

# EDGEWOOD

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

## 2024 Budget Highlights

The general fund budget represents an important directive for the operations of the Borough for the coming year. Borough staff and council members created the 2024 budget with a focus on meeting expenses without raising taxes. Economic uncertainty coupled with rising inflation and materials costs heavily influenced spending decisions. The approved and balanced general fund budget for 2024 is \$3,952,342. This is a decrease of 2% (\$76,445) from the approved 2023 budget of \$4,028,787.

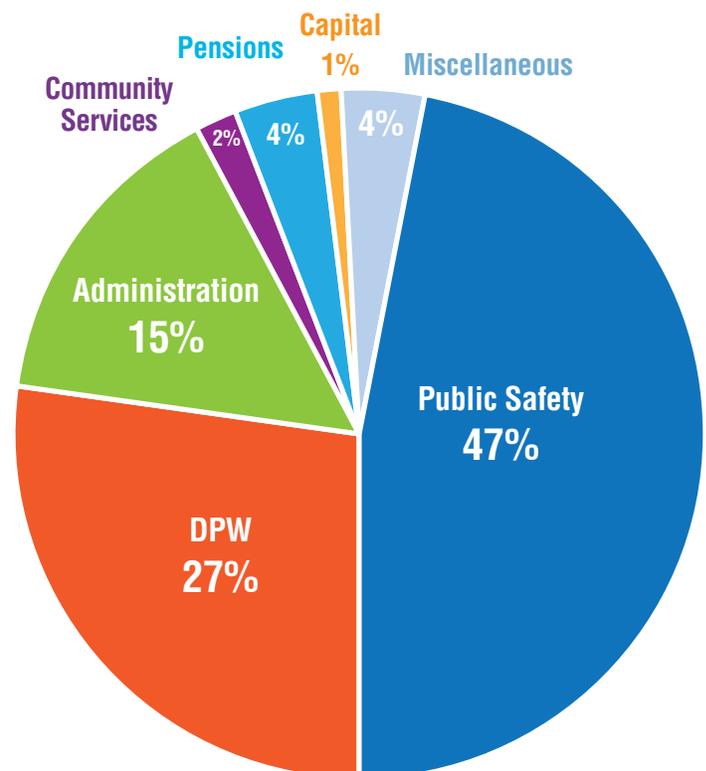
A draft 2024 budget was prepared by the borough manager and reviewed by the general government committee throughout September and October of 2023. A budget meeting was held on November 18, 2023 where borough council reviewed several versions of the 2024 budget. Council approved a balanced budget that held property taxes steady at 7.185 mills on December 4, 2023. The borough's property tax rate remains unchanged since 2016. Property taxes are the largest revenue source (47%) for the Borough and are projected to generate \$1,883,960 in 2024. One mill generates approximately \$262,300 in revenue. On average, a home owner will pay about \$803 in property taxes to Allegheny County, \$1,218 in property taxes to the borough and \$4,495 to Woodland Hills School District.

The second largest revenue source is the Earned Income Tax. This is a 1% tax on gross wages, net profits and other

income earned by Borough residents. The 1% tax is split between the Borough (0.5%) and the School District (0.5%). Current and delinquent earned income tax revenue in 2024 is expected to be \$735,000. Earned income tax revenue represents approximately 19% of the borough's revenue. Fees, state allocations, grants and other taxes constitute the remaining 34% of the borough's anticipated 2024 revenue.

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## 2024 APPROVED GENERAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



# 2024 Budget Highlights Continued from page 1

As with every year, borough council made several difficult spending decisions in this budget. Increases in health care costs, liability and workers compensation premiums, and raw materials reduced expenditures in other categories. Council held funding to CC Mellor Library steady from 2023 to 2024 committing to \$44,000 donation for operations. Donations to the library have steadily risen from \$38,500 in 2020 and account for 1% of all borough expenditures. Funding in the amount of \$144,000 was allocated for replacement of the Garland Street to Koenig Field staircase. The borough received a \$362,000 grant to complete the project. Council also allocated \$10,000 to replace borough street trees.

The \$1.57 million police department accounts for 40% of total general fund expenditures. The 2024 budget covers wages and benefits for ten full time police officers and police chief. Just over 1% of the budget is discretionary and those extra funds were applied towards additional officer trainings, technology upgrades, and future capital expenses. The department will receive a new police vehicle this year since council elected to skip replacing a vehicle last year due to cost constraints.

The \$835,500 public works department accounts for 21% of total general fund expenditures. The 2024 allocation includes a \$400,000 road paving program and wages and benefits for four employees. The borough will purchase 300 tons of rock salt under a statewide cooperative purchasing contract totaling \$25,700. Council also approved a capital transfer of \$30,000 for equipment replacement.

The borough's general fund pension obligations in 2024 amount to \$155,000. The Borough is required by state law to contribute this amount to its police and non-uniform pensions to maintain their long-term viability. The borough satisfied all of its general fund debt at the end of 2023 and is now debt-free.

The borough owes approximately \$52,000 on 20-year loans taken out in 2005 to fund major sanitary sewer repairs on Race Street. Annual payments of \$28,800 against these loans are made from the borough's \$1.6 million sewer fund. The primary source of revenue for this fund is the surcharge levied by the borough on every 1,000 gallons of water a resident consumes. The revenue raised by this surcharge can only be applied to expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the borough's sanitary sewer system. Council approved increasing the 2021 surcharge from \$4.70 to \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons used to offset maintenance costs and system upgrades.

Overall, the 2024 budget addresses the borough's immediate and near-term needs without raising taxes. It also funds vital capital projects and maintains savings for future projects without borrowing.

To view the full 2023 budget visit <http://www.edgewoodboro.com/edgewood-annual-budget.htm>.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

### Spigolo on 100 Maple Avenue

**W**e spoke to Jessica George, co-owner of the new coffee shop that will be opening at the corner of Maple Avenue and Edgewood Avenue. The name will be *Spigolo* (pronounced 'spee-go-low'), which, befitting the location, is Italian for 'corner' or 'edge.' Due to the size of the building, inside the shop will be primarily a "grab and go" concept. For those who prefer to linger a bit there will be some indoor seating available. Part of the space outside will be used for patio seating, including a walk up/take-out window for as much of the year as weather allows. The owners plan to make this a pup friendly stop, which should make for a nice break on walks with both human and canine friends.

We asked what type of things will be on the menu. Ms. George responded, "to start, our menu will be classic coffee shop offerings—espresso and espresso drinks, as well as drip coffee, tea and juices. Also, lots of breakfast pastries and sweet treats from other local and delicious small businesses...we intend to have all house made syrups and flavorings. Within the first year, we will add a scratch lunch menu and focus on light, fresh fare, sandwiches and salads. Hopefully we'll have something for everybody."

Both Jessica and her partner Ben have experience in the restaurant industry. Jessica is a chef and Ben has worked as a restaurant and bar manager. Ben has spent the past few years managing a coffee shop and has a particular interest in coffee. They've both dreamed of owning their own food/beverage business and are excited to make this dream a reality. We asked Jessica how she chose this location. As long-time Edgewood residents they have walked by the space often. They had heard rumors of the old repair shop becoming a coffee shop, so when they saw the 'for lease' sign outside of the building they jumped at the chance to finally bring this opportunity to the community.

There is not an official opening date yet, but they are hoping to be ready sometime in May. Ms. George noted that so far the progress is going well. They will reveal their opening plans a little closer to the event, so stay tuned! Once they are established, they have some ideas they would like to bring to the space like "grilling evenings, food trucks in the parking lot, coffee tastings, and ice cream pop ups."

When we asked what she likes about being in Edgewood, Ms. George replied, "Edgewood has been such a great community to live in. I've been here for 18 years now and love where I live. There's a sense of small town community but it still feels attached to the city in a natural way. The one thing Edgewood is missing is a proper, walkable business district on the east side of the train tracks. The Regent Square business district is so great, but it's time for something in the Edgewood/Swissvale Ave corridor. There are some great little businesses along that stretch, Rescue and Relax Cat Lounge and Thai Terrace to name two. We'd love to see that trend continue and more small businesses to move into the area. We're so happy to be a part of it!"

We're very excited to welcome Spigolo to the neighborhood!





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## From The Manager's Desk



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Borough council seeks volunteers interested in serving on planning commission, the zoning hearing board, and the civil service commission. Please submit a letter of interest to [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com) if interested and to learn more about each position.

### Single Use Plastic Bag Prohibition

Effective March 1, 2024, commercial establishments within the borough are prohibited from providing single use plastic bags to customers at the point of sale for the purpose of carrying away purchased goods. Commercial establishments must provide either a recycled paper bag, reusable cloth or reusable polypropylene bags. Commercial establishments are also required to allow customers to use their own reusable bag.



### Winter Weather Reminders

- Property owners are responsible for keeping their sidewalks free and clear of any ice and snow. Please clear your sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall.
- Please do not throw, cast, or plow snow into the public street. This creates a hazard for motorists and undermines the work of our public works department.
- When shoveling your driveway, stockpile the snow on the left side of your driveway opening when looking at your home from the street. This way the plow truck pushes the snow past your driveway rather than back into it.
- Do your part and be a good neighbor by checking in on the elderly and helping them keep their sidewalks clear.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks and curb in a condition free of cracks, holes or other unsafe conditions like unevenness. As the temperature warms and spring nears, please take a moment to inspect your sidewalk and plan to have it repaired or replaced if it shows signs of deterioration.



## EDGEWOOD RECYCLES

### COLLECTION DAY IS MONDAY

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. 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.

Republic Services has stationed a large blue dumpster in the parking lot behind the Edgewood Borough building (2 Race Street), for items to be dropped off at residents' convenience. This bin is for GLASS COLLECTION ONLY and is located next to the paper collection bins.

All items should be placed loose in a recycling bin. Do not place any recyclables in plastic bags! Bags of recyclables will be treated as refuse and land-filled. Please keep all plastic bags out of the recycling stream.

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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## Upcoming Edgewood Symphony Concerts

Join the Edgewood Symphony for an exciting night of French music. Highlighting the program is Pittsburgh Symphony harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen performing Camille Saint-Saens' Morceau de Concert for Harp and Orchestra. Also featured are works by Augusta Holmes and Lili Boulanger. And, for the first time, the ESO performs Claude Debussy's La Mer. The concert will be March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC in Squirrel Hill.

The final concert of the season will take place at the JCC on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Sandro Leal-Santiestaban will perform the Brahms Violin Concerto and the ESO will take on The Rite of Spring!

Tickets for both concerts may be purchased at the door or in advance at [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).

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### Schedule

- 6 p.m. Appetizers with groups of approximately 50 people
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with groups of 8-12 people
- 9 p.m. Dessert & Cocktails with the entire group

**Tickets:** Adults (21+) \$45 per person

Event and ticket information can be found on the Upcoming Events page of our website: [www.edgewoodfoundation.org](http://www.edgewoodfoundation.org)



## 2024 EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, February 24, 6-11 p.m. \$45 per person  
 RSVP by February 16.

Please choose your top 2 choices: (Only one will be assigned for the event)

1. Provide salad/bread for 12 guests
2. Host an appetizer party for 45 guests
3. Provide appetizers for 30-40 guests
4. Host a dinner for 8-12 guests
5. Provide dessert for 30-40 guests

We will contact you with your appetizer location and job verification one week in advance.

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN FORM/CHECK to 2 RACE STREET, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 (Borough Building).

All guests must be age 21 or over to attend.



## SAVE THE DATE!!! Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for our annual spring Egg Hunt at Koenig Field, Saturday, March 23 (Rain date will be Sunday, March 24) at 1 p.m. Bring your own bag or basket to collect treats and prizes. All kids are welcome to come and enjoy our FREE Easter Tradition!

Participating kids will be grouped into three age ranges, as follows:

- Toddlers (1-2) – Tennis/Pickleball Court\*
- Little Kids (3-6) – Field A\*\*
- Big Kids (7+) – Field B\*\*



\*The eggs for the Toddler hunt will be EMPTY due to age appropriateness of candy/toys in filled eggs. Soft prizes will be available for Toddler participants following the hunt.

\*\*The Little Kids/Big Kids hunts will take place side by side on the field, with a divider in the middle. This is to allow for a more fair opportunity for all ages to collect eggs.

All participants should arrive by 1 p.m. Toddlers will be given a head start, starting at 1 p.m. Everyone else will start a few minutes later. We ask that parents/guardians please ensure proper supervision, especially of younger children.



## Edgewood VFD Coffee Fundraiser

For all of those parents/guardians who need a pick-me-up after the Egg Hunt, coffee will be available for purchase from the Edgewood VFD. All proceeds benefit the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Good Friday** • March 29

## Easter Sunday, Communion

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## EDGEWOOD RECREATION

### Tee-ball/Softball

Registration for Tee-ball and Softball are open Monday, March 25 until Friday, May 3. These sports play at Koenig Field in June and July. You do not need to be an Edgewood Resident to play. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; however, bats, balls, gloves, and helmets will be available to use.

The registration fee is \$50, and can be accessed with the link below. This link can also be found on our website, [Edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://Edgewood.pgh.pa.us) and on our Facebook page: Edgewood Borough Community Events. <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/416094>.

We're always looking for volunteers! This can range from helping on the field, to providing drinks or organizing snacks. Please let us know how you can help through the registration form.

### Tee-ball *Girls and boys ages 4-7*

Children should be 4 as of June 1st. This sport will meet twice weekly; days and times are TBD. Cleats may be worn, but are not necessary. Shirts and caps will be provided.

### Softball *Girls and boys ages 7-13*

This sport meets twice each week. Kids are encouraged to arrive early for warm-ups and batting practice. Participants should wear sturdy athletic shoes or cleats. Shirts will be provided. "Spring Training" takes place during the first 2 weeks, with an additional practice.

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!

### Koenig Field Reservations

Groups or individuals engaged in an organized (i.e. leagues, social clubs, amateur associations, etc) sporting activity are required to apply for and receive a field use permit. Individuals or groups wanting dedicated tennis or pickleball court time are encouraged to reserve their desired space to ensure access. Establishing a field use permit system ensures that field space is available for both groups and individuals to maximize recreational opportunities while ensuring equity amongst all users.

Scheduling preference will be given to Edgewood residents and then to other leagues, groups, clubs and associations. All facilities are open to the public unless otherwise reserved for organized use. The public may use all other parts of Koenig Field at any time that are not reserved for organized play.

A fee schedule has been created, in order to best manage regular upkeep and maintenance on borough facilities. Fees may be waived by Edgewood Borough Council on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be given at the discretion of the borough in instances of bad weather where playing during or immediately after could damage the field, or if the borough unilaterally cancels a reservation.

Location	1 hour rental	3 hour rental
Field A.....	\$30.....	\$45
Field B.....	\$30.....	\$45
Triangle.....	\$15.....	\$25
Tennis or Pickleball.....	\$10.....	\$15

Reservation forms are available on our website, [edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us), or they can be requested by emailing [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com).



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## A Note from the Shade Tree Committee

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Calling all artists under 18!  
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See this issues's submission featured on back cover.

## Boy Scout Troop 23/ Cub Scout Pack 23

Thanks to everyone who came out and bought their tree from Edgewood Scout Troop 23/Cub Scout Pack 23!

### Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 welcomes the Easter Bunny to Koenig Field! Immediately following the borough Egg Hunt, get your photo with the Easter Bunny. Donations support scouting in Edgewood.

### Boy Scout Troop 23

Scouting (Troop 23) is open to boys ages 11 through 18. If you're interested in learning more, please stop by one of our meetings. We meet Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Cub Scout Pack 23

Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 is always welcoming new members to join the fun! Meetings are Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. For more information, email [edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com](mailto:edgewoodcubscoutpack23@gmail.com), call 412-223-7645, or check out Edgewood Cub Scout Pack 23 on Facebook. Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.



## Woodland Hills Spring Musical—“Wonderland”

Production is ramping up on Woodland Hills’ spring musical, and this year’s show comes with a twist. “Wonderland” will hit the stage April 25-27 and May 2-4 in the Thomas G. Crone Auditorium. The box office opens March 7 in the main lobby of the high school, as well as at [whhs.ludus.com](http://whhs.ludus.com). “Wonderland” is a pilot production, as Woodland Hills is one of two



schools in the entire country that will be performing the show for the first time at the high school level. “Wonderland” is a reimagining of the classic “Alice in Wonderland,” and it has been changed considerably since it first debuted on Broadway. The show is being presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about this unique opportunity for the Woodland Hills Performing Arts Department.

“Wonderland” follows up on the junior musical production of “Annie,”

which wowed audiences in early January. The show, which included students from Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy and underclassmen at the high school, featured Evabelle Rinsema and Adore McFadden in the titular role of the 11-year-old orphan, Richard Master as Oliver Warbucks, Noelle Brubaker as Grace Farrell, and Olivia Safran and Jae Saunders shared the roles of Miss Hannigan and Sophie. Luke DeVore played Rooster Hannigan, Delaney Cass and Cameron Peretti played the role of Lily St. Regis, while Ruslan Connelly and Elijah Pittler performed as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and dogcatchers. Annie’s fellow orphans included Thea Wilk as Molly, Jordin Burgh as Pepper, Elizabeth Ansell as Duffy, Peyton Sarafis as July, Amiyah Holeman as Tessie, Caroline Elston as Kate, Elizabeth Ketcham as a featured orphan, and Kymaura Edmondson as a featured orphan and Cecille.

## Project SEEKS SES

Thanks to support from Project SEEKS SES—a grant partnership between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Allegheny County Department of Health—the Woodland Hills School District is installing a Calming Room at Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy. The room follows the concept of the Resiliency Room at Woodland Hills High School. Equipped with dim lighting, beanbag chairs and a variety of activities to help a student calm down, the district is thrilled to provide its youngest learners a safe, calming space in times of need. “The students can come to that room and take a break from the everyday stressors that they’re dealing with,” said Pamela White, the district’s Director of Administrative Services and WHOA Coordinator. “A lot of our students deal with trauma, and we want to give them a safe space to take as much time as they need.” A Calming Room was also recently installed at Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy.

## Mother-Daughter VEX Robotics Club

Woodland Hills has launched a new robotics club at the newly opened Rankin Community Center specifically geared toward young girls.

The Mother-Daughter VEX Robotics Club meets twice a month and allows for fourth and fifth grade girls in the district to work with their mothers as they work with VEX Robotics kits and learn more about STEM education. Approximately 20 students and their mothers are participating in the club, and they spend the bulk of the meeting



time with their hands on one of the VEX kits. They follow instructions to build a robotic vehicle, then put the vehicle through a series of tests, including an obstacle course, using a coding program on a tablet.

STEM education principles encourage improved communication, encourages creative thinking and development of unique ideas, and enhances students’ ability to solve problems and troubleshoot issues. The mother-daughter club will continue into to meet into the spring. Woodland Hills is also developing other STEM opportunities for students through the VEX Robotics curriculum, including a middle school club that meets weekly and a competitive robotics team.



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This spring, we're thrilled to present an array of events and programs catering to every age group and interest. And, of course, don't forget to explore our extensive collection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks for the perfect companion during this season of growth.

**Here's a peek at some of our events this spring:**

- **Representative Salisbury at CCM Forest Hills**—A constituent services representative from Abigail Salisbury's staff will be hosting office hours at CC Mellor Forest Hills on Thursday, February 22 from 2-4 p.m. Bring your questions and concerns!
- **Mario Party**—Wahoo! Drop in the library for a real-life Mario Party on March 16 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.! We'll have games, crafts, challenges, and more to match your favorite levels and mini games!
- **Teen Night**—Calling all Teens! Come help solve a murder mystery at the CCM Forest Hills on March 22 from 5-7 p.m. Bring your imagination and appetite, we will be having pizza while we solve crimes.
- **Medicare 101**—This free educational class on Saturday, March 23 from 1:30-3 p.m. at CCM Forest Hills will cover how and when to enroll, working past 65 and delaying Part B, what Medicare does & does not cover, your expected costs, and much, much more!

We will continue offering our full slate of programming through the spring with programs including Family Storytime, Baby Talk, Pajama Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Makerspace Mondays, Teen Group, Tween Club, Dungeons and Dragons Clubs for teens and adults, and our adult book clubs and Social Hour at CCM Forest Hills.

*Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ccmellorlibrary and check our website for the latest events and news!*



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## Seeking Applicants for 2023 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, that recognize our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. Two Mel Douglass Scholarships, each worth \$10,000, are available. In addition, a number of \$1,500 honorable mention scholarships are also available. This unique program, available only to Edgewood residents, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The mission of this scholarship program is to benefit Edgewood students while honoring the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass. 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 Mel passed in a 1994 airplane accident, he 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, started and sustained by a group of Mel's Edgewood High School friends, has awarded scholarships annually since 2008. Over the years, Edgewood students have earned 18 Mel Douglass Scholarships and 77 honorable mention scholarships. Most of these recipients have graduated from college, are leading rewarding lives, and continuing to serve others.

The scholarships are presented each spring at the Edgewood Foundation's Senior Brunch. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply. Over the years, more than 75% of applicants have been awarded scholarships. To apply, please send the following information by March 31 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to [freydk@gmail.com](mailto:freydk@gmail.com):

- Your name, address, email address, and telephone number.
- 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. This will be the only time before the March 31 deadline that this information will appear in the newsletter. You can also find an application form at [meldouglassfund.org](http://meldouglassfund.org). If you have questions or would like to donate to the Mel Douglass Fund, please contact Dallas Frey at [freydk@gmail.com](mailto:freydk@gmail.com) or 412-726-1286.

## Advertising and Publishing Requests

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## CALENDAR *at a glance...*

### FEBRUARY

**Council Meetings:** 5 & 20\*, 7:30 pm; at Borough Building

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

**Recycling:** 5, 19

**Borough Office Closed:** 19

**Edgewood Foundation's Progressive Dinner:** 24

\*Changed due to holiday

### MARCH

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

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

**Recycling:** 4, 18

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 23 (rain date 24)

**Borough Office Closed:** 29

### APRIL

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

**Refuse:** 1, 6, 15, 22, 29

**Recycling:** 1, 15, 29

## 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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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](http://www.edgewoodboro.com)

Mailing address: ..... Two Race Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### Borough Manager

Rob Zahorchak..... 412-242-4824

Email:..... [manager@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:manager@edgewoodboro.com)

**Public Works**..... 412-242-8424, ext. 220

### Code Enforcement

Dave Naylor..... 412-242-4824, ext. 219

Email:..... [inspections@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:inspections@edgewoodboro.com)

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

### Recreation

Abigail Ault..... 412-242-4824, ext. 217

### Tax Office

Jordan Tax Service ..... 724-731-2311

### Wage Taxes

Keystone Collections..... 724-978-0300

### Police and Fire

Emergency ..... 911

### Police Chief

Robert Payne..... 412-242-4824, ext. 221

Email:..... [policechief@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:policechief@edgewoodboro.com)

### Fire Chief

Ben Reynolds (acting) ..... 412-242-9994

Email:..... [firechief@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:firechief@edgewoodboro.com)

### Garbage Collection & Recycling Collection

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

**Newsletter Editor** ..... 412-242-4824

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## A note from the real estate tax collector...

The 2023 unpaid Borough of Edgewood real estate taxes were turned over to Jordan Tax Service for delinquent collections. The 2024 borough millage rate remains unchanged at 7.185 mills. The 2024 borough taxes shall be mailed out on April 1st. ***If for any reason you need to update your mailing address, please contact Jordan Tax Service, Inc. at 724-731-2300 and also the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at 412-350-4100 to ensure receipt of your tax bill.***

The 2023 unpaid Woodland Hills School District real estate taxes have been turned over to Jordan Tax Service, Inc. for delinquent collections unless you have selected the Installment Option. The second installment payment was due January 31, 2024 and the final payment is due March 31, 2024.

*Please call Jordan Tax Service with any questions, 724-731-2300*

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# Easter Egg Hunt SATURDAY, MARCH 23

*See page 6 for more information.*



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March 23rd at 1 PM  
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Easter Egg Hunt  
Fundraiser supports  
Edgewood scouting

\*\*Rain date, March 24 at 1PM

