

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## The Borough of Edgewood Honored as a 2015 Banner Community

The Borough of Edgewood has been named a 2015 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) for providing effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. The designation also acknowledges the Borough of Edgewood's efforts to inform and engage citizens through frequent and open communication, public and community events, and mentoring.

"Our region receives a different accolade weekly—the best place to retire, best place to pursue the American dream, most resilient, America's smartest and so many others—and those recognitions come because of the efforts of all of our local communities working together," said Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "The Banner Community Program highlights the efforts of our local governments and the standard they have set as a model municipality through community activities, educational programs, civic performance, and fiscal accountability. I am proud to see the Borough of Edgewood join that list this year."

### To be recognized as a Banner Community, a municipality must demonstrate its commitment to the following best practices each year:

- Training and education for its elected and/or appointed officials;
- Active participation in professional organizations, such as the Allegheny League of Municipalities, Allegheny County Boroughs Association
- Active participation in its Council of Governments, as well as intergovernmental cooperation, sharing of services, and other joint efforts with one or more municipalities;



*ALOM executive director Dick Hadley, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald present Banner Community Designation to Edgewood Council President Patricia Schaefer and Borough Manager Julie Bastianini*

- Sponsorship and/or promotion of community events and activities, such as a community day, cleanup day, crime awareness effort, and benefits or fundraisers;
- Routine communication with residents through a newsletter, website, email or other method, as well as active participation with local elementary, middle and high school students, such as speaking to classes, sponsoring special events, and offering internships and/or student shadow days; and
- Promotion and implementation of long term sustainable governing practices by earning certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh, participating in the annual ALOM Wage and Salary Survey Program, and implementing goals of an up to date Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

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“We’re proud that the Borough of Edgewood has been named as a 2015 Banner Community,” said Pat Schaefer, Council President. “As elected officials, we continue to work collaboratively to provide the most efficient, cost-effective, quality services to our residents and local businesses, and to promote the many great things Edgewood has to offer. By becoming a Banner Community, we are challenging ourselves to continue to learn and find ways to improve our borough operations for the benefit of our residents.”

Some of the best practices that the Borough of Edgewood implements are: Community Events like Community Day and Earth Day Cleanup, routine communication through our website, newsletter and email announcements, and our certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh.

“The Banner Communities program, now in its third year, has been

an unqualified success for the Allegheny League of Municipalities and its member municipalities,” said Richard Hadley, Executive Director of ALOM. “Our Banner Communities are leading by example. The many diverse communities that have been recognized this year are dedicated to their residents and we are thankful for their service.”

“Local government is the level of government that is closest to its residents and its officials are more likely to know about local issues and where help is needed. The municipalities recognized in the Banner Community Program are the best of the best,” said County Executive Fitzgerald. “These

42 communities have set a standard for how government should function and have proven themselves as models through their commitment to effective and efficient government principals. Their officials are accountable to the residents, engaged in their communities and believe in challenging themselves to continue to learn and grow for the benefit of their community.”

The Borough of Edgewood was designated as a 2015 Banner Community during an April 7, 2015 press conference at the Allegheny County Courthouse by County Executive Fitzgerald. There were a total of 42 communities so designated this year.



Members of the 42 municipalities receiving the Banner Community Designation

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## SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

### LionWorks Printing & Graphics

Tom Gentile is the Manager at LionWorks Printing and Graphics, a full-service copy and print center housed and staffed by the community at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. WPSD has a print shop history going back almost 150 years—a tradition revived in 2007 when the LionWorks invested in state-of-the-art equipment for its shop.

“We do everything from wedding invitations to just straight copy jobs to business cards and vehicle wraps—we say no to very little.” Tom explains that the more work they have, the more experience the students gain to develop their skills.

LionWorks offers a wide variety of services, competitive pricing, excellent quality and a commitment to personal service. In addition to offering quality service, it also provides lifeskills and real life work experience to students at WPSD. With the exception of Tom Gentile, all the employees, trainees and students are members of the deaf community.

“We work with a program called PFS—Prep for Success” Tom explained. It’s a program for Seniors at WPSD that assists students in learning life skills through independent living, classes at community colleges and real life work situations. LionWorks employs full time staff who work closely with students on each and every job. Proceeds generated by LionWorks benefit the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf as well as the print shop. Tom’s goal for the future of LionWorks is simple and good-hearted: “We keep improving, and try to please our customers so that we can involve more kids!”



Allen Majocha, employee of LionWorks Print & Graphics



Equipment at the shop

LionWorks is proud to be a part of the Edgewood Community, and regularly takes part in our Community Day celebration—in addition to providing print work to our Fire and Police Departments. Even some of the signs in the neighborhood may have been printed at LionWorks! In fact, the Borough of Edgewood’s Newsletter has been printed at LionWorks since the print shop was revived in 2007.

If you have a project to be printed, bound or designed, take it to this gem of a print shop! LionWorks is a business Edgewood can really ROAR about!

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# Police Report

## TALKING ABOUT 9-1-1 WITH KIDS

Not that long ago, there were separate telephone numbers for each type of emergency agency. For a fire, you called the fire department; for a crime, you called the police; for a medical situation, you called an ambulance or doctor. But now, 911 is a central number for all types of emergencies. An emergency dispatch operator quickly takes information from the caller and puts the caller in direct contact with whatever emergency personnel are needed, thus making response time quicker.

Everyone needs to know about calling 911 in an emergency. But kids also need to know the specifics about what an emergency is. Ask them questions like, "What would you do if we had a fire in our house?" or "What would you do if you saw someone trying to break in?" This will give you a chance to discuss what constitutes an emergency and what to do if one occurs. Role playing is an especially good way to address various emergency scenarios and give your kids the confidence they'll need to handle them.

For younger children, it might also help to talk about who the emergency workers are in your community—police officers, firefighters, paramedics, doctors, nurses, and so on—and what kinds of things they do to help people who are in trouble. This will clarify not only what types of emergencies can occur, but also who can help.

### When to Call 911

It is very important to understand what **IS** an emergency and what **IS NOT**. A fire, an intruder in the home, an unconscious family member—these are all things that would require a call to 911. A skinned knee or just to ask a question would not. Still, teach your child that if ever in doubt and there's no adult around to ask, make the call. It's much better to be safe than sorry. Make sure your kids understand that calling 911 as a joke is a crime in many places. Stress that whenever an unnecessary call is made to 911, it can delay a response to someone who actually needs it. Most areas now have what is called enhanced 911, which enables a call to be traced to the location from which it was made. So if someone dials 911 as a prank, emergency personnel could be dispatched directly to that location. Not only could this mean life or death for someone having a real emergency on the other side of town, it also means that it's very likely the prank caller will be caught and punished.

Although most 911 calls are now traced, it's still important for your kids to have your street address and phone number memorized. They'll need to give that information to the operator as a confirmation so time isn't lost sending emergency workers to the wrong address.

Make sure your kids know that even though they shouldn't give personal information to strangers, it's OK to trust the 911 operator. Walk them through some of the questions like:

- Where are you calling from?
- Where do you live?
- What type of emergency is there?
- Who needs help?
- Is the person awake and breathing?

Explain that it's OK to be frightened in an emergency, but it's important to stay calm, speak slowly and clearly, and give as much detail to the 911 operator as possible. If they're old enough to understand, also explain that the emergency dispatcher may give first-aid instructions before emergency workers arrive at the scene. Make it clear that your child should **NOT** hang up until the person on the other end says it's OK, otherwise important instructions or information could be missed.

### More Safety Tips

Here are some additional safety tips to keep in mind:

- Always refer to the emergency number as "nine-one-one" not "nine-eleven." In an emergency, a child may not know how to dial the number correctly because of trying to find the "eleven" button on the phone.
- Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street so that police, fire, or ambulance workers can easily locate your address.
- If you live in an apartment building, make sure your child knows the apartment number and floor you live on.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers handy near each phone for your kids or babysitter. This should include police, fire, and medical numbers as well as a number where you can be reached, such as your cell phone, pager, or work number. In the confusion of an emergency, calling from a printed list is simpler than looking in the phone book or figuring out which is the correct speed-dial number. The list should also include known allergies (especially to any medication), medical conditions, and insurance information.
- If you have special circumstances, such as an elderly grandparent or a person with a heart condition, epilepsy, or diabetes living in your home, prepare your child by discussing specific emergencies that could occur and how to spot them.

Congratulations are in order for the Police Department's Officer Fred Livingston! After much hard work, Officer Livingston graduated Magna Cum Laude from Point Park University on May 2 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Forensics. Officer Livingston has 19 years of service with the Edgewood Police Department, and we are very proud to have him on our force.

## POLICE ACTIVITY

2014-15 Feb. Mar.

Total Calls for Service 1063 1174

Complaints Received .....386 .. 415

Accidents Investigated .....15 .... 11

### Part I Crimes

Robbery, Burglary.....0 ..... 0

Motor Vehicle Theft.....0 ..... 0

Shoplifting .....8 .... 12

Assault.....0 ..... 0

Arson .....0 ..... 0

Other Thefts.....4 ..... 7

### Part II Crimes

Liquor Laws.....1 ..... 0

Vandalism/Mischief.....0 ..... 2

Narcotics Offenses.....1 ..... 0

Weapons Offense.....2 ..... 1

Sex Offense.....0 ..... 0

Disorderly Conduct.....3 ..... 3

Other Crimes.....5 ..... 5

### Arrests

Adult Arrests.....8 .... 10

Juvenile Arrests .....2 ..... 2

### Officer's Activity

Traffic Stops.....54 .... 81

Traffic Citations .....33 .... 34

Non-traffic Citations.....4 ..... 2

DUI .....0 ..... 0

False Alarms .....8 .... 17

Medicals .....10 ..... 5

Suspicious Person.....5 .... 10

Public Nuisance Complaints..5 ..... 2

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# Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department

## LET'S GO BUCS!

On Friday April 17th, members of the Edgewood VFD spent an evening at PNC watching the Pirates beat the Brewers. The members would like to thank Robby Streeter for planning the evening. Fun was had by all.

## EDGEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THERE WHEN YOU CALL

Edgewood VFD, an all-volunteer fire department, is proud of our response times in cases of emergency. Our station is staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week including holidays. Our response times exceed other departments because of our staffing.

Our average response time to leave our station once alerted to a call is 1:30 to 2:47 minutes and on scene at an incident in 4:56 minutes. Our responses include emergency medical, motor vehicle accidents and fires, structure fires, carbon monoxide, fire alarms, and non-emergency calls. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 412-242-9994.

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## Meet Your New EVFD Volunteer

**ANNIE HENDRICKS**

*Where is your hometown?*

Youngstown, Ohio

*Why did you join the Edgewood VFD?*

My dad, grandfather and great grandfather were fire fighters

*What is your major in school?*

Exercise science

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

I went buffalo hunting

*Any hobbies?*

Wakeboarding, kayaking and exercising.



*Edgewood Volunteer Firefighter Recruits at their Graduation Celebration*



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# When it Rains, it Drains

## How Storm Water Runoff is Affecting Your Money, Safety, Health and the Environment

Storm water, or water from precipitation, flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow or ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, draining water is called storm water runoff.

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters because storm water is not treated.

- **PET WASTE** left on the ground gets carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- **CLOSED BEACHES** due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.
- **PICK UP AFTER PETS** and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system into a stream.

### WHAT WE CAN DO

**We can protect our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community:**

- **PROPERLY DISPOSE** of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—NEVER pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- **USE pesticides and herbicides** properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- **LOOK FOR SIGNS** of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- **INSTALL storm water collectors** on your property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- **REPORT any discharges** from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—that's a sign there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.

### Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

- **FLOODING** caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.
- **INCREASES IN SPENDING** on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris
- **DECREASES IN SPORTFISH** populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitats.
- **MORE EXPENSIVE TREATMENT** technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.

The Borough of Edgewood is preventing storm water pollution through a Storm Water Management Program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, as well as pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. The Borough of Edgewood will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is WATER!

Contact Borough Manager Julie Bastianini at [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com), or visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection website for more information about storm water management at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).

From "When it Rains It Drains" Brochure provided by The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

## Home Delivered Meals

Flexible schedule? Retired? Available in the mornings? If so, consider becoming an Edgewood Home Delivered Meals volunteer. Eastern Area Adult Services provides meals to homebound seniors throughout the Edgewood, Swissvale, Rankin and Braddock communities. Based at the Swissvale Senior Center, Edgewood Home Delivered Meals delivers daily lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 10:45am. This important community resource helps keep our neighbors in their homes. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator, Jo Schlesinger at 412-596-8658 or [joschlesinger@verizon.net](mailto:joschlesinger@verizon.net)

Seniors may qualify for ongoing daily meals or on a temporary basis while recovering from an illness or injury. To inquire about receiving meals for yourself or a family member, call Jodi Travato at the Swissvale Senior Center at 412-731-1625 or [jtrovato@eas.net](mailto:jtrovato@eas.net).

## Edgewood High School All Class Reunion

If you graduated from Edgewood High School, please consider attending the all class reunion on July 17-18, 2015! For more information on this event, please visit <http://www.ehsallclassreunion.myevent.com/index.php>



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## Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 23 would like to thank the residents of Edgewood for their generosity during Scout-ing for Food in April.

Troop 23 will be having a Flea Market on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, 120 East Swissvale Avenue.

## New about Livable Pittsburgh—From the Ground-Up!

Livable Pittsburgh—From the Ground Up is an environmental group based in Edgewood but including East End neighborhoods of Regent Square/Swissvale, Wilkinsburg, Forest Hills and Squirrel Hill. Our mission is to promote backyard sustainability among urban gardeners.

We are planning a working meeting for ecologically minded neighbors and friends on Thursday, June 18 in the Adult Fiction room of the C.C. Mellor Library. For more information, check out our website: <https://livablepittsburgh.wordpress.com> or e-mail us at [livable.pittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:livable.pittsburgh@gmail.com).

## Edgewood Foundation

The Annual High School Senior Brunch Celebration 2015 was a great success!

The Edgewood Club was the site for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Graduating High School Senior Celebration Brunch sponsored by the Edgewood Foundation.

Held on Sunday, May 3, the brunch was catered by Mascaro's Catering. Our Mayor Ed Cook was the guest speaker for the graduating seniors and their families attending.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Sherry Evashavik and Lisa Bush, our parents/volunteer chairs, were instrumental in making this annual event one of our most exciting events to date!

Parents interested in volunteering for the 2016 Senior Celebration Brunch should contact [info@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@edgewoodfoundation.org). Thank you to all of those who attended or supported the 2015 Graduating Class of Edgewood Seniors.

During the Brunch, the Mel Douglass Foundation awarded scholarships to incredibly well rounded Edgewood Seniors. The Mel Douglass Scholarship (\$4,000 awarded in four annual \$1,000 installments) winner was Caroline Evashavik. Honorable Mention Scholarships (one time awards of \$500) were given to Patrick Bush, Isabelle Glassmith, and Katie Kush.

Attending Edgewood Seniors 2015: Patrick Bush, Caroline Evashavik, Katherine Kush, Evan McNally, Garret Rohan, Daniel Stoffregen, Isabelle Glassmith, Simon Jasiewicz, Anna Brahan, Nicholas Pearlman, LukeMrozinski.

Seniors who were unable to attend: Faiza Amir, Francesca Corna, Jacob Kramer, Jonathan Leone.

The Edgewood Foundation would also like to extend special thanks to Sig Tregard for taking photos on the day of the event, Susan Limoncelli for designing the invitations along with our business contributors, The Edgewood Club, Hepatica and the Edgewood Giant Eagle.

## Clean-Up Days and Brinton Road Clean-Up

Thank you to our volunteers, who helped clean up the neighborhood on April 18, as part of Earth Week!



Our next Clean-Up Day is planned for Saturday, June 13 for the Brinton Road area. 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. Garbage bags, gloves, vests and snacks will be provided for everyone who volunteers. This clean-up is for ADULTS ONLY, 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!

## Edgewood Historical Society

In cooperation with the Heinz History Center, the Edgewood Historical Society has been working with students from the California University of Pennsylvania. They have been electronically scanning several important items for a future website we hope to have up in 2015. We hope to have available the comprehensive 1934 book called, "Borough of Edgewood—A History", The Edgewood 75th Anniversary issue of the Gazette from November 28, 1963, plus over 100 post cards of Edgewood houses, The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, miscellaneous public buildings, Union Switch and Signal Company and other locations throughout the Borough. We will keep everyone updated as this project progresses. If all goes well, we may be able in the future digitize the Edgewood School's books.

We are always looking for old Edgewood newspapers, books, photos or family histories to preserve, so please send us anything you may have!

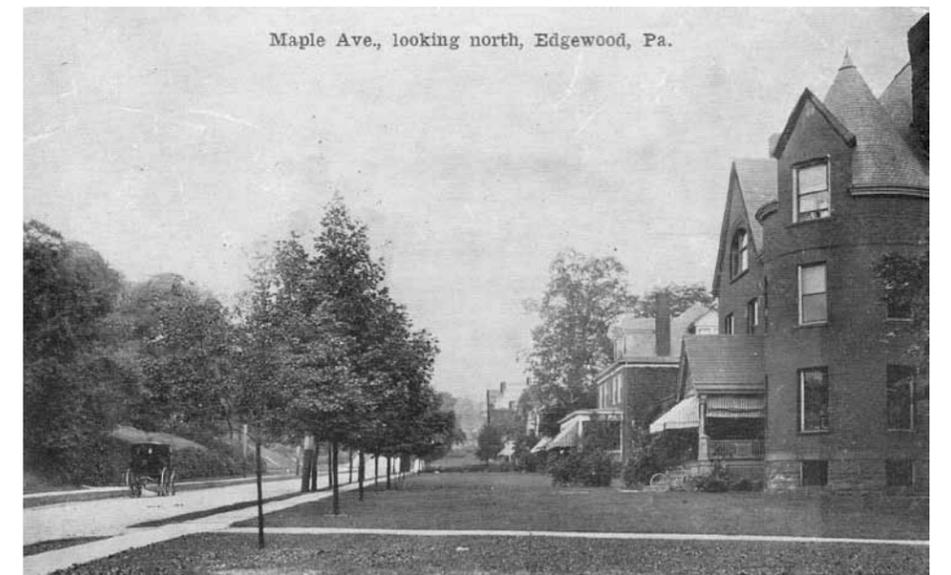
Pictured is 326 Maple Ave. Built in 1891, this home has been owned since 2004 by Jane Caldwell Wallace, granddaughter of the owner of the Wilkinsburg department store Caldwell & Graham.

New members or volunteers are always welcome. For membership information or questions about the society or history of the Borough please e-mail [price406@yahoo.com](mailto:price406@yahoo.com)

## 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 2015. 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:** Clean-up of Brinton Road, Saturday, June 13, 9-11 a.m.
- **August:** Community Day, Children's activities and bake sale, Saturday, August 29
- **September:** Sleep over in the Park, Saturday, September 12  
Oktoberfest, Sunday, September 20 or 27, 3-6 p.m.
- **October:** Fall Festival, Saturday, October 17 or 24
- **November:** Wine & Chocolate Event, Saturday, November 14
- **December:** Light Up Edgewood, Friday, December 4



Maple Ave., looking north, Edgewood, Pa.

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 Our Summer Book Clubs!

### EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

**June 15 – August 7**  
Preschoolers, school children K-5 and their caregivers.

Read or listen to books—and earn prizes all summer long. Visit the library for a paper reading log or participate online.

### QUESTYINZ CLUB

**June 15 – August 7**  
Children K-5 and families

An added summer experience for kids K-5 who want to have fun exploring new fields, answering trivia questions and searching for adventure in a computer game created especially for the library. Participants earn badges and win virtual goods in this choose your adventure experience. Pick up a game pass with a secret code at the library.

### UNMASK CLUB

**June 15 – August 7**  
Teens

Read at least one book a week and enter drawing for prizes. Visit the library for entry forms or register on-line.

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## ESCAPE THE ORDINARY ELEMENTS

**June 29 – August 1**  
Adults

Read at least one book a week and enter drawings for prizes. Register at the library in Edgewood or Forest Hills for prizes.

## Check Out Our Summer Programs

Sign up for the on-line version of Kids Check It Out. You'll get all of the latest updates in your mailbox and be able to register for programs on line. Go to [www.ccmellorlibrary](http://www.ccmellorlibrary) to sign up. For Younger Children:

Children birth through fifth grade can sign up for summer reading, program and snack, and make a craft on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Ballroom. Check website for program details. Registration by June 13 required

### Story Hours

- **Forest Hills Library** Story Hour Mondays 10:30 a.m.
- **Edgewood Library** Story Hour Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
- **Edgewood Library** Story Hour Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
- **Edgewood Library** Growing Readers Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
- **Wilkins Township** Growing Readers Thursdays 10:30 a.m. Check website for location
- **Churchill Borough Building** Story Hours Fridays 10:30 a.m.
- **Edgewood Library** Baby Lap Sit Fridays 11:30 a.m.

## For Families

**Kids Can Be Heroes Too** Every Saturday from June 20 to August 1 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. you can drop by either the Forest Hills or Edgewood Library to complete a different activity each week.

**Cupcake Wars** We supply the cupcakes...you supply the creativity. Sign your family up as a team and compete to see who can make the most creative cupcakes. This delicious activity is held at the Edgewood Library on Wednesday July 15 at 6:30 p.m. Please register. **Summer Reading Carnival** Held at Koenig Field in Edgewood at 6:30 p.m. on Monday August 3. Celebrate a summer of reading with good old fashioned carnival games, a dunk tank, bouncy house and face painting. No registration necessary.

## For School Age Children

**Way Cool Wednesdays** 1:30 p.m. from June 17 to August 5. Come for games, crafts and activities with a different theme each week at the Edgewood Library. These activities are geared toward school age children. Please register online.

**Wild Wednesdays** 4:30 p.m. on June 17, July 5 and August 5. Take part in stories, games, crafts and a treat geared towards school age children. Please register online for this Forest Hills Library program.

**Design It** 1:30 p.m. every Thursday from June 18 to August 6. Each week children ages 8-12 will tackle a different project. Please register online.

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## For Teens

**Ice Cream Social** Let's kick off the summer with ice cream as we discuss the latest books for teens and plan our summer activities. Join us on Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Library's Boardroom. Register online.

## For Adults

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

**Drop Dead Book Club** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Library Board Room to discuss:

- Wednesday, June 3 *Blackhouse* by Peter May
- July and August no meetings.
- Wednesday, September 2 *Borderlands* by Brian McGilloway

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Club** meets at the Forest Hills library at 1 p.m. and will be discussing:

- Tuesday, June 23 *Chinese Cooking for Diamond Thieves* by Dane Lowry
- Tuesday, July 28 *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

**Knitting and Crocheting Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month (June 17 and July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Board Room). The group shares project ideas, gives informal instruction and tips, and has great discussions. They are also working on items to donate to local non-profits. Bring your unfinished projects and join the group.

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**Wise Walk** meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. in Frick Park's Lancaster Avenue parking lot for an hour long walk through the park. Participants walk at their own pace while enjoying lively conversation and the setting of the park. New participants receive a t-shirt and pedometer. The program is sponsored by the Allegheny County Library Association and UPMC.

## Join the Friends of the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

The FOL are off and running! They hosted a successful retirement reception for Sue Phillippi in early May and are now on to other projects, including plans for the upcoming Arts and Crafts Fair. We'd love to have you as a member of the FOL. Join us at the next Friends meeting on Tuesday, June 2 1t 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Edgewood Library to discuss projects. You can also learn more by talking with Sally Bogie or Library Trustee Molly Eggleston.

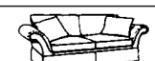
**Memorial and Honor Books.** Books will be added to the Forest Hills Library honoring the memory of Mayor Marty O'Malley, long-time library volunteer Hank Bohl, Colombo "Coke" Chiodo, Brad Masten and Ed Bunyan.

**The library is closed on Saturday, July 4.**

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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM  
2015 SIDE YARD &  
BLIGHTED STRUCTURE PROGRAM**

For a limited time only, Allegheny County will be accepting applications to acquire vacant properties in 37 municipalities at reduced cost to the applicant. The purpose of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP) is to acquire blighted, tax delinquent properties and resell them to applicants for a reuse outlined in their application and approved by the municipality.

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES:**

- This limited-time program will be available in Baldwin Borough, Braddock Hills, Carnegie, Collier, Dravosburg, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Elizabeth Township, Forward, Green Tree, Harrison, Heidelberg, Liberty, McCandless, Millvale, Moon, Munhall, Neville, North Fayette, North Versailles, Oakdale, O'Hara, Penn Hills, Plum, Ross, Scott, South Versailles, Swissvale, Turtle Creek, Versailles, West Deer, West Homestead, West Mifflin, West View, Whitaker, White Oak, and Wilkins. Other municipalities that join AVPRP may be eligible to participate depending upon the timing.
- Applications must be submitted no later than **June 30, 2015**. Up to sixty applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. No more than five applications will be accepted per municipality.
- Each participating municipality must submit evidence of a program marketing strategy to ensure that all residents have an equal opportunity to apply.

PRODUCT	PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS*	COST TO APPLICANT
<i>Side Yard to Owner-Occupied Primary Residence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must share a common boundary with the parcel on which the applicant's primary residence is located</li> <li>• Must be a vacant lot or a vacant structure that will be demolished by the applicant</li> <li>• Must be less than ½ acre</li> <li>• Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of the appraised value</li> <li>• Parcel fee of \$3,000 will be <u>waived</u></li> <li>• Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000</li> <li>• Closing costs, which average \$500</li> </ul>
<i>Demolition of Blighted Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vacant structure to be rehabilitated by the applicant</li> <li>• Must be less than ½ acre</li> <li>• Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of the appraised value</li> <li>• Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400</li> <li>• Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000</li> <li>• Closing costs, which average \$500</li> </ul>
<i>Rehabilitation of Blighted Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vacant structure to be rehabilitated by the applicant</li> <li>• Must be less than ½ acre</li> <li>• Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of the appraised value</li> <li>• Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400</li> <li>• Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000</li> <li>• Closing costs, which average \$500</li> </ul>

\* Additional requirements may apply, as outlined in the program application. Other types of applications may be considered through our Standard Program, under which applicants are responsible for all costs of acquisition.

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County.
- Must have no outstanding code violations or municipal liens on properties owned in Allegheny County.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Please contact (412)350-1090 or visit <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic/residents/vacproprecov.aspx>.

*On the Edge...*

**Congratulations Dr. Dettore!**

Dr. Ernie Dettore, Jr. is being honored as Teacher of the Year at Duquesne University. This follows two previous awards, The Golden Apple at Edinboro University and the Chancellor's Award at The University of Pittsburgh.

Sounds like the Triple Crown for Early Childhood Education. Great career, Ernie!

**Good Luck, Ms. Miller!**

Edgewood resident Chris Miller is pleased to announce the opening of her career advising practice which she operates out of her home office on Locust Street. Chris provides career advice to individuals determining what positions they are best suited for and how to effectively find and secure their next position. While she specializes in working with lawyers in transition, she welcomes clients from an array of professions and backgrounds. Visit her website for more information [www.millercareerconsulting.com](http://www.millercareerconsulting.com).

**Mornings at Koenig Field**

Ever wish there was something fun to do with your kids early in the morning, when the weather is cool, everyone is still in a good mood and before the day starts to get away from you?

Come down to Koenig Field anytime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning June 9) for conversation and play for you and your kids—babies, toddlers and school-aged alike! We may try to add Saturday mornings if anyone is interested.

Bring toys, balls, tennis racquets... of course bring your coffee and snacks!

Contact Amy at [aschaarsmith@gmail.com](mailto:aschaarsmith@gmail.com) or Jennifer at [jlgleba7119@verizon.net](mailto:jlgleba7119@verizon.net).



EVFD members at a Pirates game



Edgewood Primary School Reading and Planting committee Gordon (Skip) Brown, Elaine Andrianos, and Mrea Csorba pose outside of the school at one of the four flower beds they maintain.



Be sure to check the Borough website for information on Movies in the Park, happening the second and fourth Mondays in June and July!

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## A note from the tax collector...

The 2015 Edgewood Borough real estate tax was mailed out April 1st and is due at discount until June 1st. If you have not received your bill please call my office at 412-731-0200.

The 2014 Woodland Hills school tax has been turned over to Jordan Tax Service, the delinquent tax collector. If you have any questions about this tax please call them at 412-835-5243. At the time of publication, the millage rate for the school district has not yet been set. The school board will vote on the millage sometime in June.

Thank you,  
Maureen Smith,  
Tax Collector



## SAVE THE DATE!

**BRINTON ROAD  
CLEAN UP:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13**



**(Rain date Sunday, June 14)**

## CALENDAR at a glance...

### JUNE

**Council Meetings:** 1 & 15,  
7:30pm @ Borough Building

**Refuse:** 4, 11, 18 & 25

**Recycling:** 11 & 25

**Movies In The Park:** 8 & 22

#### Story Time:

10:30am Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
and  
1:30pm Wednesdays  
@ C.C. Mellor Library

### JULY

**Council Meetings:** 6 & 20,  
7:30pm @ Borough Building

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

**Recycling:** 9 & 23

**Movies In The Park:** 13 & 27

#### Story Time:

10:30am Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
and  
1:30pm Wednesdays  
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