, May 2, and June 6.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

**Dollars and Sense Investment Study Group** explores the world of investment through research and discussion. At the monthly meetings the group shares what they have learned and how it might be used. Join them on Wednesdays April 17 and May 15 at 7 pm in the Boardroom for a one hour discussion. Ginnie Farnsworth, an Edgewood resident with over 20 years of experience, will lead the group. She is not affiliated with any financial institution. This is an open, unpressured discussion and discussion topics are driven by the group's interest.

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Please register at the adult desk for the following classes:

- 1 Tuesday, April 9, 1 pm:  
Getting started in Facebook
- 2 Tuesday, April 17, 11 am:  
Basic Internet
- 3 Tuesday, May 7, 1 pm:  
Downloading books and audios to your mobile device
- 4 Wednesday May 15, 11 am:  
Sign up for email

### SUPPORT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

In April every preschooler who attends a C.C. Mellor Memorial Library program will receive a copy of *Bus for Us* by Suzanne Bloom for their home libraries. During that month we will reach out to 300 children. We are asking for your help in supporting this program by making a donation of \$25, which will give 10 children the gift of reading. Your name as a donor will be included on a bookmark to be handed out during the year and will also be noted on our donor board. Your help will be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Desk in the Fred Rogers Children's Room.

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### TESTING AND EDUCATIONAL REFERENCE CENTER AVAILABLE FOR TEST PREP

Spring and end of school year means standardized tests. C.C. Mellor subscribes to an on-line testing service for its users. Practice tests include the AP Exams and college prep exams such as the ACT, PSAT, SAT and SAT subject tests. Students with library cards can use this resource while in the Library, on their mobile devices, or home computers. To access the testing database go to the CCM website, scroll down to the Library and the Community on the left side of the page, and click on **Testing and Education Reference Center**.

### WISE WALK

Another round of Wise Walk begins on Tuesday, April 16. Participants will receive a Wise Walk T-shirt, a pedometer and walking guide. We walk as a group for one hour every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 am along the Nine Mile Run Trail in Frick Park. We meet in the parking lot just below the United Cerebral Palsy Center Building on Braddock Avenue. Wise Walk is offered by the library and is supported by the Highmark PALS program and the Allegheny County Library Association.

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## Children's Library

### Story times:

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#### C.C. Mellor Fred Rogers Room

10:30 am Tuesday – **Family story time** for children under 5

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1:30 pm Wednesday – **Preschool story time** for 3 – 5 year olds

6:30 pm 1st Thursday of each month – **Family story time** for children under 5

#### Churchill Borough Building

10:30 am Thursday – **Family story time**  
Wilkins Township Recreation Building

10:30 am Friday – **Family Story time**  
Forest Hills location

10:30 am – **Family story time** for children under 5

**READ TO ROVER** – April 6th 10:30 am and May 4th at 10:30 am

Research shows that reading out loud is a difficult but important skill to develop for early readers. Let your young readers come read to these certified therapy dogs and help alleviate the nervousness of reading aloud. Pre-readers welcome too. Please register by calling 412-731-0909.

### SATURDAY KID ART!

Come join us in a series of workshops for elementary aged kids – and MAKE ART! Each workshop we will focus on a different medium. Starts at 10:30 am sharp. Please register by calling 412-731-0909.

Sat April 13th – Mosaic  
Sat May 11th – Building

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

Nothing is cooler than science experiments. Join us one Saturday a month for Science Saturday. We will explore a different aspect of science each month. Program geared toward elementary aged kids. Starts at 10:30 am sharp. Please register by calling 412-731-0909.

April 27th and May 25th

**SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE MATINEE**

Come in your jammies and watch a family movie on the big screen!  
10:30 am Saturday April 20: "My Neighbor Totoro"  
Saturday May 18: "Up"


**ONE BOOK EVERY YOUNG CHILD**

Family Story time April 13, 1 – 2:30 pm. Every child that comes to this story time will receive a copy of the "one book for every one child" book, *The Bus for Us* by Suzanne Bloom.

**MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT**

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Sunday, May 5, 2013, 3:00 pm  
Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland

The Grand Finale for the 25th anniversary season will showcase bold, classical favorites like Tchaikovsky's monumental Fourth Symphony, Shostakovich's Festive Overture and a performance of Grieg's Piano Concerto featuring the ESO's Music Director and pianist, Walter Morales. Join ESO musicians and friends after the concert for a reception in the beautiful Music Hall foyer featuring more live music, an auction and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are just \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students) and can be purchased at [www.edgewoodssymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodssymphony.org).

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**Scouts**

**27th 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 canned products are welcome, as well as sealed, dry packaged foods such as cereals.

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

Monday, April 15th: Scouts will be distributing door hanger reminder cards throughout Edgewood.

Saturday, April 20th, 9 am - Noon: Scouts will be going door to door to pick up your donated items. Please place all donated items in grocery bags and set the bags out by your front door no later than 8:45 am.

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



**Woodland Hills School District**

**Kindergarten Registration** will be held at Edgewood Elementary School on Wednesday, April 24, 2012 from 12 noon to 7 pm.

**To register, please bring your child and the following documents:**

- parent or guardian's photo ID (only a parent or legal guardian may register a child)
- current deed or lease
- additional proof of residency (ex. current utility bill, pay stub with name and address, or some type of mail of an official nature)
- your child's birth certificate (or baptismal certificate with birth date)
- your child's immunization records

Registration staff will make copies for our records and return your originals.

If you wish to apply to the Woodland Hills Academy, kindergarten slots at the Academy are chosen by a lottery. (Academy lottery postcards will be available at Kindergarten Registration). The lottery will tentatively be held Thursday May 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Academy Auditorium. For more information, contact the Academy @ 412-824-2450.

**Woodland Hills High School Musical**

Woodland Hills H.S. is known throughout Pittsburgh for its award-winning musical drama program. This year, the spring musical will be Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein." The show combines the comedy of the 1974 movie with the catchy song styles of Mel Brooks' hit musicals.

**Show Times:**

April 26th – 27th & May 2nd – 4th at 8 pm  
Saturday Matinees at 1 pm

**Ticket Office Information:**

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**Prices:**

Tickets ordered before April 1st are \$10  
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### Senior Brunch 2013

Every spring the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a brunch honoring the Borough's graduating high school seniors. Although our students all live in Edgewood, they attend different high schools. This is a great opportunity for them all to be together with their families and friends before they go their separate ways to follow their dreams. The Mel Douglass Scholarships will be presented to the deserving seniors. This year, the brunch will be on Sunday, May 19th at 11 am at the Edgewood Club. If you are or know a high school senior, please e-mail the Foundation at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org) with your name, address and phone number so we can send you a formal invitation.

### Earth Day Clean Up Saturday April 20, 2013

Once again the Edgewood Foundation will be sponsoring the annual Earth Day Clean Up of the Borough. Come one, come all (bring the kids, too) down to Koenig Field between 9 and 10 am to enjoy light refreshments before setting off to help clean up trash around the neighborhoods. Work for as long as you wish! Any amount of time is highly

appreciated. Gloves, safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Rain date will be April 27. Mark your calendar and we'll see you soon!

### EDGEWOOD NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

Each year, the Edgewood Foundation sponsors a reception for newcomers who have moved into the Borough in the preceding year. This event is our way of formally welcoming them into the neighborhood and introducing them not only to their fellow newcomers, but also to Borough officials, members of the local organizations and other involved citizens. The reception is hosted at an Edgewood resident's house in the early evening, with refreshments and beverages provided.

The reception allows newcomers the opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow residents, while also obtaining important information from each of the Borough offices and community groups. The newcomers are provided with a welcome packet of Borough information, and many local businesses have information available

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as well. This is one of the signature events of the Foundation and is a major reason why Edgewood continues to be a special place to live.

This year's Newcomers' Reception will be on Thursday evening, May 16, 2013, starting at 7:00 pm, so please save the date! Invitations will be sent out in mid-April to all newcomers based upon available real estate transfer information. However, if you know a newcomer who did not receive an invitation or you are a newcomer interested in attending, please visit our website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) for additional information and also feel free to RSVP at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org). The event also has a Facebook page that can be accessed in the Event Details posted into the calendar on our website.

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### WPSD SPRING YARD SALE!

WPSD will host a community yard sale on Saturday morning, April 20th. This is a rain or shine event. Registration cost is \$10 per space with tables available to rent for an additional \$5. Proceeds from the space and table rentals benefits student programs. For additional information call, 412.244.4207 or email [vcherney@wpsd.org](mailto:vcherney@wpsd.org).



The EVFD has responded to 76 calls for service for the year as of the end of February. Thirty-five of these calls came in the month of February. There have been no major incidents in the Borough. Members of the fire department's live-in program have begun to assess "pre-plans" for businesses in the Borough. This pre-planning entails recognizing hydrants, any and all hazards and the unique features of a business that will aid the department in the event of an emergency. We have also upgraded the response in the Borough to include Swissvale Fire Department. Their recent purchase of a new ladder truck will be our primary ladder truck in the Borough as well as their engines. Coming soon for the department will be a review of the Borough's ISO rating, which regulates fire insurance rates. We will be working on achieving the best number possible for the residents.

Thus far, results of our yearly fund drive have been poor: 6% of businesses, 25% of residents, and 2% of renters have donated. The fund drive is our main source of income to purchase equipment for the department. Our only other fund raiser is Community Day, so the fund drive is very important to us. Maintenance and up-keep costs of fire equipment continue to rise. The cost of turn-out gear, breathing apparatuses and supplies are also rising. Please help us help you.

Please consider donating to the fire department, and thank you to those who have already done so.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The domestic cat is a non-native species, and preys on native shrews, squirrels, chipmunks and voles. Stray cats account for most of the damage. But pets that are let outside to roam account for up to 30%, according to a new study.

### Help First Responders Help You

When you dial 911 for an emergency, time is of the essence. To help the police officers, fire department and emergency medical responders locate the correct building, your house number should be clearly marked on your house or business.

The Edgewood Borough codes state that address numbers should be at least 3" tall and be in clearly visible colors. The International Fire Code actually suggests the letters should be 6" tall. The address should be clearly visible from the right of way. If your home sits back from the road, then displaying address numbers closer to the street is recommended.

Marking your house or business with clearly visible numbers will help emergency responders locate your home easily and quickly... something we all strive for!

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The Edgewood Borough Department of Public Works will resume street sweeping on Wednesdays starting in April. If you park on the street, be sure to check the posted signs for directions on what side of the street to park your car so that you don't receive a ticket!

