

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## Edgewood Bids Farewell to Borough Manager Warren Cecconi

Warren Cecconi retires this June after serving as Edgewood's Borough Manager for the past five years. Warren began his career as Public Works Director in Swissvale and served as manager in Bridgeville, Swissvale and Dormont. As manager of Swissvale, Warren worked on many projects with Edgewood, including the Joint Comprehensive Plan Project (involving Swissvale, Edgewood and Rankin) and was instrumental in getting S. Braddock Avenue repaved. Respected by many involved in public service, Warren has been sought out as a mentor for those interested in borough management and has shared his experiences, wisdom and work ethic with them.



*Borough Manager Warren Cecconi*

Municipal management is a challenging profession. As the Chief Administrative Officer appointed by the Council, the Borough Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and enforcing the ordinances of the Council. This includes overseeing all aspects of the Borough: public works, recreation and public safety, as well as grant procurement, and development and management of special projects. The Mayor can delegate certain responsibilities to the Manager according to the PA Borough Code. The position requires more than regular office hours; the Borough Manager responds to emergency situations working with local, county and state public safety workers and represents the Borough at state and local level meetings.

Knowing that "the right thing isn't always popular and that the popular thing isn't always right," a good manager helps elected officials and community groups work through the potential ripple effects of a proposed action, to see the possible effects (good and bad) on the larger community picture. A good borough manager provides opportunities for discernment so that elected officials and community groups can make informed decisions. Throughout Warren's time in Edgewood,

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his efforts have enabled Council to be better stewards of the resources we have here in Edgewood and in Allegheny County. Our budgeting process is more efficient and proactive, and the Borough office more effective. He has helped promote Edgewood as a strong neighbor-centered community.

Warren has been a dedicated public servant to the Borough of Edgewood. He and his wife, Jane, embraced our community. On behalf of Council and the Edgewood community, we say "thank you for your dedication to Edgewood." And we wish them both a retirement filled with happiness, health and every blessing.



## Edgewood Recycles

Edgewood residents are serious about recycling, and many of us want to recycle as much of our household waste as possible. The borough is proud to offer curbside recycling for plastics, glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard.

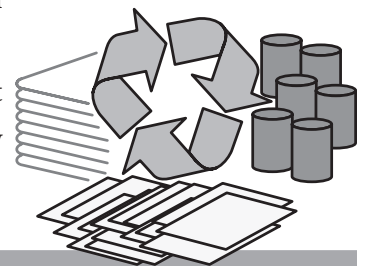
When you place recyclables at the curb, please be sure that ALL items you wish to recycle fit inside the blue recycling bin. Oftentimes, residents will stack cardboard beside the recycling bin. Waste Management, who picks up the refuse and recycling for the borough, now requires that all items be in recycling containers to facilitate proper collection.

If your recycling bin is already full with plastics and glass, don't worry! You can purchase additional bins at the Borough Building for \$20.

If you have large amounts of paper to recycle, you can also use the large dumpsters in the borough building parking lot for recycling.

Any cardboard that will not fit inside your blue recycling bin can be recycled at Construction Junction, 214 N. Lexington St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208.

We are proud of our residents' commitment to recycling, and hope this clarification will allow for more effective recycling.



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*Hours of Operation:*

*Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

*Thursdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m.*

*Closed Sundays and Mondays*

*Phone: 412-242-9200*

*Website: [www.conceptgallery.com](http://www.conceptgallery.com)*



Concept Art Gallery also focuses on contemporary realist painting and historic and industrial images of Pittsburgh, including the work of; George Hetzel, Roy Hilton, Aaron Gorson, Samuel Rosenberg, and Henry Koerner. The work of photographers Luke Swank, Selden Davis and Ross Altwater is an important regional specialty for the gallery.

Additionally, Concept conducts regular live auctions in its gallery space. Bidders can participate in house, via telephone, absentee bid or in real-time on-line through Live Auctioneers. Since 1986, the gallery

has auctioned Modern and Contemporary Art & Design, Estate Antiques and Fine Art, and Single Owner sales. Gallery owner Sam Berkovitz is a licensed auctioneer and certified member of the Appraisers Association of America. Gallery Director Alison Brand Oehler is also an accredited appraiser and an apprentice auctioneer; together they have appraised many single artworks and collections for individuals, estates, foundations and museums.

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# Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

## Meet the New Fire Department Volunteers



**JOE DATZ**

*Where do you live?*

Bethlehem, PA

*What is your course of study?*

Applied Mathematics Major at the University of Pittsburgh.

*Why do you volunteer with Edgewood's Fire Department?*

I wanted to have a job that gave back to the community.

*What would people be surprised to hear that you like to do?*

Doing math problems, snow-boarding, hiking, fitness...secretly I love the Spice Girls...Sporty Spice especially.

The Edgewood VFD would like to welcome 4 new Firefighter-1 certified members: Kat Bress, Joe Montgomery, Jim Ireland and Robbie Streeter. The members have completed over 200 hours of classroom and practical applications including the following topics:

- History and Orientation
- Fire Behavior
- Building Construction
- Search and Rescue
- Firefighter Survival Skills
- Ropes and Knots
- Forcible Entry
- Ladders
- Ventilation
- Hose, Nozzles, and Streams
- Water Supply
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On Saturday April 26 the Edgewood VFD traveled to the Indiana County Fire Academy to perform live structure burns. The class was supervised by numerous fire instructors during these operations. All of the members passed these evaluations. Pictured are Firefighters Jim Ireland and Kat Bress, and Chief Steven Halle.

### Looking for a Few Good Citizens

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is constantly on the look-out for dedicated individuals who want to serve their community. Being a volunteer doesn't necessarily mean you have to run into burning buildings or cut apart cars to effect rescues. It takes a great deal of energy and time to make a department function smoothly and includes things like administration, fund raising, community event planning as well as public education. No contribution is too small when done in service to your town. Consider joining the EVFD. Do it for your community. Do it for your family. Do it for yourself. Please visit [www.station137.com](http://www.station137.com) for more information.

### Donate to EVFD While Shopping on Amazon!

EVFD has partnered with **Amazon.com** to enhance our fundraising. Every time you shop on Amazon using the URL found on our department's website, **Amazon.com** will donate a portion of those proceeds to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. Donating has never been easier or better. Use our link every time you visit **Amazon.com** and donate to your local fire department.



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## Total Calls for Service

Complaints Received .....380 .. 431  
 Accidents Investigated.....5 .... 13

## Part I Crimes

Robbery, Burglary.....0 ..... 1  
 Motor Vehicle Theft.....0 ..... 0  
 Shoplifting .....9 .... 13  
 Assault.....0 ..... 0  
 Arson .....0 ..... 0  
 Other Thefts.....4 ..... 4

## Part II Crimes

Vandalism/Mischief.....0 ..... 1  
 Narcotics Offenses.....0 ..... 1  
 Disorderly Conduct .....4 ..... 0  
 Other Crimes.....2 ..... 7

## Arrests

Adult Arrests.....8 ..... 19  
 Juvenile Arrests .....1 ..... 0

## Officer's Activity

Traffic Stops.....74 .... 66  
 Traffic Citations.....52 .... 22

## Non-traffic Citations

**3 6**  
 DUI .....1 ..... 6  
 False Alarms .....14 .... 15  
 Medicals .....12 .... 12  
 Suspicious Person.....6 .... 13  
 Public Nuisance Complaints..2 ..... 1

## NEW OFFICERS

In the recent months, Edgewood's Police Department welcomed two new part-time police officers: Joe Miller and Adam Saksun. Both officers have previous law enforcement experience, and bring many qualities that we expect from this professional department.

Officer Markus resigned from the department as a part-time officer to take a position with the City Of Pittsburgh as a full-time police officer. Officer Tomko resigned from Edgewood Police Department as a full-time officer, to take a position with Robinson Township as a part-time police officer.

Edgewood Police will be looking to hire one more full-time officer to replace a vacant position. A Civil Service exam will be given on June 6, 2014. Shortly after the exam, interviews will be conducted, and an eligibility list will be posted. Once qualified candidates are ranked, a thorough background check will be conducted. The candidate of choice will then have to pass a psychological examination as well as a physical examination. Once all of these steps are complete, Edgewood Police will have our newest full-time officer.

## Tip of the Month

**With the warmer weather upon us, please remember to not leave animals in a vehicle.** Temperatures can rise quickly in a vehicle, even if it does not feel too warm outside. Officers receive many complaints of animals left in vehicles and left in yards without water/shelter. If you see ANY animals in distress, please call 911 immediately.



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# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## **EDGEWOOD HOME DELIVERED MEALS VOLUNTEERS**

*“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”*

*~Mother Teresa*

In the communities of Edgewood and Swissvale, homebound seniors receive meals through the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging. Volunteers deliver meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year, excluding holidays. The meals are prepared at the Swissvale Senior Center at 7350 McClure and are ready for delivery by 10:15am. Teams of two, consisting of a runner and driver, deliver meals to approximately 15 seniors. Drivers need vehicles big enough to accommodate meals (30 meals and 15 bags) in a backseat or trunk. Runners need to be moderately physically able to walk steps and carry meals. Volunteers may take turns being the runner or driver, or may exclusively do one or the other. Each morning the team is given a list of people who will receive meals and a clipboard for recipients to sign. Prior to the team going on their

route, some meals are walked over to the residents in the Senior High Rise next door. Not only is it an opportunity to provide a nutritious meal, but also a way to engage with them and check on how they’re doing. Anything out of the ordinary is reported back to the Center to be followed up on by staff members. Teams typically return to the Center before noon.

The Volunteer Coordinator contacts all the volunteers every two months to put together the schedules. Volunteers can help as much or little as possible, although a minimum of once or twice a month is preferable. We realize people are busy with other commitments and make every effort to accommodate your schedule. Training is done by an experienced member and substitutes are available as needed. A new requirement is a PA State Criminal History background check, paid for by the Eastern Area Adult Services. If you think this is something you’d like to learn more about or a way to give back to our community, feel free to contact Jo Schlesinger at [joschlesinger@verizon.net](mailto:joschlesinger@verizon.net) or 412-596-8658

## **GARDEN CLUB**

Founded in 1940, The Edgewood Garden Club has long been a tradition in the Edgewood Community. Originally, many of the club activities revolved around lunch meetings with speakers, lessons on flower arranging, and other genteel activities. Now, we get our hands very dirty. We still focus on stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening, but we also maintain various civic plantings.

We are looking to reenergize the club. If you love to garden, or want to learn more about gardening, this is your chance to help shape the future of the club.

### **Some of the things we are known for:**

- Our annual winter fundraiser, the **Edgewood Greens Sale**, offers affordable fresh holiday greens for sale, as well as handmade bows.
- Our **spring plant sale** is a chance for residents to purchase plants that will thrive in our area. In fact, most of the plants sold are donations from the gardens of our members. We love to divide and share plants!
- **Educational programs:** if you want to learn about gardening, you can attend our annual dinner and our luncheons or learn from the members. Many members are Master Gardeners with formal training and education to back up their green thumbs.
- **Neighborhood beautification:** Our projects have included replacing the stone patio at Memorial Field; and plantings at Memorial Park, the library, Edgewood Primary School, Koenig Field and the train station water garden.

## **Mayor’s Thoughts**

*In 1988, my wife and I moved to Edgewood. We were drawn to Edgewood by the quality of the housing stock, the tree-lined streets, and visible activity of the residents. Children played in their yards, work was being done on homes, and people tended to their gardens.*

*What we did not know was the amount of time residents gave back to the community by volunteering with the numerous organizations that work to improve the quality of life in Edgewood.*

*On June 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., organizations will be at the C.C. Mellor Library recruiting members and volunteers. Stop in for some light refreshments and learn more about how you can be a part of this Edgewood tradition of giving back to your community.*

*– Mayor J. Edward Cook*

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- **Child-oriented programs** include a plant-focused reading program at Edgewood Primary School, book donations, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade science program and an annual end of the year party for the participating children.

We welcome new members. If you are interested in attending a meeting as our guest, please contact any Garden Club member, Jim Burkett (307 Garland Street, 412-241-0480), or George Pettrone (113 Harlow Street, 412-371-7350).



The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) has been a member of the Edgewood community since it opened the campus on Swissvale Avenue in 1883.

Since then, WPSD has provided exceptional educational and extracurricular services to deaf and hard-of-hearing students from age 3 through 21. Our Residential program gives students from anywhere in Pennsylvania access to our services. Presently, WPSD serves children from 54 counties across the state. The pristine, 21-acre campus has been called the "Jewel of Edgewood."

WPSD is committed to being an active member of our local communities. We host a bi-monthly forum, "Commitment to the Community," for local officials, concerned citizens, business owners and civic leaders. This community forum is a great way to discuss shared goals, achievements and concerns on issues that impact WPSD and its neighbors. Further, WPSD sponsors a Spring Yard Sale, Sporting Clay Shoot, Golf Tourna-

ment, Auction & Gala and the Community Block Party. All of these events are open to the community.

Volunteer opportunities are available for these community events. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with school activities and after school programs, however, some criteria may need to be met, i.e. child abuse clearances and sign language proficiency.

*For more information, visit our website at [wpsd.org](http://wpsd.org), or call 412-371-7000 and ask for extension 243.*

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD**

### **COMMUNITY DINNERS**

**Wednesdays, June 11 & July 9  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Side lawn (weather permitting)**

We'll be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and will appreciate any side dishes and dessert donations. A sign up sheet will be posted in the church two weeks before the dinner for the donations as well as volunteer times for set-up and break-down. Please join us to have fun with our church family and the community along with some musical entertainment. Call Church Office at 412-241-4613.

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**June 18, 6-8 p.m.**

Enjoy delicious strawberry shortcakes or strawberry sundaes. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (under age 12) Second helpings are \$2. Hot dogs also available—\$1. Take-out too! Weather permitting we will be on the side lawn, inside if it looks like rain. Proceeds support the ongoing work of the Deacons.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 23-27, 6-8 p.m.**

Summer Vacation Bible School intro-

ducing "Weird Animals." Questions, registration, call the Church Office at 412-241-4613.

## **EDGEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Edgewood Historical Society is looking for new members and to reengage past members. If you are interested in the history of the borough, its beautiful historic Arts and Craft Era homes, its current and past public institutions, along with its many important past residents...then join us and preserve history for future generations.

**Here are a few interesting historical facts you may not have known about Edgewood!**

### **Did you know that...**

...Edgewood was one of the first areas in the United States that had AC electric lighting? It was provided by George Westinghouse's private power plant from his estate in Homewood. Its wires ran to Mr. H. C. Frick's and Mr. Carnegie's estates in Point Breeze, then along Braddock Avenue to Edgewood to illuminate the estates of George's brother, Herman Westinghouse, along West Hutchinson Ave. The wires also ran to John Caldwell's estate along Washington Avenue.

...Mr. Caldwell had one of the largest collections of art in Pittsburgh at his Estate on Washington Avenue?

...the founder of Rockwell Corporation (Colonel Rockwell) and his family lived in what is now Rockwell Lane?

...KDKA radio did the first radio broadcast ever of the presidential election results of Warren Harding on November 2, 1920? A receiver with large speaker horns was set up in the Edgewood Club's ballroom so that Edgewood residents, Westinghouse





employees and Union Switch and Signal employees could be witness to this history-making event. There is a plaque on the wall of the club commemorating the world's first broadcast election.

...Edgewood Borough celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2014 and was founded in 1888?

*If you are interested in becoming a new member of the Historical Society, or in renewing a past membership, please contact Jerry Price (Society Secretary) for an application: [PRICE406@Yahoo.com](mailto:PRICE406@Yahoo.com). 2014 dues are due for current members. Statements will be sent out to past members.*



**Edgewood  
Foundation**

### **CLEAN-UP DAYS AND BRINTON ROAD CLEAN-UP**

**June 14 and August 9**

Thank you to our volunteers, who helped clean up the neighborhood on April 25, as part of Earth Week.

We have additional Clean-Up Days planned for June 14 and August 9 for the Brinton Road area. On June 14 and August 9 from 9-11 a.m. we will be cleaning up trash along Brinton Road. Please help us do our part in our cooperative agreement with Braddock Hills and Edgewood DPW. Each organization makes sure our neighborhood corridor is free of debris for two months of the year. Meet at 327 Locust Street to pick up garbage bags, gloves and vests at 9 a.m. Adults only at this clean-up, as this area is too busy to keep children safe while helping.

Refer to our website, [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) for more details!

### **DAY OF GIVING**

The Edgewood Foundation Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2014 Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving on May 6. Because of your generosity, the Edgewood Foundation will be able to continue our community programs to bring residents closer together and to help make Edgewood a wonderful place to live!

### **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CELEBRATION BRUNCH**

The Edgewood Club was the site for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Graduating High School Senior Celebration Brunch sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation. Held on Mother's Day, May 11, the brunch was catered by Erin's Fine Foods and Catering with dessert donated by Vanilla Pastry. Tom and Connie Ochs were the guest speakers for the 13 graduating seniors and their families attending. Johnette Belechak, our parent volunteer chairperson, was instrumental in making this annual event one of our most exciting events to date! Parents interested in volun-

teering for the 2015 Senior Celebration Brunch should contact [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org). Thank you to all of those who attended or supported the 2014 Graduating Class of Edgewood Seniors.

During the Brunch, the Mel Douglass Foundation awarded scholarships to incredibly well rounded Edgewood Seniors. The Mel Douglass Scholarship (\$6,000 awarded in four annual \$1,500 installments) winner was Olivia Belechak.

Honorable Mention Scholarships (one time awards of \$500) were given to: Greta Bould, Shannon Edgar, Katie Manges, Ben March, Cecily Milligan, and Kyle Olander.

### **NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION**

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Newcomers' Reception on May 15. It was a great way to welcome our new residents to the neighborhood and to introduce them to Borough officials and local community groups. We would like to extend a special thank-you to our hosts, the Evashaviks, who were nice enough to open up their home to us for the event.



*Olivia Belechak, Greta Bould, James Clauzell-Carter, Kathryn Durkin, Shannon Edgar, Meredith Klabnik, Olivia Knight-Villani, Marion Luckett, Katie Manges, Cecily Milligan, Kyle Olander, Megan Sismour. (not pictured): Ben March, Margo Kelley, Merinda Hansen-Kemp, Jack Donaher, Molly Campbell.*

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## KOENIG FIELD PLAYGROUND RIBBON-CUTTING PARTY TBA

Please look for our party plans online at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org) or on our Facebook page. We are planning a late June or early July party. We are so excited to be part of and to celebrate having a new area for children in our neighborhood to play.

## SLEEP OVER IN THE PARK September 13

Contact [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org) for more information about this annual kid-friendly event.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EDGEWOOD OKTOBERFEST

September 21, 3-6 p.m.  
Koenig Field

Join our neighbors for a family-friendly afternoon of beer, cider, and brats (lemonade and hot dogs for the kids)! We will be featuring a selection of seasonal beers and other tasty items from local companies!

All proceeds raised go towards future community projects. In the past, Oktoberfest has gone to such efforts the Koenig Field Playground. Advanced tickets and more details are available on our website [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities June – December

The Edgewood Foundation is a not for profit group that has many volunteer opportunities available. Please take a look at our schedule below for the remainder of 2014. If you see an activity that you want to be involved with, please contact us. We are always looking for new ideas and people to help our programs continue. It takes a group of neighbors working together to keep the neighborhood vibrant. Contact the Foundation at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org)

Please also like our Facebook page and keep up to date with our website: [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org).

- **June:** Volunteer Reception/Data-base Sign-up June 14 at the Library 1-4 p.m.

Clean-up of Brinton Road  
June 14, 9-11 a.m.

- **July:** New Playground Ribbon Cutting Party!  
(stay tuned for date/time)

- **August:** Clean-up of Brinton Road  
August 9, 9-11 a.m.

Community Day—Children's activities and bake sale  
August 23

- **September:** Sleep over in the Park  
September 13  
Oktoberfest  
September 21, 3-6 p.m.

- **October:** Fall Festival  
October 18 – 25

- **December:** Light Up Edgewood  
December 5



## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We have a lot of summer fun planned for all including Summer Reading Clubs for preschoolers, school age children, teens, and adults. We start and end the summer with parties and have prizes all summer long.

## CHECK OUT SUMMER BOOK CLUBS!

### FIZZ BOOM POP CLUB

June 9 – August 9, Preschoolers, school children K-5 and their caregivers. Read or listen to 10 books and receive prizes along the way. Visit the library for a reading log or register online.

### QUESTYINZ CLUB

June 9 – August 9, Children K-5 and families. Can't get to the library? Enjoy learning about a wide variety of topics? "Questyinz" leads elementary students through quests for knowledge as they earn badges and win virtual goodies. Pick up a game pass with a secret code at the library.

### SPARK A REACTION CLUB

June 9 – August 9, Teens. Enter each book you read to join our weekly raffle for prizes. Visit the library for entry forms or register on-line.

### LITERARY ELEMENTS BOOK CLUB

June 30 – August 2, Adults. Read at least one book a week and enter drawings for prizes.

Register at the library for prizes.



## **CHECK OUT SUMMER PROGRAMS**

### **Family Events held at the Edgewood Library**

**Register in advance for these events.**

#### **Snakes? Snakes!**

Monday, June 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for the kick-off of summer reading with a dozen snakes! Cookies to decorate.

#### **Build-A-Bird Birdhouse.**

Monday, July 14, 6-7:30 p.m. Supplies provided.

#### **Parents vs. Kids Field Games.**

Please check our website for the July date. 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **End of Summer Carnival**

Monday, August 4, 6-8 p.m. A good old-fashioned carnival! Games and activities for the whole family. Rain date: Wednesday, August 6.

#### **Explore with Your Child**

**No sign-up necessary**

Early Literacy Stations for 2-6 year olds. We'll provide the supplies for you and your child to engage in fun activities to bolster early literacy skills. Stop in anytime on Saturdays: June 14, Jul 19, and August 2.

**Science Maker Space for 5-10 year olds.** Children and their caregivers can explore a new avenue of science during the day on Saturdays, June 29, July 26, and August 23.

**Read to Rover.** This popular program continues during the summer for all ages. Come meet our volunteer dogs who are eager and patient listeners at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays June 7, July 12 and August 9.

### **Children: Birth to Age Five No Registration Needed**

#### **C.C. Mellor Library**

Story Hour Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.  
Story Hour Wednesdays 10:30am  
Baby Lap Sit Fridays 11:30 a.m.

#### **Children Ages 5 to 8**

##### **Register in Advance**

##### **Way Cool Wednesdays**

1:30 p.m., from June 11 to July 30.

Join us for an interactive science program each week at C.C. Mellor Library.

#### **Children Ages 8-12**

##### **Live Action Clue Game.**

Just what it sounds like: live action clue. Check website for dates.

##### **Spark it! Chemistry for Kids.**

Thursdays in June, 1:30 p.m.  
Hands on chemistry.

##### **Build It!**

Thursdays in July, 1:30 p.m.  
The science of building.

#### **For Teens**

##### **Spark a Reaction Kick-Off Party**

Make your own ice cream sundae, talk about books and summer reading. Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. C.C. Mellor Library.

**Volunteer Orientation** Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Stop in at our orientation to find out how you can volunteer at the library this summer. Tuesday, June 17: 3-4 p.m. & Wednesday, June 25: 5-6 p.m. C.C. Mellor Library.

#### **For Adults**

Join one of our discussion groups. We provide the books. Check out:

**Drop Dead Book Club** meets Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Library Board Room to discuss Chris Bohjalian's *Light in the Ruins*. They take July and August off and return September 11.

**Wise Walk** meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. at the head of the Frick Park's Nine Mile Run Trail for an hour long walk through the park. Participants walk at their own pace while enjoying lively conversation and the park setting. New participants receive a T-shirt and pedometer. The program is also sponsored by the Allegheny County Library Association and UPMC for Life.

### **Join one of the community groups that meet each week in the Board Room of the C.C. Mellor Library**

#### **Clutterers Anonymous**

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Toastmasters**

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Backroom Quilters**

Bring a project and your lunch. Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

#### **Author Events at the Library**

Jonathan Auxier, Edgewood resident and children's author celebrates the release of his new book *The Night Gardener* at the library on Saturday, May 31 from 2-4 p.m. There will be snacks and games for kids, and Jonathan will read some of his favorite passages.

On Thursday June 12 at 7 p.m. former Lincoln Avenue resident and Pittsburgh City Paper columnist Lisa L. Kirchner will share stories from her forthcoming memoir, *Hello American Lady Creature: What I Learned as a Woman in Qatar*. The book tells what it was like to become a freshly-minted divorcee in a land where it was illegal to date.



## THE ALUMNI CABARET 2014!

Alumni of the Woodland Hills High School's award winning musicals return to perform. Please join the Woodland Hills Foundation as they present the ninth annual Alumni Cabaret on Saturday, June 14 at the Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 S. Braddock Avenue, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com). The Cabaret is a benefit for the Woodland Hills Foundation, a private non-profit association devoted to the Woodland Hills School District. Learn more about this and other programs by visiting [www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org](http://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org) or call 888-281-4321. We hope to see you at the *Cabaret!*

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## Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!

On Thursday, May 22nd the Woodland Hills Foundation was proud to recognize the recipients of this year's eight Foundation scholarships:

Haley Roney & Sonny Breeger

*The Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship*

Hailey Houtsinger

*The Class of 1990, Debbie Spahr Thames Memorial Scholarship*

Dan Mayhak

*The Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship*

Nick Fisher

*The Hospital Albert Schweitzer Scholarship*

Mackenzie Blank

*The Barrie and Arleen Bartulski Scholarship for Academic Excellence*

Kai Oshimo & Miranda Johnston

*The Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship*

Jake Hellwig

*The Eileen Lazaro Memorial Scholarship*

Kelsey Geyer

*The Nancy Lazaro Memorial Scholarship*

Since 2002, the Woodland Hills Foundation has awarded scholarships to 36 graduating seniors totaling \$36,750.



## WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

**The Pittcon Conference and Expo** is an annual conference created and funded by the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh (SSP) and the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP). The SSP has provided generous grant funding to school districts willing to implement science education programs, such as the Elementary Science Olympiad Program (ESOP). In recent years, the SSP has been encouraged by the determination of the Woodland Hills School District to carry out the program and has shown its support by providing grants, inviting WH elementary teacher, Joe DeGroot, to turn Edgewood Elementary into a showcase school for his Science Olympiad, and by asking him to speak about the Science Olympiad both regionally and now nationally at the Pittcon conference for 2014 in conjunction with the SACP.

## Science Week

**Science Week**, an aspect of the Pittsburgh Conference dedicated to science education, was launched at Pittcon 2014 with the course entitled “Hands on Science Program Integrating S.T.E.M. Education for All Learners.” As co-presenter of the course, Joe DeGroot introduced the Woodland Hills Elementary Science Tournament (W.H.E.S.T.) to Chicago educators. Joe presented alongside Megan Melucci, the Science Curriculum Coordinator of Franklin Regional School District, and Penny Gardner, former president of the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and co-founder of the Elementary Science Olympiad Program.

Participants received a Science Olympiad manual, a Pittcon flash drive containing a Powerpoint presentation designed by Joe DeGroot and Mrs. Melucci, several example Science Olympiad “events” and the Illinois State Standards and Common Core Standards to which they are aligned, and a Science Olympiad promotional DVD featuring footage from past science olympiad programs.

Each teacher also received Act 48 hours and a \$500 grant for attending the presentation, along with an application form to collect an additional \$1,000 in grant funding.

As a representative of the Woodland Hills School District, Joe was proud to introduce new educators to the extraordinary programs that we offer our students. Educators from public schools, charter schools, parochial schools and universities were engaged in hands on activities that Joe uses in his Science Olympiad in order to provide them an understanding of how this program utilizes S.T.E.M. education and why S.T.E.M. education is so valuable to young learners.

Our partnership with the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh over the last 5 years has led to over \$15,000 in grant funding for Ben Fairless, Wilkins, Edgewood, Shaffer, and the Academy. Being able to present the results of our fantastic teachers making use of the grant funding is Joe’s way of giving back to the SSP and SACP on behalf of the Woodland Hills School District.

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# CALENDAR *at a glance...*

## JUNE

**Council Meetings:** 2 & 16  
7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 5, 12, 19, 26

**Recycling:** 12 & 26

**Story Time:**

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
&

1:30 p.m. Wednesdays @  
C.C. Mellor Library

**Boy Scouts:**

Mondays 7 p.m. @ FPCE

**Toastmasters:**

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. @  
C.C. Mellor Library

**Volunteer Reception/Database**

**Sign-up:** 14

@ C.C. Mellor Library

**Clean-up of Brinton Road:** 14

9-11 a.m.

## JULY

**Council Meetings:** 7 & 21  
7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Recycling:** 10 & 24

**Story Time:**

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
&

1:30 p.m. Wednesdays @  
C.C. Mellor Library

**Boy Scout:**

Mondays 7 p.m. @ FPCE

**Toastmasters:**

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. @  
C.C. Mellor Library

**New Playground**

**Ribbon Cutting Party:**

Date / Time TBA

## A note from the tax collector...

The 2014 Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax is now due at face value. These taxes were sent out the first of April. If you did not receive your bill, please call my office at 412-731-0200. The Real Estate Taxes will be due at face until July 31, 2014.

The 2013 Woodland Hills School tax will be turned over as delinquent on June 1st. The 2014 school tax will be mailed out the first of July, but I have not heard whether the millage will change.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience, prayers and condolences with the passing of my husband in April.

*Thank you,  
Maureen Smith,  
Tax Collector*



## SHARE YOUR NEWS...

Proud of your new baby? Enjoyed a great vacation? Got a promotion or attended a convention? Please clip this coupon, stick it on the fridge and fill it out when you have some news to share in the Edgewood Newsletter. Photos welcome.

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This summer, Edgewood Borough will be playing movies outside under the stars at Koenig Field. Movies will be shown on June 9 and 23 and July 14 and 28. The family-friendly movies will begin at dusk. Check out the borough website for information about movie titles.



**MOVIE NIGHTS** Returning to Koenig Field