

# EDGEWOOD

October / November 2014

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH



## Halloween Happenings!

*The fall season is full of exciting ways to interact with your neighbors. Organizations throughout the Borough are busy planning for this fun and spooky holiday.*

### Fall Festival Hayrides

Come to Koenig Field on Saturday, October 18 from 6-10 p.m. for a fall hayride through Edgewood, brought to you by the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. The Edgewood Foundation will be handing out seasonal snacks and apple cider, and the Borough will have fun crafts in the field house, like decorating a trick or treat bag! We are proud of this family-fun event and hope you can join in on the activities! Rain date will be October 25.

### Annual Halloween Parade

Join the staff of C.C. Mellor Library and the Edgewood Police Department for this annual tradition on October 27! Children (and adults!) come dressed in your Halloween costume, then we will lead a parade around the library so all your neighbors can check out the awesome costumes! This will be followed by a magic act and pizza party in the library! See inside for registration details.

### Trick Or Treat!

Trick or Treating will be held on Halloween night Friday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.



### Halloween Safety

Please do your part to make Halloween a safe holiday! Make sure children's costumes are visible at night and have reflective material. Consider carrying glow sticks or flashlights while trick or treating. If you are handing out candy, please make sure your walkway and stairs are clean and clear of tripping hazards.



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Applications for the Borough's off-street parking lots will be accepted starting on December 1, 2014. On December 15, 2014, permits will be issued based upon requests. If more applications are received than there are available parking spaces, a lottery will be held. No resident will be issued a second permit until all initial requests are processed.

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**Borough Lot** \$60 per vehicle\*

### Rates for Parking Larger Vehicles in Borough Lot at 2 Race Street

**Recreational vehicle** \$240 per year\*

**Commercial vehicle** \$120 per year\*

\*Please note that rates are subject to change

## 2014 Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

(Begins Approximately 10/20/2014)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
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**Please Note: This is LEAF Collection ONLY- Do Not Include Yard Waste.**

**Please rake your LEAVES to the curb no sooner than the NIGHT BEFORE your pickup.**

## Dickson Park

The Friends of Dickson Park are extending a community invitation to tour the park, mingle with neighbors and friends, and enjoy a pot-luck picnic. Please bring a dish, dessert or a refreshment for sharing. The Friends of Dickson Park is a growing group of volunteers who are interested in promoting and supporting Dickson Park revitalization efforts. On-leash dogs are welcome guests at this picnic.

**Where: Dickson Park—at the end of Oakview Street and adjacent to Aberdeen Street**

**When: Sunday, October 5, from noon - 4 p.m.**

In the Spring of 2001, Borough Council approved the development of a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. The plan was partially funded through a Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Program Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation & Conservation.

Public participation was an integral part of the plan and developing viable recommendations for the future of parks, recreation, and open spaces in Edgewood. This included public meetings, close work with a project study group, key person interviews, and distribution and tabulation of a three page recreation questionnaire.

The completed Comprehensive Recreation Park and Open Space Plan was accepted and approved by Borough Council in February 2003. The complete plan can be found on the Borough Website. The cost of implementing the plan has been outside the funding ability of Edgewood's budget, and most grants require a 50-50 match.

There has been increased interest in the community to amend the plan to include a dog park at Dickson Park. In response to this interest, Council is considering funding a study to examine the impact of a dog park in Dickson Park. Due to the use of grant funding for the original plan, a process must be followed before considering an amendment to the Plan.

Stay up to date with Park information and events by joining the "Friends of Dickson Park" Facebook Group at [www.Facebook.com/groups/FriendsofDicksonPark](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/FriendsofDicksonPark) or email The Friends at [FriendsofDicksonPark@comcast.net](mailto:FriendsofDicksonPark@comcast.net).

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# Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh

The Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh office is located in Edgewood, in the office building at the corner of S. Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street. With a staff of only seven people, the office serves 34 counties in western and central PA, from Erie to Harrisburg.

The national organization describes its mission as the following: "We are committed to ending breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures." Currently one in eight women (and some men) will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

The office is active in sponsoring community events that educate and raise awareness of breast cancer. The first Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Pittsburgh was held in 1993, and the 5K run/walk continues to be held every Mother's Day in Schenley Park. In 2014, there were over 20,000 participants in the race.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On October 12, the local office is sponsoring a dog walk in Hartwood Acres called "Paws for the Cure." A Survivor Luncheon will be held in November, and other activities continue throughout the year.

Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh is proud to let Edgewood know that from its office, they were able to grant \$1.3 million dollars back to the 34 counties in PA, providing mammogram vouchers, breast cancer screening and treatment, education, and community events. Each year, 75% of funds after expenses are granted back to the local communities, and 25% of funds after expenses are given to Komen National's research and grant programs. Edgewood is lucky to have such a vital organization right here in our community.

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## COMMUNITY DAY

Another Community Day has come and gone, signaling the end of summer and the start of the school year. The Police Department would like to thank those who stopped by our police booth and the 9-1-1 van for a visit. Congratulations to the lucky Children's Raffle winners!! The prizes this year included (just to name a few) a bicycle, a Kindle, and two movie gift baskets which included *The LEGO Movie* and *Frozen*. We would like to thank K-mart for their generous donations for this raffle. We would also like to thank the Allegheny County Sheriff's Reserve for their participation.

### Thank You!

*Thank you to our generous residents who made donations to support the Community Day Fireworks. They are:*  
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## Police Report

### Allegheny County Camp Cadet in O'Hara Township July-20-26, 2014

by Officer Fred Livingston

Camp Guyasuta is a youth camp that was established in 2004. Directed by Pennsylvania State Police Trooper (PIO) Robin Mongo, the camp is designed to bring a better understanding of law enforcement to Allegheny County youth. It is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 12-14 living in Allegheny County. The cadets and their parents are put through an interview before being selected in the competitive process. It is a non-profit organization and there is no cost to cadets.

I was honored when asked to serve as a squad leader along with respective members from the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department, Allegheny County Police, and Pennsylvania State Police, among many others.

For one week, cadets get up at 5:15 a.m. for reveille and start physical fitness training, which includes running a mile before breakfast. Some of the activities include SWAT/SERT units and BOMB SQUAD demonstrations. Cadets learn Military Courtesy, receive blocks of instruction from the Secret Service, and go through mock trials including traffic stops, searching, and k-9 procedures.

Mid-week cadets are provided with bicycles and helmets and they bike fifteen miles to the North Shore. They go rock and rope climbing. Time is allotted in the evenings for activities such as softball, basketball and volleyball competition. Awards are handed out at the end of camp recognizing team and individual excellence. Finally, upon completion of Camp Cadet, graduation is held at the Fox Chapel Elementary School, where parents, family, friends and members of the Law Enforcement community share in the pride of the hard work accomplished by their young cadets.

### EAST HILLS D.U.I TASK FORCE

The Edgewood Police Department is now part of the East Hills D.U.I. Task Force. The grant holder for the task force is the Borough of Plum, and the participating departments are Plum Borough, Monroeville, White Oak, North Versailles Township, Wilkins Township, Penn Hills, Oakmont, Forest Hills, and now Edgewood.

Public drunkenness task forces are paid for by federal funds doled out by PennDOT annually. The funds pay for police overtime and equipment.

The East Hills D.U.I. Task Force has received \$39,000.00 funding for the current year. The task force will conduct three full checkpoints and six roving patrols.

Two Edgewood Officers will participate in each checkpoint held in other communities. The roving patrols will allow one or two designated Edgewood Officers to patrol our streets, with the sole purpose of locating impaired drivers.

In a recent article in the Tribune Review, Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr. stated that the District Attorney's Office prosecutes 5,000 drunken driving cases annually.

As of August 28, 2014, Edgewood Police have made approximately 20 arrests within the Borough for impaired driving so far this year.

As always, please drink responsibly and be safe!!!!

## POLICE ACTIVITY

2014 June July

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	
Complaints Received .....	394 .. 397
Accidents Investigated .....	6 .... 12

<b>Part I Crimes</b>	
Robbery, Burglary .....	3 ..... 4
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0 ..... 0
Shoplifting .....	8 .... 12
Assault.....	1 ..... 3
Arson .....	0 ..... 0
Other Thefts .....	5 ..... 6

<b>Part II Crimes</b>	
Liquor Laws .....	3 ..... 2
Vandalism/Mischief.....	0 ..... 1
Narcotics Offenses.....	0 ..... 2
Disorderly Conduct .....	6 ..... 3
Other Crimes.....	1 ..... 3

<b>Arrests</b>	
Adult Arrests.....	10 .... 14
Juvenile Arrests .....	0 ..... 0

<b>Officer's Activity</b>	
Traffic Stops.....	83 .... 84
Traffic Citations.....	50 .... 44
Non-traffic Citations.....	6 .... 11
DUI .....	2 ..... 1
False Alarms .....	8 .... 15
Medicals .....	8 ..... 6
Suspicious Person.....	12 .... 13
Public Nuisance Complaints ..	2 ..... 0

### Tip of the Month

**The leaves are now falling, and our summer is over.**

Please keep the storm drains free of leaves and debris. Clogged drains can and will lead to flooding issues if a heavy rain occurs.

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# Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

## Community Day

On Saturday, August 23rd, residents from Edgewood and the surrounding Boroughs came out for the annual Edgewood Community Day. True to tradition, the EVFD sold its famous BBQ rib and chicken dinners. Members gathered at 8 a.m. to light the BBQs, set up, and begin cooking the meals. We had a blast serving our citizens, and hope no one left hungry! A huge thank you goes out to D's Six Pax & Dogz in Regent Square who very graciously donated all the beer sold, allowing all profits to go directly to the EVFD. Thank you, D's!! We are already looking forward to next year's Community Day! Thank you to Charlie Neid from Neid's Funeral Home for your generous donation to support the fire department!

## Training

The EVFD is constantly dedicated to training in order to further ourselves as firefighters, first responders, and rescuers. We hold monthly trainings ranging from suppression, vehicle rescue, safety classes, and administrative trainings such as fire instructor and fire officer. Although these trainings are open to any fire department in the county, they are provided free of charge and paid for by the EVFD.

On Thursday, August 7th, the EVFD held an Elevator Rescue class. Being very rare, the class filled up very quickly and actually filled over capacity. Instead of holding the class in-station, the class had to be held at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, which graciously allowed us to use their auditorium. Over 70 firefighters from around the county showed up to attend the class! Please help support us to keep holding great trainings like this one!

## AFG Awarded for New SCBAs

Edgewood VFD was just recently notified that we have been awarded the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) for 2014, a federal grant that allows for the purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the department. Multiple neighboring boroughs were also awarded the grant, including Swissvale, North Braddock, Homeville, and West Homestead. For uniformity, these five departments will be meeting to discuss which brand of SCBA to purchase, as there are many on the market. The grant will allow the EVFD to purchase 14 SCBAs and 36 air cylinders.

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## Edgewood Fire Recertifies as an EMS Provider

On August 11, 2014, the fire department was reinspected by the Emergency Medical Services Institute to renew our certification for first responder service (QRS). The certification shows dedication by the members to provide emergency care to someone who is sick or injured, until local EMS can arrive. Members need to demonstrate continued proficiency in certain skills and keep up on continuing education to maintain EMT certification.



*Pictured are firefighter/EMT Garrett Wagner, Bob Smith (EMSI), Fire Chief Steven Halle and Junior Firefighter Austin Cole receiving the fire department's licensing Decal from the State.*

The fire department has also renewed their sponsorship as a Continuing Educational Facility in the state. This sponsorship is good for three years. Over the past three years, the fire department has sponsored and provided continuing education for hundreds of firefighters and EMT's.

*Pictured are firefighter/EMT Garrett Wagner, Bob Smith*

## FIRE PITS

*by Firefighter/EMT Joseph Montgomery*

With the end of summer peeking around the corner and the temperatures beginning to drop (hopefully not too much!), fire pits are beginning to appear more and more. But as with any other form of open fire, there are many dangers that come with fire pits and bonfires. Here are some ways to stay safe while roasting your marshmallows:

- Make sure any flames are at least 10 feet away from any structures, trees, or bushes.
- Always use factory made, metal fire pits or create a pit in the ground. Never simply build a fire on your grass.
- Be careful when starting a fire in windy conditions. Even a small gust can blow embers away and create a large, out of control brush fire.
- Never use gasoline, diesel, lighter fluid, or any other accelerant to light or re-light your fire.

In Edgewood, fire pits and bonfires are allowed for recreational purposes and must be kept under control. In order to burn for commercial reasons, a permit must be applied for and granted by the Fire Chief.

Remember, if at any point, the fire becomes dangerous or out of control, call 911 immediately. We have the expertise and tools to put the fire out safely and efficiently. With that in mind—happy s'more making!

## Meet Your New Captain

**JARED AMOS**  
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*What is your career goal?*

To be a firefighter in a larger city, and maybe one day be a Fire Chief.

*What would people be surprised to know about you?*

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*What are your hobbies?*

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## SUMMER RECAP

Thank you to everyone who came out for Community Day, Sleepover in the Park, and Oktoberfest. We hope you had a wonderful summer! We sure did!

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are currently accepting applications to fill two seats on our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please email a Letter of Intent and your Resume to [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

For a list of expectations and more information about the Edgewood Foundation, please visit our website at [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org).

## LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD 2014 TOY DRIVE

December 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Park

Please join your neighbors to welcome Santa Claus to Edgewood on December 5. Santa lights our neighborhood tree, and then children of all ages are invited to the Edgewood Club for refreshments and a chance to hang out with the jolly elf himself.

We will be continuing our traditional Toys for Tots Toy Drive again this year. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or two and help Edgewood kids show some less fortunate children a better Christmas this year. Toys will be collected at this event at the Edgewood Club.

If you are unable to make a donation at the Edgewood Club that evening, please call Rob Felter at 412-303-3681 to arrange an alternate drop-off.

## ANNUAL RETREAT / FUNDING REQUESTS

Have an idea for a Community Program or Event for 2015?

In early January, our Board of Directors will have their Annual Retreat. At that time, the budget will be set for the year. That's when the Board decides which events and programs to sponsor in 2015.

Please submit any ideas and/or Funding Requests to the Edgewood Foundation by the End of December 2014. Feel free to contact us at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We greatly appreciate any opportunities/suggestions where we can get more local residents involved. We are always looking for new ideas, and a new perspective on things, as we evolve into the future. Your feedback is important to us. Please contact us at [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org).

## EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY

### NEW SEASON BEGINS FOR THE EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY

The fireworks were amazing, and now it is time to save the date for some more exciting evenings with the Edgewood Symphony.

## OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION

October 18, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Katz Performing Arts Center  
Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh

Help the ESO kick off the season in classical fashion and enjoy Beethoven's dramatic *Coriolan Overture* and Brahms' romantic *Third Symphony*. The concert features soloist Andrew Sords in Sibelius' transcendental *Violin Concerto*.

## A HOLIDAY SERENADE

December 6, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

The holidays come home with a fresh and inspiring celebration for this joyous season! The ESO showcases its magic alongside the terrific voices of the Renaissance City Choirs. Surround yourself in the inspirational theme from *Home Alone*, an assortment of Arthur Harris Holiday Confections, plus the ESO's annual holiday sing-a-long and much more! This annual concert is a favorite holiday happening in Edgewood. Don't miss it!

## ACROSS THE CENTURIES

March 14, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Katz Performing Arts Center  
Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh

Masters from across the centuries come together in one exciting concert Bach's delightful *Brandenburg Concerto No. 1* is coupled with Mozart's joyous "*Haffner*" *Symphony*. Rounding out the program is Sibelius' mighty *Second Symphony*.

## PERFECT PITCH! A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND SPORTS

May 3, 2015, 4 p.m.

Carnegie Music Hall

Let's play ball! Bring your Terrible Towel, wear your favorite jersey and join the ESO for a fun-filled match-up as the worlds of music and sports collide! Fans of all ages will delight in "play-by-play" commentary and an interactive program full of local sports flavor featuring the best of Beethoven, Sousa and even the *Pennsylvania Polka!* After the concert, join ESO musicians and friends for a tailgate party as we turn the Grand Foyer of Carnegie

Music Hall into fan central, with activities for even the youngest music and sports lovers!

For tickets and more information, please visit [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

## EDGEWOOD HOME DELIVERED MEALS



Have a few hours a month to spare to feed our homebound neighbors?

Volunteers are needed for Edgewood Home Delivered Meals

Monday, Wednesday and Friday meals are delivered from the Swissvale Senior Center, 7350 McClure Avenue (street level by Swissvale Library) starting at 10:15 a.m.

Contact Jo Schlesinger, Volunteer Coordinator by calling 412-596-8658 or e-mail [joschlesinger@verizon.net](mailto:joschlesinger@verizon.net)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD

### FROGS (Friends, Reading and Other Great Stuff!)

The F.R.O.G.S. Program is back: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-6 p.m. Information about the program, as well as application forms, can be found on the FPCE website. F.R.O.G.S. serves the children a snack and dinner. We get the dinner from the Wilksburg Community Ministry. We will gratefully accept donations of juice boxes or juice bags, as well as individually wrapped snacks such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit rollups, pretzels, etc. for snack time.

CHECK OUT THE NEW FPCE WEBSITE! Go to [www.fpcedgewood.org](http://www.fpcedgewood.org) and prepare to be impressed. Many thanks to Shaun Cloonan for his efforts!

## FOOD PANTRY

The Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood has a food pantry for those in need. Staples such as soup, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, personal care items, canned vegetables, canned fruit, rice, etc. are available. Anyone interested can call the Church Office at 412-241-4613 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

## HARVEST HAPPENING

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19, from 1-3 p.m. for our annual Harvest Happening. Weather permitting, seasonal games, crafts, and food/drink will be offered on the side lawn. Go to our website: [fpcedgewood.org](http://fpcedgewood.org) for more detailed information.

## WOMEN'S CHORAL FESTIVAL

FPCE will host a Women's Choral Festival on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This musical event celebrates music written specifically for Women's choral ensembles. Each participating choir will have 10-15 minutes to perform, while the other choirs sit in the audience with the public to watch and learn from each other. A few more choirs may participate, but as of this printing, women's choirs from Duquesne University, the University of Pittsburgh, North Hills High School, and the Carica Milica Serbian Women's Choir will be performing. The concert is free and open to the public.

## GARDEN CLUB

Yes, we know it is early to be selling HOLIDAY GREEN wreaths and garlands!

Sure, it is not even Halloween yet. But by the time the next newsletter comes out, it will be a bit too late for us to get the form to you. So go ahead and fill out the form we have included in this newsletter. Or, send your email address to [suzanlami@gmail.com](mailto:suzanlami@gmail.com), and we will put you on our email list, and send you an electronic form that you can fill out and send back. If it is too early to even think about greens, we will send an email to you in November as a reminder.

The Edgewood Garden Club has continued the tradition of bringing super-fresh greens to our community for many, many years. All items must be pre-ordered and paid for at that time! We have beautiful wreaths, roping, boxwood items, poinsettia, and many specialty items. Oversized wreaths and fragrant cedar roping are difficult to find in retail outlets, so don't be disappointed!

Also, you may not know that the profit from the Greens Sales is invested in planting and maintaining our public areas like Memorial Park, The C.C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Club entrances and more!

Send in your Order Form or email address soon! Deadline for orders is November 24, and the Greens Sale will be held on December 6.

Suzan Lami, for the Garden Club Leadership Team

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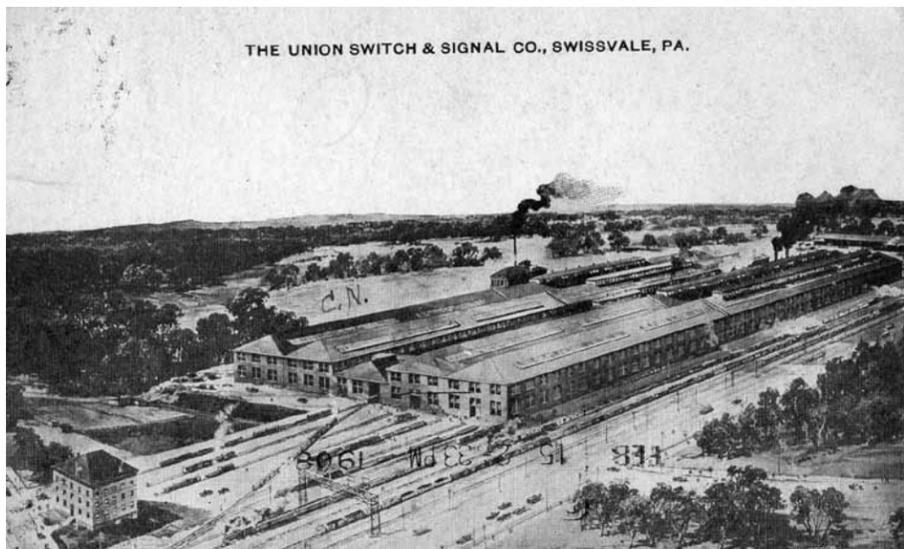
Since the last newsletter, we wish to welcome six new members! We welcome, Suzan Lami and Bob Grubb of Lami & Grubb Architects, Bill & Mary Ann Mistick and Joshua & Abigail Mooney.

We have also had several offers of historical materials and items from current and former residents. Anyone who has materials, photographs or items that they feel are relevant and important to the history of the Borough may contact the Society for evaluation and possible donation.

**THE 1893 CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR, A.C. ELECTRICITY & EDGEWOOD**

George and Herman Westinghouse, of the Westinghouse Companies, owned and operated the Union Switch and Signal Company. It was partially located in Edgewood and was a working factory from 1881 until the mid 1980's. Now it is the site of the Edgewood Towne Centre. Herman Westinghouse was a resident of Edgewood and had an estate on W. Hutchinson Ave. He was an early Borough councilmember, and one of the original founders of the Edgewood Club. The Westinghouse brothers, along with Nicola Tesla, changed the modern world.

Most people in cities and towns such as Edgewood used gas lighting and kerosene lamps as their main method of lighting. The problem with both gas and kerosene was that they were dangerous and not very efficient. The Chicago World's Fair Commission decided that their fair would showcase the electric light to the world for the first time on a gigantic scale. They would light up the fair each night solely by the new electric light bulb.



Around this same time, there was a great rivalry between two greats of American industry—Edison and Westinghouse. Westinghouse and Edison competed to win the contract for lighting the Chicago World's Fair. Whichever company won the contract would dominate the new electricity business. It would end the battle, and make the winners rich and famous.

In the end, Westinghouse won the contract to light the fair. The problem for Westinghouse was that Edison's General Electric held the patent for light bulbs and refused to provide them for the fair or to Westinghouse. Not to be defeated, Westinghouse developed a close but different light bulb. Westinghouse manufactured its own light bulbs at the Union Switch and Signal plant in Edgewood/Swissvale. The light bulbs were sent daily from the Edgewood plant on a train that stopped near the U.S. & S. plant and kept the fair lit throughout its duration.

Our national folklore has it that Edison is the "Father of Electricity." The reality is that George and Herman Westinghouse, and the incalculable assistance of their workers at their Westinghouse and U.S. & S. plants made modern electricity possible for the world.

For membership or other information about the Edgewood Historical Society, please email Jerry Price, Edgewood Historical Society Secretary at PRICE406@yahoo.com

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**Garden Club PRE-ORDER FORM 2014**

Please note that there will be **NO same-day sales of greens**, so be sure to order ahead! Why support us? In most cases, our prices are substantially below retail, which is usually double the wholesale price. In addition, your purchases mean that your dollars benefit our East End Communities. A mission of the Edgewood Garden Club of the East End is to invest in the beautification and improvement of our neighborhoods by planting and maintaining gardens in public spaces.

Quantity	Description	Total
<b>Ribbons &amp; Bows</b> Professionally made, multi-loop bow with two tails.		
_____	Color, Size Preference _____ (varies, pay upon pickup, \$5-\$10)	N/A
<b>Wreaths (Circle Choices)</b>		
_____	24" Variegated cypress, Magnolia leaves, Cones and Berries <b>NEW</b> priced at \$45 each	\$ _____
_____	24" Berried Juniper, priced at \$22 each	\$ _____
_____	24" Mixed Evergreen (noble and silver fir, fragrant cedar, pine cones) priced at \$27.50 each	\$ _____
_____	22" <b>or</b> 26" Boxwood wreath, priced at \$23 <b>or</b> \$28 each	\$ _____
_____	26" Maine balsam wreath - <b>Our Best Value</b> at \$18	\$ _____
_____	28" magnolia wreath - <b>NEW</b> priced at \$60 each	\$ _____
_____	36" <b>or</b> 48" Frazier fir wreath (soft dark green with silver underside) priced at \$58 <b>or</b> \$65 each	\$ _____
_____	48" <b>or</b> 60" <b>or</b> 72" mixed greens wreath with cones (from Oregon) priced at \$80 <b>or</b> \$95 <b>or</b> \$150 each	\$ _____
_____	Wilt-Pruf Anti Desiccant - Guards against moisture loss. \$15	\$ _____
_____	Gold <b>or</b> Silver Wreath Hanger \$6 each	\$ _____

<b>Roping (Circle Choices)</b>		
_____	#feet Boxwood roping from North Carolina sold by the foot, priced at \$1.25 per foot	\$ _____
_____	#feet Cedar garland sold by the foot, priced at \$1.50 per foot	\$ _____
_____	Magnolia Garland sold in 25' lengths - <b>NEW</b> , priced at \$150	\$ _____
_____	White Pine roping sold in 30' lengths, priced at \$15	\$ _____

<b>Other Greens</b>		
_____	36" Arches of mixed greens priced at \$35 each	\$ _____
_____	30" Candy cane priced at \$25 each	\$ _____
_____	Door charm Deluxe priced at \$18 each	\$ _____
_____	Grave blanket priced at \$50 each	\$ _____
_____	Magnolia Table Runner 6' - <b>NEW</b> priced at \$55 each	\$ _____
_____	Mailbox decorations - <b>NEW</b> priced at \$35 each	\$ _____
_____	Mantel piece 4' priced at \$35 each	\$ _____

<b>Poinsettias</b>		
_____	White <b>or</b> Red <b>or</b> Jingle Bells <b>or</b> Marbled, 6 1/2" <b>or</b> 7 1/2" pot size priced at \$10 <b>or</b> \$16 each	\$ _____
_____	White <b>or</b> Red <b>or</b> Jingle Bells <b>or</b> Marbled, 6 1/2" <b>or</b> 7 1/2" pot size priced at \$10 <b>or</b> \$16 each	\$ _____
_____	White <b>or</b> Red <b>or</b> Jingle Bells <b>or</b> Marbled, Tree Poinsettia 10" - <b>NEW</b> priced at \$60 each	\$ _____

**Delivery** is available within Edgewood and surrounding areas for an additional \$5. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Total amount due (excluding Ribbons and Bows)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Payment is due with your pre-order, as we pay our vendor ahead in order to get the best price.)

Please return form and payment to: Suzan Lami, 321 Maple Avenue Edgewood PA, 15218

Email: suzanlami@gmail.com Messages: 412-241-5140 Make check payable to The Edgewood Garden Club.

**Please return the order form by Sunday, November 30.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note this change: there will be NO same-day sales of greens. There will not be additional greens available for purchases, which are not already ordered.**

C.C. Mellor's 2015 Annual Appeal kicks off this October. In the upcoming weeks, residents will receive a solicitation from the library in the mail. The **Annual Appeal** is an important fundraiser for the Library. Last year's appeal raised just over of \$33,000 or 11% of the annual budget. Your gift ensures that the Library has plenty of new materials on the shelves, provides year round programming for children, and lets us operate a library in Edgewood and a branch in Forest Hills which are open 74 hours a week.

You can make your donation to the library by returning the tear-off portion of the letter with your check, or by going to [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org) and making a secure online donation to the library via Paypal.

Your support makes it possible for C.C. Mellor Library to be a great community asset. Thank you for your generosity.

## NEW DATABASES

Two new databases have been added to the collection of reference resources available with your CCM Library card.

**Law Depot** provides access to thousands of do-it-yourself legal forms across all categories, including Real Estate, Business, Human Resources, and Wills. Forms can be saved, edited, and printed.

**Little Pim** is a language learning resource for children including Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Hebrew, English/ESL (with Spanish or English subtitles), German, Russian, and Arabic. It is an add-on to Mango.

Links to the resources can be found on the Find It! button located at the top right corner of CCM's webpage.

## FOR ADULTS

### Book clubs

**The Drop Dead Book Club** will meet at 7 p.m. in the board room in Edgewood on the second Wednesday of each month. On the agenda are:

- October 8 - *Square of Revenge* by Pieter Aspe
- November 12 - *Cairo Affair* by Olen Steinhauer
- December 10 - *Tatiana* by Martin Cruz Smith

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Club** meets at the Forest Hills Library at 1 p.m. to discuss recent fiction and non-fiction books. Upcoming titles are:

- September 23 - *Minaret* by Leila Avoudelela
- October 28 - *Poe's Shadow* by Matthew Pearl
- November 25 - *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khalea Hosseini
- December 23 - *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci

*You can borrow copies of any of the above titles as a book, in large print or on CD. Join them! It's free and it's fun and open to everyone!*

### Driver's Training

Register in advance for the following AARP driving classes. A Basic Driving Class will be offered on Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This eight-hour class is a brush-up on safe driving practices and new driving laws. Successful completion of the class can result in savings on insurance premiums. A Refresher Driving Course will be held on Tuesday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library's living room. To participate

in the refresher course you must have already completed the basic class. You need not be an AARP member to participate. Fees are \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Register by calling the library.

### Wisewalk

**Wisewalk** meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning at a new time—8:30 a.m., at the head of Frick Park's Nine Mile Run Trail. Park in the lot below the CLASS building, near the Parkway entrance. We walk for an hour (approximately 3 miles) through Fern Hollow. New participants receive a t-shirt and pedometer.

### Join one of the Community Groups that meet weekly at the library in Edgewood.

- Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - Clutterers Anonymous
- Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Toastmasters
- Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m. - Backroom Quilters

## ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

We are looking for vendors and musicians for this annual fair which will be held on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. There is room for 30 local artists from a variety of mediums to show and sell their original works. Local musicians are needed to provide background music for the 2-day event. If you would like to hear more about the fair, contact Sally at 412-731-0909 or email her at: [bogies@einetnetwork.net](mailto:bogies@einetnetwork.net).

If you are a shopper, we feature a wide variety of high-end crafts including photography, jewelry, pottery, leath-

erwork, clothing and home accessories. In addition, the Edgewood Garden Club will be there selling holiday greens as well as the Edgewood Fire Department with luminaries. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 6 and 7. Come shop for original work.

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### Family Story Time

Early literacy in a fun environment, geared to kids ages birth through five and their caregivers. No need to sign up for these programs, just show up and we will be thrilled to see you!

- Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - Forest Hills Library
- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - C.C. Mellor Library, Edgewood
- Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - C.C. Mellor Library, Edgewood
- Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - **Growing Readers** - C.C. Mellor Library Edgewood **\*\*NEW PROGRAM: SEE BELOW**
- Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - Churchill Borough Building
- Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - Baby Lapsit - C.C. Mellor Library, Edgewood

### Growing Readers

- Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library
- Monday, October 6 & November 7, 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins Twp. Recreation Building

Join us for a fantastic new program for children learning their first reading skills. **Growing Readers**, sponsored by Target, focuses on beginning reader skills through the lens of play. We have scoured current best practices to bring you a story time based on early read-

ing skills, followed by several hands-on activities to put it into practice. Recommended for children ages 3-5. Please register 412-731-0909 or [piercee@einetnetwork.net](mailto:piercee@einetnetwork.net).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Halloween Parade!

Monday, October 27 at 6 p.m. Join the C.C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Police Department for a fun-filled evening starting with a costume parade around the neighborhood, followed by a performance by an Amazing Magician. Pizza will be served to children attending. Please register early—space is limited and it fills up quickly! 412-731-0909

### Building Challenge.

Saturday, October 25 at 11 a.m. Kids ages 7-12. Calling all tinkerers, builders, or those with crazy imaginations! We are hosting a day of building challenges. There will be a variety of things to build, and a variety of things to build with. Each challenge will have a time limit.

Come and test your skills. Please register in advance. 412-731-0909

### Superhero Day!

Saturday, November 22 at 11 a.m. Kids ages 3-8. Calling all superheroes! Come dressed as your favorite hero and test your limits with our superhero training. Bring your utmost bravery...and register in advance. 412-731-0909.

## SCHOOL AGE SERIES PROGRAMS

### Eco-Geeks.

For 5-8 year olds. Explore the world of nature with local experts. October 11, 11 a.m. - Bees. Where are they now?

November 8, 11 a.m. - Fossils. Turned to Stone.

### Crazy 8's

For K-2. Join our Crazy Math Club where you build stuff, run, jump, make music and make a mess! A totally NEW kind of club for math.

October 11, 10 a.m. - Let's Get Loud  
November 8, 10 a.m. - Time of Your Life

### Read to Rover.

Designed to build confidence and encourage early readers as they read out loud to a four-legged friend.

October 18, 10:30 a.m.

November 15, 10:30 a.m.

### Pokemon Club.

Looking for a group to play Pokemon with? Come join our Pokemon club. Every other Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

October 9, 23, and November 13

## Special Fall Activities at the Forest Hills Library for Kids. Please register

**Science Fridays** continue at the Forest Hills Library on the second Friday of each month (September 12, October 14, November 11, & December 9) at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for "home schoolers" in the primary grades to have a science activity with other students.

Wednesday evening programs return for the school year. On the third Wednesday of each month (September 17, October 15, November 19, & December 17) at 5 p.m., elementary kids can come for stories, games and an art project.



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## Borough Directory

### Borough Office Information

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 Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### Borough Manager

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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### OCTOBER

**Council Meetings:** 6 & 20  
 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Recycling:** 2, 16, 30

### 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

### Hay Ride 18

### Halloween Parade 27

**Halloween Trick or Treat 31**  
 6-8 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

**Council Meetings:** 3 & 17  
 7:30 p.m. @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 6, 13, 20, 28

**Recycling:** 13 & 28

### Story Time:

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays &  
 Wednesdays  
 &  
 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays @  
 C.C. Mellor Library

### Boy Scout:

Mondays 7 p.m. @ FPCE



## A note from the tax collector...

The Edgewood Borough Real Estate tax is due at penalty until December 15. I will be sending out past-due bills the first of October.

The Woodland Hill School tax is due at face until October 31. If you are paying in installments, your second installment is also due on October 31. If you have changed mortgage companies or are now paying your own taxes please make sure I have your new information. You should also call the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office so they are aware of this change.

Thank you,  
 Maureen Smith,  
 Tax Collector



## On the Edge... Back the 1980's

the 1100/1200 blocks of Savannah Avenue had several block parties. A group of residents in 2010 got together to continue the neighborhood's block party tradition. This year marked the 5th year in a row of the 1100/1200 Savannah Avenue Block Party. Five years ago, there were basically no kids on our street... and now we have this wonderful group of children. This was a great event, where the kids and grown-ups got together to celebrate their community.





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