



December / January 2020-21

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

The Borough of Edgewood would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos about your family, organization, or neighborhood throughout 2020.

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From The Manager's Desk

2021 Parking Permits

New for 2021 is the ability to purchase parking passes online. Due to the pandemic and the desire to modernize borough operations, residents will be able to enter their information and pay for an overnight parking permit online. Permits will be mailed to purchasers thereby eliminating the need to appear in person to buy a permit at the borough building. Resident and visitor parking passes go on sale Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and will cost \$25 each. Borough parking lot passes cost \$60 and spaces at the borough building are \$150 for commercial vehicles and \$240 for recreational vehicles or trailers. Passes can be purchased at <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-parkingpermits>.

Trash collection

Trash collection and recycling services will again be provided by Republic Services. The collection day remains Thursday with recycling being collected every other week. The quarterly collection rate for 2021 will be \$63.12. Due to the changing nature of the recycling market, glass has been removed from the list of recyclable items collected curbside. Residents wishing to continue recycling their glass may do so by depositing it in the glass recycling container in the borough building rear parking lot. Any curbside recycling containers containing glass will not be collected as part of the recycling run. Please contact Republic Services at 1-800-464-2120 with questions regarding collection, billing, or to schedule bulk, e-waste, or household hazardous waste collection.

Shade Tree Committee

The Edgewood Shade Tree Committee is currently seeking new members. The group meets ten times a year for an hour and a half. Due to the pandemic, meetings have been held somewhat less frequently and exclusively via Zoom. For more information please contact Stephanie at 412-244-9126 or email her at: stephanie.marie@gmail.com.

2021 Sewer Rate

In order to continue funding sanitary sewer improvements around the borough, the monthly sewer surcharge will increase from \$4.70/1,000 gallons billed to \$5.70/1,000 gallons billed. The change will appear on the January 2021 billing statement. This increase will cost a family of four approximately \$48 more per year. Anyone needing assistance paying their bill is encouraged to contact the Dollar Energy Fund at 412-431-2800 or www.dollarenergy.org and inquire about ALCOSAN's Clean Water Assistance Fund.

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SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD BUSINESS

Tell us about yourself.

My name is Bhavini Patel. I'm the Cofounder and CEO of Be the Change by beamdata, which is a civic tech startup that exists at the intersection of data and policy. We built Be the Change, a non-partisan and free civic action app that connects people to their state legislators to take meaningful action on issues that matter to their neighborhoods. Be the Change facilitates civic action through issue advocacy, direct outreach to elected officials, and digital community-building.



Bhavini Patel

In addition to being a full-time founder, in 2020 I was appointed to the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Advisory Board and served as a Biden Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. I volunteered on the Boards of local organizations including the Vice Chair of the Edgewood Democratic Committee, University of Pittsburgh MQE Advisory Board, and Civically Inc. I graduated with an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford as a Rotary Global Grant Scholar and a BPhil in International Area Studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

What inspired the idea for Be the Change?

In 2019 I ran for Allegheny County Council in District 8 during a special election. Although I didn't win, I learned a lot from knocking on doors and meeting with people throughout the District. During those conversations, people were talking about all sorts of things ranging from concerns around poor air quality to increases in taxes. I got curious about how elected officials could tune into these community concerns to build better policies and stronger neighborhoods. We see some of these ideas shared on social media platforms such as Nextdoor, Facebook and Twitter but the constructive dialogue often gets lost in the fray of comments that inevitably lead to partisan disagreement. This also leaves little room to engage elected representatives outside of emails and letter writing, which can be cumbersome and time-consuming.

Be the Change streamlines the process of nonpartisan civic dialogue into a two-way conversation between legislators and community members. On the app, people can write a civic-minded post with the options to add a description, stay anonymous and/or include a photo. Then we invite community members to post to the "Community Causes" page. Other neighbors (within a 30 mile radius) can upvote or downvote Community Causes but only legislators can comment.

Where can people create an account on Be the Change or get involved?

Be the Change is available at www.btc.beam-data.com and it can also be downloaded for free on the Apple Store (Android coming soon)! We encourage people to create an account and explore what Community Causes are being shared in their neighborhoods. Often times scrolling through the app can provide insight into what issues people are organizing around. We welcome all feedback. You can reach us at www.beam-data.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDGEWOOD

We hope you found the Spotlight on elected representatives to be interesting and informative. For this edition we will be taking a brief break to prepare for upcoming articles in the New Year. That will include talking to some local businesses to see how they are doing through these complicated times. In the meantime, if you own or work for a local business, and are currently in need of assistance, please visit this Allegheny County webpage for a list of resources, www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Information-for-Specific-Groups/Businesses-Organizations.aspx. To our residents, please consider buying local for your holiday shopping this year to support small businesses, as you are able. If you are still not comfortable shopping or dining in person, many small businesses offer online shopping or you could purchase gift cards to use later. Don't forget to support your local community services as well, such as your local library, Volunteer Fire Department, performing arts centers, studios, etc; again, as you are able. To everyone, we urge you to continue to encourage one another. Check in on those who can't get out, maybe with a phone call, or a card or letter. We're proud of the resilience shown by our neighborhood, and we thank you for making this a great place to be!

POLICE ACTIVITY

PART I CRIMES	AUG	SEP	YTD
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2
Assaults (simple/aggravated)	0	1	3
Burglary	1	0	4
Larceny/theft			0
Shoplifting	0	0	13
Other	3	6	21
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	4
Arson	0	0	0
TOTAL-PART I	4	7	47
PART II CRIMES			
Liquor laws	0	0	0
Vandalism/criminal mischief	1	0	5
Weapons offenses	0	1	3
Sex offenses	0	0	0
Narcotics offenses	0	0	4
DUI	0	0	3
Disorderly conduct	3	4	31
All other offenses	5	3	35
Total-PART II	9	8	81
GRAND TOTAL (P1&P2)	13	15	128
Adult arrests	4	4	40
Juvenile arrests	0	0	5
Total arrests	4	4	45
Incidents/calls	277	261	2332
Animal complaints	0	0	4
Agency assist (Police & Fire)	8	7	51
PART I CRIMES	4	7	47
PART II CRIMES	9	8	81
Domestic complaints	2	1	11
Juvenile contacts/complaints	0	0	3
Miscellaneous reports	220	214	1867
Police reports filed	57	47	465
False alarms	6	3	59
Public nuisance/disturbances	4	4	31
Suspicious person/incidents	7	3	41
Missing person	0	0	0
Medical assists	3	4	28
Traffic related:			
Fatal accidents	0	0	0
Reportable accidents	2	3	15
Non-reportable accidents	7	4	59
Traffic stops conducted	65	48	553
Traffic citations	14	3	188
Non-traffic citations	3	0	7
Parking tags	234	0	729
GRAND TOTAL-ALL CALLS	926	621	6616



Police Report

OVERNIGHT PARKING RULES

A parking permit is needed to park on a public roadway in Edgewood Borough between 3 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking permits can be purchased online at <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-parkingpermits>. Permits purchased online will be mailed to the purchaser. Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize the online purchasing option to limit person to person contact at the borough building. Those who do not have computer access may still purchase a pass at the Edgewood Borough building between 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday.

The cost for a yearly, on street parking pass is \$25. A visitor pass can also be purchased for \$25. To purchase an on street parking permit you must have a valid PA vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

Once you purchase a permit sticker, please adhere it to THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE BACK WINDOW. The permit is to be placed on the OUTSIDE of the window so that it can be visible at night. Most sport utility vehicles are equipped with factory tinted rear windows. Our officers will NOT be able to see your permit if you place it on the inside of your window. This will result in you receiving a parking ticket. Officers check every vehicle in Edgewood Borough and you will receive a parking ticket if your permit is not in the correct location. Once an officer has written a parking ticket and walks up to your vehicle, it is too late if he/she notices a permit or visitors permit lying on the dashboard.

The visitor permit is made to hang on your rear view mirror. Officers understand that there is a small percentage of vehicles that this will not work on. Officers suggest utilizing a rubber band to temporarily attach it to the mirror so that it is visible. Once again, you will receive a parking ticket if the officer does not see a permit on your rear view mirror.

On the parking ticket, there is a box that can be checked that reads, "Prohibited truck parking midnight—6:00A.M." This section refers to commercial vehicles, trailers, and similar equipment. No vehicle may be parked on an Edgewood Borough street that is used in the furtherance of a business. This would be vehicles that have advertising on them, ladder racks, tool boxes, etc. This section also applies to work trailers, recreational type trailers, boats, etc. These types of trailers are not permitted to be left on the roadways or left overnight while still attached to the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding parking permits or about street parking in general, please call 412-242-9994.



Edgewood Recycles

Some basic notes on recycling:

1. **NO GLASS.** Starting January 1, 2021, glass will no longer be accepted in the curbside recycling program. This is due to broken glass contaminating other recyclable materials in the single stream recycling chain. A glass recycling container will be available in January in the rear parking lot of the borough building for residents to drop off glass.
2. **RECYCLE ONLY PLASTICS # 1 and # 2.** New limitations on acceptable materials means #3-#7 are no longer acceptable and will be discarded. Make sure containers are clean, dry, and lids are removed.
3. **DO NOT PLACE RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS.** Bagged recyclables will NOT be recycled. Bags tangle and damage the sorting equipment.
4. **MAKE SURE RECYCLABLES ARE CLEAN AND DRY.** Food material CANNOT be recycled! That means old pizza boxes covered in grease can't be recycled. And make sure that jar of peanut butter has been cleaned and dried before putting it in your blue bin!
5. **RECYCLE ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Just call Republic Services at 1-800-464-2120, email customerfirst4264@republicservices.com, or visit www.RepublicServices.com to set up a collection at your home. You MUST arrange a special pickup for these items, but it's very easy to do! Take advantage of this great program to get rid of your old electronics, batteries, paints, chemicals and other "hard to dispose of" items!



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Santa to tour Edgewood

The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department is helping Santa Claus make his way around the borough to visit all of the kids in Edgewood on Saturday, December 19 between 10 a.m. and noon. Watch out for Santa on your street, you won't miss him on the fire truck.



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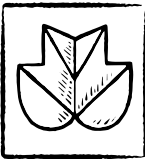
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Edgewood, our safe haven in a year of uncertainty.

It goes without saying that 2020 hasn't gone how any of us planned. We've spent these past months a lot closer to home—walking our tree-lined streets, talking with neighbors, and taking refuge in the peace and beauty of our community.

We at the Edgewood Foundation wish we'd been able to host our 10+ annual events this year; and look forward to coming together again as soon as we can. Funds raised from our events help to fuel the community beautification, education, and cultural endeavors we sponsor each year. This year, we need your help to close the fundraising gap from our canceled events.

Please consider a gift in any amount to help the Edgewood Foundation to come back in full swing in 2021.

Check the mail for our annual appeal letter. **Remember to make your donation no later than December 31 to be eligible for the 2020 tax year.** Your contribution is 100% tax deductible. If you prefer to make your year-end gifts all at once, please make your gift on **December 1 through Give Big Pittsburgh.** On this day, our region invests in the organizations that make us who we are. You can visit the website at givebigpittsburgh.com and search for the **Edgewood Foundation.**

Progressive Dinner 2021

We are all anxiously waiting for those times that we can all be together again! In order to keep Edgewood residents safe the Edgewood Foundation is going to postpone this year's progressive dinner to a to-be-determined date in summer 2021. In the meantime—stay safe and keep your eyes peeled for some new and exciting ways that the Edgewood Foundation will be bringing us together (socially distanced!) this spring.

Edgewood Symphony Orchestra

Virtual Concerts

Your Edgewood Symphony Orchestra has been busy making music the last couple of months for presentation in video concerts available on our website and FaceBook pages. The concerts feature clips from past live events, new (outdoor) recordings of smaller ESO ensembles and many local guest ensembles, videos from home from some of our musicians, and interviews and discussions with Maestro Walter Morales and guest soloists. The concerts can be accessed via links on our website www.edgewoodsymphony.org and our FaceBook page www.facebook.com/edgewoodsymphony. Please help keep the music alive! We hope all our patrons and community members are staying healthy and well and we look forward to seeing you in person again soon.



Members of the ESO string section participate in a recording session for upcoming video concerts.

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

As of August 30, 2020, we have resumed worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. You are invited to sit in the pews from the middle to the back of the Sanctuary. Pews are blocked off accordingly. Social distancing will be in effect. Masks are required; Please do not come if you or someone in your family feels ill, if you are at elevated risk or you have someone at elevated risk in your home; no touching; observe social distancing when moving, standing, sitting; Please do not attend if you have been to another state or country which is on the quarantine recommendation list or you think you may have been exposed to Covid-19. In addition, a record of who attends will be kept and a greeter will take the temperature of all who enter. We will use a thermometer that does not require any contact.



Rev. Anthony Rivera

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to announce Rev. Anthony Rivera as our new pastor at FPCE. Rev. Rivera is originally from New York and received his Master of Divinity degree and Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Rivera has worked as an accountant and has experience teaching in colleges and seminaries. For many years, he was involved in the Office of Admissions at

the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where he started as the Associate Director of Admissions and then served as the Director of Admissions. More recently, Rev. Rivera was the transitional pastor at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church until earlier this year. The congregation members and his colleagues were impressed with his knowledge of scripture, compassion and sincerity. He has been known as a pastor who responds to those in need and loves developing relationships with others. **He began his position at our church on Monday October 19, 2020 and led the worship service on the following Sunday October 25.**

In Christ, **Paul Ochori, Chair Pastor**

Nominating Committee

Tom Ochs

Marcia Haley

Tim Hoffman

Tim McKee

Worship Committee has yet to meet to plan upcoming worship services/Christmas Eve service, etc. Please check the website: www.fpcedgewood.org.

WCM Food Drive

FPCE is helping our neighbor, Wilksburg Community Ministry in collecting food for distribution of their holiday boxes: needs are: boxed stuffing mix, canned turkey or chicken broth, canned green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, yams or sweet potatoes, boxes of corn bread mix, assorted dessert mixes. Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours of Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or

during Sunday worship. If you aren't able to collect food, donations of Giant Eagle gift cards or checks earmarked for WCM food drive would also be appreciated.

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Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

The Troop 23 Christmas Tree Sale will be shortened this year to just one weekend. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020 and from 12 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2020. If any trees remain after the 6th we will be selling the remaining trees from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Come out and pick yourself a great tree while supporting a great cause.

Troop 23 would like to thank everyone who has supported the troop every year by buying a tree. The Scouts use the money raised from the Christmas tree sale to fund their activities during the year. Merry Christmas Edgewood!



NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The Edgewood Shade Tree Committee is currently seeking new members. We meet 10 times a year for an hour and a half. Due to the pandemic, we have been meeting somewhat less frequently and exclusively via Zoom. For more information please contact Stephanie at 412-244-9126 or email her at: ulmer.stephanie.marie@gmail.com



Edgewood Light Up Night
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Please be advised:
due to COVID 19, all activities are subject to date/time changes, postponement, or cancellation.
Check our website, edgewood.pgh.pa.us and our Facebook page,
Edgewood Borough Community Events for updates.

Edgewood Borough is currently in the process of evaluating the best way to continue offering recreational opportunities through the winter. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances, we will not be able to run our normal basketball league at this time. However, we do look forward to providing alternative ways to stay active over the next few months. Updates will be made through social media and our webpage (listed above). Please stay tuned for more details, and thank you for understanding.

SPONSORSHIP If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of Edgewood Youth Sports, visit 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!



School has begun for Woodland Hills Students, and though the format is different, the education continues. The District is teaching primarily remotely, with teachers connecting with students through Google Classroom and associated tools. Students are able to access live instruction and connect with teachers each day, which is a marked difference and improvement from the springtime shutdown. Since school began in August, students and teachers alike have learned to navigate the tools.

The District has made some exceptions to remote learning for students with needs that cannot be served virtually. Those students have returned to school in person, in small groups to ensure appropriate distancing and with necessary protective equipment.

Woodland Hills teachers and staff are working hard, and learning a great deal themselves. Throughout the fall, in sessions leading up to the opening of school and during professional development days since, teachers have been trained on the tools available to them to instruct virtually. With the support of the community, the District has invested in technology upgrades like Chromebooks and WIFI hotspots for students, document cameras for classrooms, and software of varying types to assist students and teachers. All of these tools serve the District well during virtual instruction, but will also be with us for the long term, as the pandemic has moved the technology infrastructure of the District ahead by leaps and bounds. Even after this unusual time ends, that infrastructure will remain an integral part of education in Woodland Hills.

Students, faculty, and staff are adapting in all aspects of school life, including athletics and activities as well as academics. Fall sports are underway, with safety precautions and requirements in place, and student clubs and activities are meeting virtually to begin the year.

The District is planning for a return to school in-person when it is safe to do that. At this time, a date for return is not set.

In addition to the work to ensure that Technology meets the need, the District continues to improve infrastructure throughout buildings as well. Building improvements are more than aesthetic, improving the efficiency of buildings, which will make the District both more environmentally and fiscally responsible, as energy use and utility bills both decrease.

In August, a small and physically distant group met to cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy in Swissvale, which is home to state-of-the-art STEAM spaces, an upgraded media center, a new gym, and classrooms that are fully equipped for education in 2020 and beyond.

Renovations continue at Woodland Hills High School as well. Soon, visitors will see a new entrance, the renovated auditorium, and fresh finishes throughout the building. The project will continue through 2021, but teachers and students will see the benefits in areas of the building throughout that time, as phases are completed and newly renovated classrooms are opened for use. Among those will be modern science labs, spaces for gathering informally, and new furniture throughout. The upgrades include conversion from steam heat to a modern HVAC system, new electrical systems throughout the building, and new plumbing, including updated restrooms.

Outdoor facilities are being improved as well, and the newly renovated soccer and track facility on the High School campus opened for play this fall as well. The new field and track are accompanied by new LED stadium lighting that allows for night games, and, when restrictions are lifted, will allow groups from throughout our region to rent a modern space for play.

Even with the restrictions of this moment, good things are happening in Woodland Hills!

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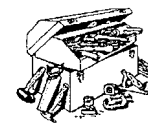


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CCM Forest Hills remains limited to curbside pickup only, 12-6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It will not reopen until approved by the Forest Hills Borough.

Curbside pickup of holds is available at both CCM Edgewood and CCM Forest Hills. We strongly encourage library patrons to take advantage of curbside pickup to reduce in-library traffic. To schedule a curbside pickup, call CCM Edgewood (412-731-0909) or CCM Forest Hills (412-436-2390).

Free Income Tax Preparation

AARP tax experts will be offering free income tax appointments to qualifying individuals at the library in February and March. Space is VERY LIMITED for this program and it will fill up VERY QUICKLY. Appointments are given on a first come, first served basis. Call CCM Edgewood at 412-731-0909 to make an appointment. Appointments open Tuesday, January 2.

Please note: Tax preparation appointments this year will be conducted differently due to COVID-19. Visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org or call CCM Edgewood at 412-731-0909 for details.

Programs & Events

Register for all events (except book clubs) at <http://ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.org>. Our full events calendar can be found at www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Zoom Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

This winter, we're taking storytime online LIVE with a weekly Zoom program. Talk, sing, read, and play along with Ms. Erin on Thursdays at 10:30.

Register at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.org to receive our Zoom link via email. Children of all ages and their caregivers welcome!

Teen Group

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Email Allison at sennotta@einetwork.net for the log in information. We always welcome new teens at group—feel free to pop in and hang out with us!

Teen Book Club

Third Mondays at 4 p.m. on Zoom

Email Allison at sennotta@einetwork.net for the log in information. Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/teen-programs/> for upcoming book selections.

Board Games Online

Every other Saturday starting October 17 at 2 p.m. on Discord & Board Game Arena

See upcoming program dates on the events calendar. Open to adults (18+) of all experience levels.

This program is a collaboration between C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Monroeville Library, Community Library of Allegheny Valley and Carnegie Library of Homestead.

Email Megan at zagorskim@einetwork.net for the Discord server invite.

Conversation Salon

Every other Monday at 10 a.m. on on Zoom or at the Westinghouse Lodge (weather permitting). No registration required

Do you enjoy stimulating conversation? Join us once a month as we gather together to discuss interesting topics and share ideas. Conversation salons are face-to-face discussions among people who are interested in sharing thoughts, information and opinions about the meaningful events of our own experiences, our community and the world at large.

Zoom Meeting ID: 941 3966 4932

Password: 502768

Knitting Group

Second & fourth Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on Zoom. No registration required

Love yarn? Want to knit with others? Join us online for stitching and conversation! The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 204 142 753

Book Clubs

CCM's book clubs are meeting online via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome, no registration required. Visit <https://ccmellorlibrary.org/book-clubs/> for a list of upcoming meeting dates and book selections.

4th Tuesday Book Club

Fourth Tuesdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom

Contact: Erin Pierce, piercee@einetwork.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 935 5373 2498

Password: 56657

Century Book Club

Third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Contact: Megan Zagorski, zagorskim@einetwork.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 874 4205 8168

Passcode: 602439

Originally started to commemorate CCM's centennial in 2018, the Century Book club reads books from each decade of the 20th and 21st centuries in sequence. Past selections have been fiction, nonfiction, drama, short stories, children's literature, science fiction, mysteries, and more

Drop Dead Book Club

First Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Contact: Linda Herward, herward@pitt.edu

Zoom Meeting ID: 564 732 823

Since 2003, the Drop Dead Book Club has read a mystery every month. The atmosphere is informal. The group has a facilitator/record keeper but not a discussion leader. Books are chosen by consensus.

For a complete list of upcoming books and meeting dates, please visit the Drop Dead Book Club website

Gale Presents

Gale Presents: Udemy, now free with your library card!

Gale Presents: Udemy is an online learning platform for adults who want to improve work-related skills or further develop a personal interest. Users can search through more than 4,000 continuously updated, on-demand video courses across 75 categories in business, technology, design, and more. All courses are taught by world-class instructors and offer a tailor-made learning experience for those who want to learn new technologies and skills to stay competitive in a changing workforce.

Visit elibrary.einetwork.net to access Gale Presents: Udemy and all other library digital resources.

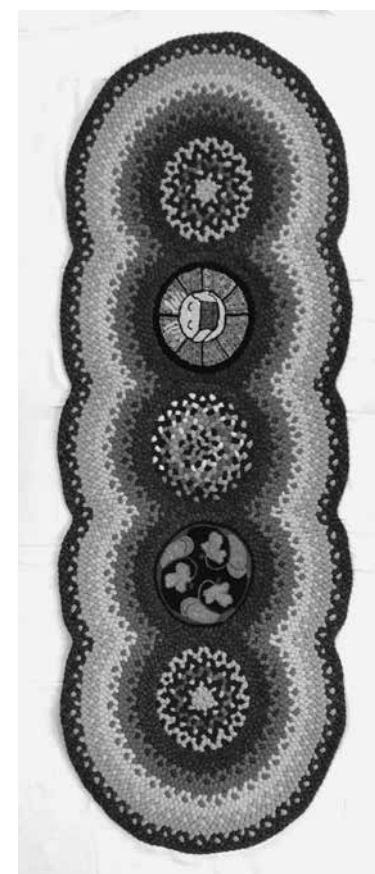
Rugs = Food = Love Project: Rug Raffle Drawing

You could win a unique wool rug, plus donate the proceeds of your rug's drawing tickets to the food bank of your choice.

Some local neighbors have joined forces with Vermont-based non-profit partner, Groundworks Collaborative (<https://groundworksvt.org>), to provide 28 exquisite handmade rugs up for grabs, and to help in the fight against hunger. Over 160 rug hookers and braiders from the US and Canada have volunteered their time to produce these beautiful rugs. Some of the designs include pandemic themed images, as well as other unique styles. You have the chance to make one of them yours by visiting <https://www.accelevents.com/e/rugsfoodlovedrawing> to purchase raffle tickets and apply them to the rug(s) of your choice. Tickets are \$5 for one, and are discounted when purchasing multiples. The lucky winners will be chosen on December 14th, at 5pm, and be notified via email immediately after the drawing takes place. Each winner will also get to select the food bank that they wish to support and proceeds will be divided amongst the chosen food banks. **Rugs will ship in January. Donations for shipping will be gratefully accepted.**

If you'd like to learn more about the Rugs = Food = Love Project, please visit <https://www.valleyforgerugbraidingguild.org> and navigate to "RFL Project" on the menu, or email rugs.food.love@gmail.com.

For questions relating to the raffle, please call Christine at 412-592-5433.



LUMINARIA

In keeping with its annual tradition the Edgewood Fire Department is pleased to make luminaria available to Borough residents. The lighting of the luminaria at curbside brings back memories of a time when nearly every home in Edgewood participated in this wonderful event. Again, this year the tradition takes on added significance as we use the event to remember friends, family and our military personnel who are not able to make it home for the holidays.

As in the past, we ask that the luminaria be lit at approximately 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. If you purchase your kit(s) from the Fire Department you will receive 10 paper bags, 10 candles and approximately 10 pounds of sand. Please keep in mind that the luminaria should be placed 3 to 5 feet apart so you may need more than one kit. If you have questions please call 412-242-9994.

Kits are once again \$10.00 each. Checks should be made payable to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Dept. During December you may also purchase kits at the Borough Building Monday through Friday until 9 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon if you prefer.

All The Best of the Holiday Season!

Luminaria Order Form

Enclosed is \$_____ to purchase _____ kit(s).

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Eagle Scout Project to Benefit the Community of Edgewood, PA



My name is Edward Lockman and I am a senior at Central Catholic High School and a Life Scout with Boy Scouts of America Troop 23. I need your assistance in helping me to build a 12-foot octagonal handicapped accessible Gazebo with benches, Walkway and Landscaping at Memorial Park, so that the residents and veterans can enjoy them.



Edward Lockman

The cost of materials for the Gazebo, plants and bricks for the walkway is over \$15,000. Please help achieve this goal by February 1, 2021 by visiting my gofundme page: <https://gf.me/u/y8sr5g>

And/or, ordering personalized, engraved bricks to be used to pave a walkway to the new gazebo. Your engraved inscription must follow the following directions. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. The bricks can be engraved with upper or lowercase letters.

You can order a 4"x 8" brick with up to 3 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$50.

You can order an 8" x 8" brick with up to 6 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$125.00

Please return information and your check payable to:

Edward Lockman
327 Sarah Street
East McKeesport, PA 15035

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount paid _____

Thank you for your generosity in helping this special project that benefits the Edgewood Community. I appreciate your support with my Eagle Scout Project!

To learn more about my project please visit my YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/kc2uvaAJvqc>

If you know anyone that would like to support my efforts, please share the information with them. Questions: Please email: noreenlockman@yahoo.com or call/text: 724-920-4281.



CHRISTMAS TREES
EDGEWOOD BOY SCOUTS
KOENIG FIELD
GREENDALE & RACE STS.

Koenig Field, Edgewood
Saturday, December 5
8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday, December 6
12-6 p.m.

Advertising and Publishing Requests

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CALENDAR at a glance...

DECEMBER

Parking Passes: 1

Council Meetings: 7 & 21, 7:30 p.m. 12/7 meeting @ borough building, 12/21 meeting held virtually.

Refuse: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Recycling: 3, 17, 31.

There is no trash service delay in December. Refuse will be collected on 12/24 and 12/31.

Light Up Edgewood: 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. www.facebook.com/edgewoodfoundation for details.

Borough Administration Office closed: 12/25 – 12/31



JANUARY

Council Meetings: 4 & 19* 7:30 p.m.; held virtually via GoTo-Meeting

Refuse: 7, 14, 21, 28

Recycling: 14, 28

Borough Office closed: 1, 18

**Denotes holiday*

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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2 Race Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

OR....drop off at the borough building.
Email: newsletter@edgewoodboro.com
If you have any questions call: 412-242-4824.



Borough Directory

Borough Office Information

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone 412-242-4824

Fax..... 412-242-4027

Website:..... www.edgewoodboro.com

Mailing address: Two Race Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Borough Manager

Rob Zahorchak 412-242-4824

Email:..... manager@edgewoodboro.com

Public Works..... 412-242-8424, ext. 4

Code Enforcement

Lee Miller 412-242-4824, ext. 2

Email:..... inspections@edgewoodboro.com

Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Recreation

Abigail Ault..... 412-242-4824, ext. 3

Tax Office

Jordan Tax Service 724-731-2311

Wage Taxes

Keystone Collections 724-978-0300

Police and Fire

Emergency 911

Police Chief

Robert C. Payne 412-242-4824, ext. 112

Email:..... policechief@edgewoodboro.com

Fire Chief

Jared Amos..... 412-242-9994

Email:..... firechief@edgewoodboro.com

Garbage Collection & Recycling Collection

Republic Services..... 1-800-464-2120

Newsletter Editor 412-242-4824

Email:..... newsletter@edgewoodboro.com

A note from the real estate tax collector...

Any unpaid 2020 Edgewood Borough real estate tax is due at penalty and will be turned over the delinquent tax collector the end of December. Please have your payments sent to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. by December 31st to avoid any additional penalties. Checks should be made out to Borough of Edgewood.

The 2020 Woodland Hills School tax is also due at penalty unless you are paying in installments. The first installment had to be made by October 31!! The second installment is due by January 31, 2021 and the final installment due March 31, 2021. Checks should be made out to Woodland Hills School District.

All Real Estate payments should be mailed to Jordan Tax Service, Inc., 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317.





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