

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## Spring has Sprung!



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## Message about Coronavirus

As the county and world deals with the ongoing effects of the Corona virus, residents of Edgewood Borough should know that essential local government functions are still being delivered. Police, EMS and fire services have adapted their response protocols to ensure the safety of first responders while meeting emergent needs. All non-essential borough employees have been instructed to work remotely and the borough building has been closed to the public until March 30, 2020 based on Governor Tom Wolf's order. Residents requiring assistance with Borough matters are asked to dial 412-242-4824 and follow the prompts to leave a message with the appropriate department. Voice messages will be checked regularly. Emergency calls must be directed to 911.

Borough officials ask for your patience and cooperation while we navigate this unprecedented event. Please utilize our Facebook page @ EdgewoodCommunityEvents and our website [www.edgewoodboro.com](http://www.edgewoodboro.com) for up to date information on borough events and operations. All borough events are cancelled until March 30. However, this may change as the situation evolves so please monitor the above mentioned resources for updates.

*Those without internet access should utilize the United Way's 2-1-1 line for information and resources on virtually every social service topic including food access, utility assistance and senior services. Simply dial 211 from any touch tone phone.*

Lastly, residents seeking additional information should utilize the list of resources we've compiled on page 4.

## SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD REPRESENTATIVES

### Get to know your Borough Representatives

by Abigail Ault

This edition of 'Spotlight on Edgewood' highlights our own municipal officials. They are unique as they both preside over the borough, and reside here as members of the community. The representatives of Edgewood Borough include the Mayor, along with a 7 member Council, and an elected Tax Collector. Listed below are names of our current representatives. In addition, the Mayor and Council were asked the following questions, and a summary of each member's replies are included.

- Can you tell us briefly about yourself (previous experience, time served, etc)?
- Why did you decide to run for public office?
- How do you view your relationship with the constituents you serve?
- What do you want to accomplish and/or is your biggest accomplishment so far while serving on borough council?

Please take this opportunity to provide a personal statement to the residents of Edgewood.

#### Mayor (4 year term):

##### Jack Wilson (R)

Mr. Wilson is a lifelong Edgewood resident, and currently lives with his wife just around the corner from his childhood home. His municipal leadership started with an 8 year run on Council, following the recommendation of the Borough Manager at the time. Running for Mayor was a natural next step. He is now in the third year of his term, and he sees his time in public office as an opportunity to ensure that Edgewood continues to be a "vibrant, safe neighborhood." He also represents us in the larger region, working together with other municipalities, and serving as Treasurer of the Turtle Creek COG, Second Vice President of the Allegheny Borough's Association, as a member of Allegheny League of Municipalities, and as a representative on the CONNECT Board. He feels that serving on these boards gives a smaller community like ours a larger voice within Allegheny County. Another responsibility as Mayor is to oversee the Police Department, a job that he greatly enjoys. He feels that our PD has had a positive impact on Edgewood through the programs they have implemented. "It

is a pleasure to work with such professional officers, and Chief Payne has really guided me through my role as Mayor." Mayor Wilson works closely with Council, to accomplish many positive things for Edgewood. Being Mayor also has its challenges, especially in sometimes dealing with certain tragedies, but he loves that the community pulls together to remain strong. He is also very proud of our Volunteer Fire Department, "which we need to fully support, as these individuals donate numerous hours of their time." Being in such a visible position, as he is out in the community, people often come to him with questions or concerns. "This is what I like most about being the Mayor, the interaction I have with the residents of Edgewood, and being able to help people, and know at the end of the day, I, along with Council, have had a part in the growth and vibrancy of this Borough."

#### Borough Council (4 year term):

##### John Wainright, Council President

Mr. Wainright is an attorney who moved to Edgewood after graduating from law school in 2007. He has always been interested in politics, and felt that serving on Council was a good way to

get involved. He has been a member of Council since 2012, and as of this year is serving as our Council President. His accomplishments include fixing the Allenby and Garland steps, spearheading the dog run at Dickson Park, creating the first and second sidewalk café ordinances, helping to revitalize Community Day, and generally working to ensure that "the Borough is run in a highly professional manner." "I am a resident of the Borough of Edgewood, like everyone else, who has volunteered to help make sure the Borough stays a wonderful place to live."

##### Ryan O'Donnell (D), Vice President

Mr. O'Donnell, a licensed Social Worker and Executive Director of Nasir Health and Human Services, has a Bachelor's in Political Science from Allegheny College and Masters in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. Relevant experience includes serving in AmeriCorps, on the Board of Directors at the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, and as a member of the Edgewood Democratic Committee. He's worked on many campaigns, including Lt. Governor John Fetterman's campaigns for US Senate and Lt. Governor. Drawn to public service, he ran for Council. In the 2 years he's served, he has been on several committees, including Community Development, Public Safety and as Chair of Community Service and General Government. He feels the citizens are "rightfully concerned that their tax dollars are spent wisely, their local government is managed ethically, and their voices are heard," and it's his goal to effectively manage government that adequately funds police, public works, and administration without relying on tax increases. His most memorable accomplishment is helping with the 'Make the Second Count' program, an effort started by former Counsel President Pat Schaefer that provides gun safety education, as a way to help end hand gun violence in the area. He'd like to thank the community that he feels honored to serve. "It is a pleasure to live in a place where people care so deeply for one another and for the over-

all health of our neighborhood. I've had the opportunity to see how the people of Edgewood self-identify for leadership and service and it's inspiring. The Edgewood Foundation, the Tree Committee, our Edgewood Veterans and Boy Scouts are all examples of this. It's a distinct honor to be able in my own way, to support those efforts and to help Edgewood residents realize their own visions for the community."

##### Ben Love (D), President Pro Tem

Mr. Love, a 2004 graduate of Bucknell University, with a CS degree, moved to Pittsburgh in 2010, from Chester County. He works as a software engineer at Google, and resides in Edgewood with his wife and 2 kids. In his time here, he has regularly attended Council meetings as a citizen. When an opening came up, he was asked to run, based on his dedication. He sees Council as something that exists to serve the community, and says, "While individuals matter greatly, the interest of the community as a whole is foremost. But I need to hear from individuals to know what is most important to all of us." He hopes to keep the Borough running smoothly through changing times, and makes this statement to the community, "A wise person once said that "good governance is doing the right thing, the right way, for the right reasons." I agree, though in practice it can often be much harder than it sounds."

##### John (Jack) Bright (R)

Mr. Bright who studied Economics and Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University, and has an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, worked at Highmark-Blue Cross for 16 years, until he became an independent insurance agent and stock broker, and owner of AF Booksellers. The divorced father of two grown sons has written many newspaper articles and two books. He served in the US Army—1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division—2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, a work horse unit with a high casualty rate, and served as Chairman of a civil rights organization (F.R.E.E.). His political experience includes serving as Chairman of the

New Jersey Students for Jack Kennedy, Chairman of the Westmorland County Young Republicans, and volunteering and recruiting for political campaigns and groups. He eventually was elected as Judge of Elections in Edgewood, District 1, serving four terms, and then on Edgewood Borough Council, where he has served three terms. He believes the responsibility of government is to protect the basic interests of the people, promote equality under law, and maintain public order; and that unrestrained government leads to problems. He promises to oppose any action from higher levels of government that could harm the interests of the community. It's important to him to maintain communication with Edgewood constituents. He's made a concerted effort to visit homes of as many residents as possible. He feels it's not enough to just be approachable, but to approach the community himself. He doesn't see accomplishments on Council as an individual thing, but something created through teamwork. One such accomplishment was with a 2010 budget deficit, where the preceding council passed a large tax increase. The new council reopened the budget, putting in many hours, and reduced spending by \$300,000, with the borough office reducing an additional \$300,000, and slashed the tax increase by 50%. They resolved not to raise taxes again, and in 10 years have kept to that, while growing the budget, resulting in cash available for contingencies. He believes in Edgewood, and the ability of its residents to keep it a great neighborhood. "Edgewood is a microcosm of what has made the United States the greatest country on Earth." He adds, "The Edgewood Fire Department led by Jared Amos is very efficient." (as he knows from a personal experience) "The Edgewood Police Department led by Chief Payne has done an excellent job of maintaining order." "The Edgewood Public Works Department has done an excellent job of keeping the borough neat and tidy. They are to be commended for doing such good work."

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Coronavirus Resources:

Receive health/safety text alerts:  
[on.pa.gov/AlertPA](https://on.pa.gov/AlertPA)

Allegheny Alerts:  
[www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts/](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts/); for COVID-19 alerts, follow the Health Department on Facebook (@AlleghenyCountyHealth) and visit [www.alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus).

United Way helpline: (to connect to various resources), call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 or visit [PA211sw.org](https://PA211sw.org); sign up for text alerts at [pa211sw.org/text-alerts](https://pa211sw.org/text-alerts); Covid 19 hotline (available 24/7): 888-856-2774

Meals on Wheels and other help for those 60+ (no income requirement): Allegheny County Department of Human Services Area Agency on Aging: 412-350-5460  
\*if you normally receive meals at a senior center, please contact your center for info on continuing meals while the center is closed

Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank: 412-360-3663

Prescriptions by mail are available through CVS Pharmacy: [www.cvs.com](https://www.cvs.com), click on 'Free Rx Delivery,' or call your local store (Swissvale: 412-271-6733)

Talk mental health: text PA to 741-741

Apply for Medicaid or SNAP: [on.pa.gov/compass](https://on.pa.gov/compass)

Apply for WIC: 1-800-942-9467

File for unemployment compensation: [bit.ly/3a2qARW](https://bit.ly/3a2qARW)

Get help with home heating: [on.pa.gov/LIHEAP](https://on.pa.gov/LIHEAP)

Hebrew Free Loan is doing Coronavirus Bridge Loans asap to assist people who have lost income because of the pandemic: [http://hflapgh.org/coronavirusloan/](https://hflapgh.org/coronavirusloan/)

Woodland Hills School District students: free 'Grab N' Go' breakfast and lunch is available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. M-F: <https://www.whsd.net/3/News/60091>

Learn about school closures: [education.pa.gov/COVID19](https://education.pa.gov/COVID19)



Edgewood Borough Representatives

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Justin Petrolla (R)

Dr. Petrolla is a physician, living in the borough with his wife and 3 kids. Borough Council is his first experience in government, though he has always had an interest in politics. He was originally elected as a write-in, but is now on his second term. He's happy to finally be taking an active part in government, and says, "The people of Edgewood are the real "owners" of the community, and we are just stewards elected to maintain, protect and enhance the Borough." His biggest accomplishments so far in office include enhancing our Community Day event with food trucks and a beer garden, and helping to get a new traffic light signal at the intersection of Maple Ave and Swissvale Ave (a 6 year process, which is fairly swift in terms of governmental endeavors). He would like to add, "Local politics is the bedrock of the great American experiment. We in Edgewood have many great people helping this Borough daily, from the Police Department, to the DPW crew, the Volunteer Fire Department to our Borough Manager and staff, to name a few. I also learned that party affiliation really is not important at the local level; we are all here to represent Edgewood. This is a wonderful place to live, and it will continue to be an outstanding community for years to come because of the people who make up Edgewood. It has been a privilege to represent Edgewood Borough."

Tara Yaney (D)

Ms. Yaney has a diverse background, from Communications Analyst for a printing company, to a Physicist in a Navy lab, to playing the flute and teaching lessons, which has been her career for the past 20 years. Serving her first year on Council, she felt compelled to run due to significant concerns about our environment and the way it is treated. Although she feels that Edgewood does a good job balancing "current recycling and waste realities," she's

hoping to be an active participant as we adjust to changes in how waste management is handled. As Edgewood is her home, she hopes to make it easier for residents and businesses to "reduce their own footprints and work together to better care for our local spaces and our planet." Also, as a fellow "wanderer" of the neighborhood, Ms. Yaney hopes to offer "encouragement and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians," of all ages who traverse the streets and sidewalks here. She hopes her time in office will allow her to be a "conduit" for residents, allowing them to be part of the conversation of the neighborhood. Right now she plans to spend some time listening and learning, until she feels ready to lead those conversations. "I'm actively seeking opinions and perspectives from residents who want to share them. I want to hear from people who have ideas about what needs to be addressed to keep Edgewood such a wonderful place to live and work for everybody."

George Fuller (R)

Mr. Fuller grew up and attended school in Edgewood and has lived in or around the Borough since 1959. His first experience with Council was attending meetings as a representative to Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority. Following the advice of former Councilwoman Pat Schaefer, he then ran for an open spot and has served on Council at different times since 2003. His greatest effort for the Borough involved starting the process to be able to divest from Parcel D, which has been roughly a 20 year process. Mr. Fuller does not see the residents of Edgewood as the constituents of a governing body, but rather as his own friends and neighbors. "We (Council) are subject to the ordinances that we pass, so we are not above the process." He is proud of this Council as a whole, and says, "Over the last 12-15 years (we have) stabilized finances, made road improvements an on-going process, and managed to keep taxes in check. We have a healthy Borough due to the efforts of all members."

# ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S NEW VOTING SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION

Allegheny County has a new voting system for the 2020 elections. Casting your ballot is simple and straightforward. Learn about the new system at one of dozens of demonstrations around the county. Visit [alleghenyvotes.com](https://alleghenyvotes.com) for a full schedule, and other resources to help you vote.

Voting in 2020

PRIMARY ELECTION

The 2020 Primary election date is Tuesday, April 28.

New this year\* There will be new voting machines in Pennsylvania, as well as now having 2 options for mail ballots (per Act 77):

- ✓ **Absentee ballot**  
If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.
- ✓ **Mail-in ballot**  
If you aren't an absentee voter, you may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.

\*You must be registered to vote to use either option.

Key dates to remember:

- ✓ Last day to register, April 13
- ✓ Last day to apply for mail in or civilian absentee ballot, April 21 (received by your County Elections Office by 5 p.m.)
- ✓ Last day for mail-in votes, April 28 (must be received by the County Board of Elections by 8 p.m.)

Contact the Allegheny County Elections Department at 412-350-4500 for additional information.



From The Manager's Desk

Banner Community

Edgewood Borough recognized as a Banner Community by the Allegheny County League of Municipalities

Thanks to its commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders, Edgewood Borough was once again named a Banner Community in 2020.

Summer Help Wanted

The Edgewood Borough Department of Public Works is looking for seasonal summer help to assist our crews with grass cutting and other tasks around the Borough. Applications are available on the borough's website [www.edgewoodboro.com](https://www.edgewoodboro.com) and at the borough building.



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## Edgewood Recycles

### Edgewood Recycling Requirements:

Republic Services asks that all recyclables be empty, clean, and dry. This means that all containers must be completely free of food, grease, or liquids. When in doubt, throw it out.


Edgewood residents can recycle flattened cardboard, paper, newsprint and mail; cleaned metal and aluminum cans; cleaned #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and clamshells; and clear or colored glass bottles. Clamshells for produce or fruits made of #1 or #2 plastic that can be rinsed clean can be recycled. Small containers (travel sized) can be recycled but must be clean. Please discard ALL containers that cannot be rinsed clean. A dirty container can contaminate the recycling stream rendering it unrecyclable.

All items should be placed loose in a recycling bin. Do not bag recyclables, they will be treated as refuse and landfilled.

Plastics #3-#7 are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. Many common items made of plastic or metal including children's toys, household appliances and furnishings, and flatware should be discarded as trash. More examples include clothes hangers, plastic bags and wrappers, scrap metal and aluminum foil. These items are not recyclable and clog the sorting machines.

Take out containers are not recyclable. Any container made of Styrofoam, laminated paper, or plastic, even if it's #1 or #2, contaminated with food waste should be discarded as trash. Cardboard pizza boxes are not recyclable. Drinking straws, stirrers, and plastic utensils are not recyclable.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste collections can be scheduled for pickup by calling Republic Services customer service at 800-464-2120. Appointments for HHW and E-Waste pickups must be scheduled; these items will not be collected with residential collection. Questions about service, bulk items, or container delivery should also be directed to the customer service line.

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### Where does all that trash go, anyway?

Litter doesn't just disappear; it can enter storm water drains and make its way to our waterways. Every time it rains or snows, trash & debris from the upper watershed communities of Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Wilkinsburg, and Swissvale washes into Nine Mile Run.

Trash in the stream causes pollution, further degrading the water quality that is also affected by sewage contamination, storm water runoff, and industrial waste. Over a decade after the Nine Mile Run Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration the stream is still not safe to fish in, play in, or even walk through. The trash also makes the stream an inhabitable environment for the fish and other wildlife that depend on the entire stream ecosystem for their survival, threatening the ecosystem that the restoration worked so hard to improve.

The solution to this problem is people picking up trash, piece by piece. Throughout the year Nine Mile Run Watershed Association staff and volunteers go on stream sweeps to remove large amounts of trash from the stream. During our Fall Stream Sweep 35 volunteers removed 80 bags of trash from the restoration area. All that trash weighed a whopping 510 pounds.

It's not all picking up bottles and plastic bags. At that last stream sweep we found a baseball, a Valentine's Day card, a license plate, and more. If it's dropped on the street somewhere in the watershed, it could end up in Nine Mile Run, so you never know what you might find!

Come to our next stream sweep on April 11th to help make Nine Mile Run stream a cleaner, healthier place both for the animals who call it home and the people who love to visit!

For more information and to register for the April 11th stream sweep go to [ninemilerun.org/events](http://ninemilerun.org/events).

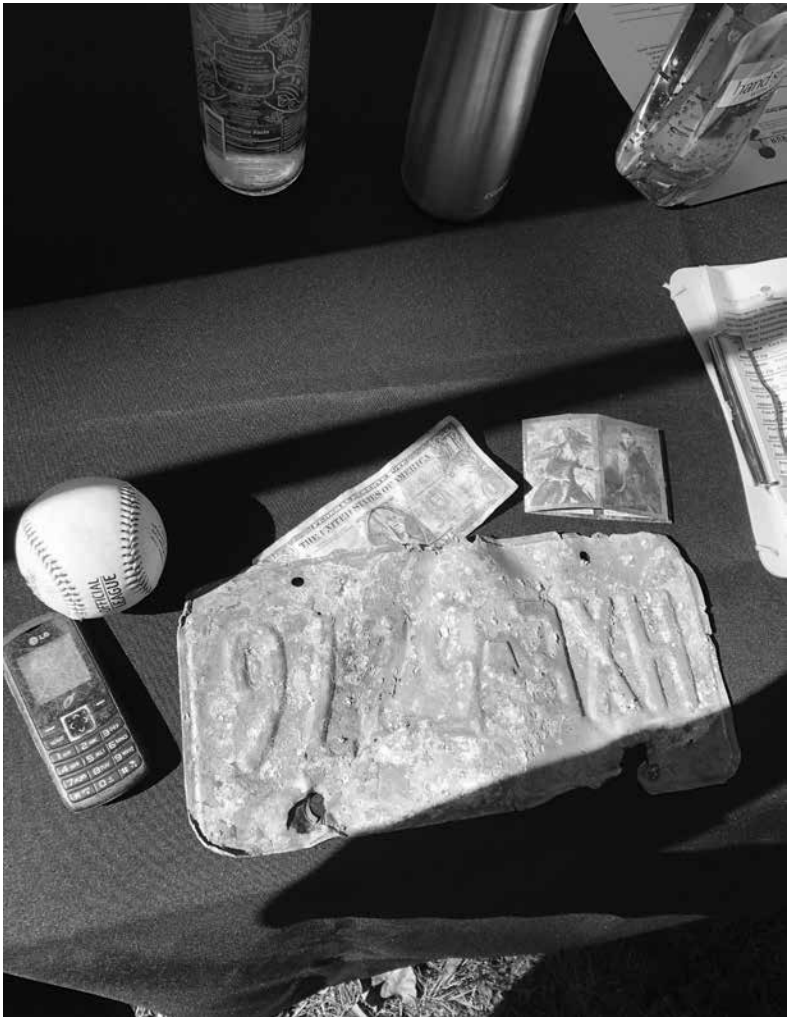


Photo caption: Some of the exciting finds at the Fall Stream Sweep.

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POLICE ACTIVITY

Part 1 CRIMES	DEC	Total 2019	JAN
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	3	1
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	0	8	0
Burglary	1	6	2
Larceny/theft:			
Shoplifting	4	23	4
Other	4	37	3
Motor vehicle theft	0	7	0
Arson	0	2	0
TOTAL-PART 1	9	86	10
PART 2 CRIMES			
Liquor laws	0	15	0
Vandalism/criminal mischief	0	15	0
Weapons offences	0	1	0
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	1	11	0
DUI	0	10	3
Disorderly conduct	1	32	3
All other offenses	4	53	8
TOTAL-PART 2	6	137	14
GRAND TOTAL (P1 & P2)	15	223	24
Adult arrests	3	86	10
Juvenile arrests	4	11	3
Total arrests	7	97	13
Incidents/calls	304	3701	340
Animal complaints	0	2	0
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	6	82	3
PART 1 CRIMES	9	86	10
PART 2 CRIMES	6	137	14
Domestic complaints	2	19	0
Juvenile contacts/complaints	3	15	1
Miscellaneous reports	242	2894	279
Police reports filed	62	867	61
False alarms	6	124	6
Public nuisance/disturbances	2	42	2
Suspicious person/incidents	9	79	7
Missing person	1	3	0
Medical assists	4	40	4
Traffic-related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	2	26	2
Non-reportable accidents	5	95	8
Traffic stops conducted	72	1044	104
Traffic citations	39	483	51
Non-traffic citations	5	44	2
Parking tags	38	2212	0
GRAND TOTAL- ALL CALLS	824	12092	907



Police Report

SUMMER IS UPON US

Winter is over and the warmer weather is upon us. This is great news for those who want to enjoy the weather and obey the laws. Unfortunately, criminals seem to like the spring and summer weather as well.

As the temperature goes up, so does the police calls for vehicle break-ins, burglaries, and other crimes against property. Criminals will usually take the path of least resistance, targeting those who leave valuables in their vehicles and do not lock their doors. This has always been a problem in this area, as well as surrounding communities. Thieves will simply walk down the street and check car doors to see if they are unlocked, if the vehicle is not secured, you have just become the next victim.

Catching these type of thieves is very difficult without the help from the public. Edgewood has many side streets that are not heavily traveled once dark. It is not difficult for a criminal to see a vehicle with its head lights on, coming down the street. The criminal will use the cover of darkness and hide, while we, as the police, drive by. Once we pass, they will resume their search for more unlocked vehicles.

The Edgewood Police always encourage calling 911 if you see anything that looks out of place, or is suspicious in nature. The Edgewood Police are here to serve and protect the residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No call to 911 will be looked at as minor, or insignificant. We encounter residents that say they didn't want to call, but ended up calling 911 because of something they saw or heard. These are the calls that usually end up being the break that we need to solve a case. The resident that calls to report their car was entered, but nothing was missing, might just help us put together a time line, to better enforce our neighborhood.

In recent months, a group was walking through Swissvale trying to open car doors. It was because of calls from multiple concerned citizens, that we were able to track the suspects into Edgewood. With the help of residents calls, the Edgewood Police were able to catch, and charge one adult, and one juvenile in connection with these crimes. Officers also recovered the belongings that were removed from the vehicles.

The Edgewood Police encourage that everyone LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS. We ask that you please call 911 if you see anything suspicious, no matter how minor you think it is. You may also help protect your family, and help the police by putting up motion sensor lights on the outside of your home.

Renovated Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy to Open for 2020-2021 School Year

by Maria Miller

Woodland Hills School District students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be greeted at the newly renovated Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy for the 2020-2021 school year. (The acronym STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math).

The building, located at 7301 Schoyer Avenue in Swissvale, was built in 1928. The full-building renovation includes: a new secure vestibule at the main lobby (complete with a security office, ballistic glass and bullet-proof walls), new classrooms and learning labs, a new music suite, a gym/auditorium hybrid facility, a STEAM center, rehabilitated and reinstalled lockers, a full health suite, a welcoming cafeteria that is overlooked by an enclosed mezzanine (and outdoor seating), a new full-service kitchen, a media center that includes studio space, gathering areas, technology features, and more.

In addition to dedicated space for special education and a resource room, there are also now rooms available for small group meetings, social workers and other needs. Classrooms are located on the second and third floors, and all have been updated.

With a, nearly, 100-year-old building, other needs were also addressed, including updates to HVAC and asbestos remediation, LED-lighting throughout and many other functional updates. Improvements were made outside as well. A parking lot was added that will ensure that there is adequate access, asphalt paving, a cafeteria patio for outdoor seating, a front plaza for outdoor educational use, and new sidewalks.

"The school is beautiful inside and out. I believe the greatest excitement will be in the area of STEAM," says James Harris, Superintendent.

Jamie Glasser, School Board President, adds "We want students to feel like school is their second home, and a place that is where their curiosity is fed and nurtured. The newly renovated building will afford them all of those opportunities and more."

"Students will be very excited. The building has great spaces that will allow them to explore new interests and facilities that will allow them to learn. This project is part of our ongoing efforts to make sure that our students have the best possible resources to create educational opportunities. Dickson will be a welcoming place for students and their families, and parents should feel welcome to

visit the school as we host events so that they can see what resources their children will have," adds Glasser.

Woodland Hills worked with Reynolds Construction and Core Architects on the project. Mike Arnold, Vice President of Reynolds Construction, says that Dickson is a beautiful building, a "classic piece," and adds that the renovations work very well with it. Reynolds has worked with the district for six years, and conducted education sessions for students that were interested in architecture and construction.

"The District recognized the need for a state-of-the-art Intermediate School and evaluated options at Dickson, and at the current Intermediate Building (on Evans Street in Swissvale). Dickson was last renovated in the mid-1990s, while the current Intermediate had not been renovated at any point. The costs to renovate Dickson and position it to serve students for the next 30 or 40 years was less than to renovate the current building. In addition, Dickson's location in the heart of Swissvale was a determining factor," says Glasser.

She adds, "We're committed to improving our facilities so that they are more sustainable, more efficient and up-to-date so that they can serve our children for decades to come. The effort and funds invested here will serve all of us well for many, many years to come."

"This is a fantastic addition to the community with a beautiful building surrounded by athletic fields. It will make a great investment in the community," says Harris.

He wants students to know that, "This building is theirs and everything in it is for them to learn and become great future leaders."





## Edgewood Foundation

### High School Senior Brunch May 17

We would like to invite all Edgewood residents that will be graduating in 2019 to the Annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch, May 17 at the Edgewood Community House "the club"!

We are gathering names and addresses so we can complete the invitation list. If you know a senior please let us know.

We do not want to miss anyone, as the schools can no longer give us names due to privacy laws. The Mel Douglass scholarships are given out and every graduate has an opportunity to be awarded college funds. We are also looking for other interested parents to help with this event. Send an email to [seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org](mailto:seniorbrunch@edgewoodfoundation.org).

### Applicants Sought for 2020 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, available to our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. One senior from Edgewood will win the Mel Douglass Scholarship. The value of this scholarship is \$10,000. Several \$1,000 honorable mention scholarships will also likely be presented. This unique scholarship program, exclusive to Edgewood, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The program's goal is to honor and sustain the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass while benefitting Edgewood students. Mel grew up here, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He

married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Before he passed in a 1994 airplane accident, Mel served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. Mel will always be remembered for the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, his unquenchable spirit, and his deep commitment to community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded multiple scholarships every year since 2008. During that time, Edgewood students have earned twelve Mel Douglass Scholarships and fifty honorable mention scholarships. Jenna Hebert, one of our 2012 winners, was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2016. Many other scholarship recipients have graduated from college and are leading successful lives and continuing to serve others.

The 2020 scholarships will be announced and presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch on May 17. All college-bound seniors

living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply. To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 18 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to [frejdk@gmail.com](mailto:frejdk@gmail.com):

- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Your high school plus the college or university you plan to attend.
- A summary of your volunteer community service achievements and your perspective on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.
- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. You can also find an application form at [meldouglassfund.org](http://meldouglassfund.org). If you have questions, please contact Dallas Frey at (412) 371-0278 or [frejdk@gmail.com](mailto:frejdk@gmail.com).

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## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

Please be advised: due to COVID 19, all activities below are subject to date/time changes, postponement, or cancellation.

Check our website, Facebook, or with Abby for updates.

### Neighborhood "Egg Hunt"

Saturday, April 4

In place of our normal egg hunt this year, neighbors are encouraged to decorate paper eggs, and place them in windows/ decorate doors/ place them anywhere people can see as they walk by. Then as you walk around the neighborhood, you can "hunt" for eggs. Feel free to leave them up all week, so everyone has a chance to look for eggs. This event is for ALL AGES, and we welcome our neighboring communities to participate!

Please remember to follow social distancing recommendations from the CDC. Limit your outdoor "hunt" to immediate family only, i.e. parent(s) and child(ren) and avoid close personal contact and groups.



### Winter Sports

Thank you to all who volunteered their time with this year's winter sports season! A special thanks to Matthew Detore for taking over Men's Basketball; to Justin Petrolla for starting the success-

ful new Futsal open gym nights; and to the following coaches of our Youth Basketball League: John Kristian, John Frisoli, Randy Crawford, Mariss Mednis, Natalie Kreter, Joe Gartner, Emily Guerriero, Molly Meacham, Matt Detore, Eric Baldwin, Licia Lentz, Ashley Santoro, Justin Powell, Christiana Elash, Patrick Fee, Darrell Williams, Ben Northrop, Alyssa Abebe, John Frentzos, Frankie Tragard, Ted Tragard (also our volunteer coordinator), Rob Gonzalez, Laina Aquiline, Dom DeOrio, Franklin Banks, Brian Babjack, Dan Norman, Al Sanders, Khari Mosley, Timothy Jenkins, Matthew Lascek, Darrell Jefferson, Rasheena Salter-White, and any other parents who volunteered in various capacities.

### T-ball/Softball

Spring is upon us, and summer isn't far behind. It's time again to register for T-ball and Softball, starting Wednesday, April 15 through Sunday, May 31.

Softball is open to boys and girls ages 7-13, and Tball is for boys and girls ages 5-7 (must be 5 by June 1). Both

sports play in June and July at Koenig Field, and meet twice weekly. Softball may have additional practice days at the beginning of the season. The registration fee is \$50, and you do not need to be an Edgewood resident to play.

Registration is done online through Teamsnap. The registration link will be available on our webpage, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), and on our Facebook page, Edgewood Borough Community events once registration begins.

### Yoga Spring Session

Yoga returns this Spring! There will be a 5 week session, Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m., from April 28 through May 26. This class, for adults 18 and older, is led by Julie Straub, at the Koenig Fieldhouse (or on the field, weather permitting). The cost is \$55 for the whole session, or a \$15 drop-in rate. Payment can be given directly to Julie, with checks made out to Inner Wellness Yoga.

### Tai Chi Spring Session

Tai Chi Spring session is on hold for now please check our webpage for updates on our next session.

For questions about any of our athletic leagues, unless otherwise noted, please contact Abigail Ault at 412-242-4824, or email [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com).

**SPONSORSHIP** If you're interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit [www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor](http://www.Edgewood.pgh.ps.us/BecomeASponsor). Edgewood Continues our tradition of offering youth sports leagues to children in our area, and we are dedicated to keeping registration costs for families low, while still maintaining our field and equipment. Our sponsors make it possible to maintain safe, new equipment for our players, and keep registration fees reasonable. Thank you for your support!



## Street Sweeping

Street Sweeping Begins April 1, 2020. Every Wednesday, the sweeper will be out cleaning our roadways. This ensures that dirt, debris, petroleum products and yard waste that collects on our streets is picked up and does not enter the storm sewer system. Edgewood's street catch basins drain to Nine Mile Run and eventually the Monongahela River. The street sweeper picks up pollutants on the roads before they have a chance to enter our waterways and harm the environment. Please read all road signs before parking your car on the street to ensure you are in compliance with Edgewood laws. The No Parking laws are enforced, and you will receive a ticket if you park on the side of the street scheduled for street sweeping. Please be sure to read the signs on Wednesdays to know where you should and should not park.

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## Selling a home isn't just putting a Sign in the ground!

What often appears to be an easy process, involves much more.

Is your home prepared to sell, not to your standards but to the buying population standards? What might that entail?

Are you pricing your home appropriately? Are you underpriced and leaving money on the table? Are you overpriced and costing yourself time and buyers?

How and where are you advertising your home? Are you limiting your exposure to only a segment of the market or are you exposing your home to the entire marketplace of buyers?

Are you putting your schedule ahead of the potential buyer schedule? Who is this person that I am letting into my home?

Paperwork, Paperwork, Paperwork. Do I really understand what I am signing and all the legal implications and consequences that come with it?

What financing standards will my home meet?

What is reasonable or not when it comes to inspections? Have I properly exposed everything? Am I giving away more money than I should? Do I really have a problem? Maybe I do have a problem?

What do I need to do to go to closing? What is involved with that?

A good agent should be able to help you through what on the surface may seem to be simple but in reality, can be complicated and involves most likely your most expensive investment.

My goal as your agent is to get you the most money possible with the least amount of stress during the process and to make sure we are doing things the right way. My job is to work with you in understanding the questions above.

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# C.C. MELLOR LIBRARY

As of printing, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library has been mandated to close by the state. At this time we plan to reopen to the public on March 30. However, this may change as the COVID-19 situation progresses. Please monitor our website and social media channels for updates. We appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to continuing to serve you.

## Special Events

### Library Giving Day is April 23

Join CCM during Library Giving Day! This one-day online fundraising event will occur on Thursday, April 23 and we encourage patrons and library lovers to make a gift in support of your library anytime now through April 23 by visiting us at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

This campaign reminds us that libraries serve as a cornerstone for our communities. In addition to well-loved books, many libraries offer innovative programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance knowledge.

Visit [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org) make your donation on April 23!

## Adult Featured Programs

### Try a New Voting Machine

CCM Edgewood will have a new voting machine available to demo on Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-4p.m. Drop in any time to try out the new machine and make sure you're familiar with how it works before casting your vote this year. This program is sponsored by Allegheny County's voter education campaign.

## Poetry Reading:

### Poetry at the Mellor

CCM Edgewood, May 2, 2-4 p.m.

The C.C. Mellor Library is proud to welcome award-winning Detroit poet Diane DeCillis and Pittsburgh poets Jason Baldinger, Charlie Brice, Judy Brice, and Janette Schafer for an afternoon of accessible, humorous, rousing, and moving poetry.

*Free to attend. Refreshments provided.*

## Children's featured Programs

### Tweenstravaganza (Ages 9-12)

CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in April, 10:30 a.m.

Jealous of all the cool stuff our teen group has been doing this year? Join other 9-12 year olds as we recreate some of our favorite activities! From ice cream making to breakout box puzzles, we'll have a new theme every week, so check it out!

*Registration opens March 1. Please register online for this program.*

### Coming Soon: Chickens & Embryology (All ages)

CCM Edgewood starting in late April  
We're egg-static about what's coming soon to the library! For a limited time only, we'll be incubating some chicken eggs in the children's room at CCM Edgewood. The egg-xact date of the eggs' arrival is TBD, so follow us on

social media (@ccmellorlibrary on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) or subscribe to our email newsletter to be the first to know!

## Teen Programs

### Teen Group (Ages 13-18)

CCM Edgewood, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Get excited, because teen programming is taking off at CCM Edgewood! There's a new theme every meeting, so watch our website and social media for updates and register today to reserve your spot!

- April 4: Breakout Box
- April 18: TBD

### Teen Book Club (Ages 12-18)

CCM Edgewood, 2nd Mondays, 6 p.m.

The Teen Book Club meets the fourth Monday of the month. This month's book can be checked out at CCM Edgewood.

*No registration required.*

### Teen Murder Mystery Night: Spring Break Edition (Ages 12-18)

CCM Forest Hills, April 15, 6 p.m.

Think YOU have the smarts to figure out whodunit? Join the list of suspects to gather clues, question your friends, and discover who did the dastardly deed!

*Please register online for this program.*

*For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).*

*Online program registration is at [ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com).*

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## CALENDAR at a glance...

### APRIL

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

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

**Recycling:** 9, 23

**Borough Office closed:** 10

**PA Primary Election:** 28

### MAY

**Council Meetings:** 4 & 18, 7:30pm @ Borough Building

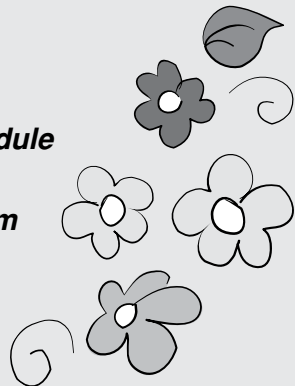
**Refuse:** 7, 14, 21, 28

**Recycling:** 7, 21

**Borough Office closed:** 25

*Please be advised, the public meeting schedule may be altered due to ongoing Coronavirus concerns. Every effort will be made to inform the public of any change.*

*Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.*



## 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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