

# **BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH**

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Dear Resident,

Here is some information that we hope you find useful.  
Be sure to mark your calendar with important dates.

## **POLLING PLACE: EDGEWORTH CLUB**

Voting will again take place at The Edgeworth Club, 511 East Drive. The Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 21 from 7AM - 8 PM**. The Edgeworth Club is closed on Tuesdays and off-street parking is available. The facility is handicapped accessible.

## **SPRING LEAF COLLECTION**

The curb-side Leaf Collection Program gets underway the **first two weeks of April**. Weather permitting; it is our goal to have all of the leaves picked up within two weeks. Leaves that are not put out for collection by **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** will have to be bagged until the fall. Observe the following rules:

- 1. If at all possible, place leaves along the street line or in the curb lawn NOT on the pavement. Placing leaves on the street can cause sewer back-ups and entice children to play in the leaves in the street which creates a dangerous situation.**
- 2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings, grass OR FOREIGN OBJECTS in with the leaves since this COULD EASILY CAUSE AN INJURY to the equipment operator, CLOG OR DAMAGE the leaf collection machine and slow down the entire operation. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection and brush will be disposed of with the Borough's brush chipper on a routine basis.**

## **COCHRAN HOSE COMPANY FUNDRAISING DRIVE**

The Cochran Hose Company of Sewickley provides fire protection for Edgeworth residents and businesses. This Volunteer Fire Department, founded in 1876, is made up of 40 active members – several of whom are Edgeworth residents. In addition to Edgeworth, the Fire Department serves Sewickley, Glen Osborne and Haysville. Although your tax dollars are used to support the department's operating and capital expenditures, there are a number of training, educational, youth and other programs/activities that are conducted which are not financed by tax money. Cochran Hose conducts an annual fund raising drive in May of each year to support these efforts and each Edgeworth resident and business will receive a solicitation letter. The Borough is very pleased with the excellent service being provided by the Cochran Hose Company and encourages residents to contribute if at all possible.

## **AUTOMATED PAYMENT OF SEWER & WATER BILLS**

Residents are reminded that both the Edgeworth Municipal Authority (water) and the Leetsdale Municipal Authority (sewer) have the ability to accept electronic payments. This is a convenient way to pay your bill especially if you are out of town for an extended period. Call EMA at 412-741-5100 or LMA at 724-266-4063 for details.

## **ALLEGHENY COUNTY PROPERTY RE-ASSESSMENT**

There have been a number of questions about the Borough property tax rate for 2013. According to the State Anti-Windfall law, the Borough must set a real estate tax millage rate that is revenue neutral, that is, yield no more than the total amount of property tax revenue collected in 2012. As recently as March 1, 2013, the total assessed value for the Borough increased by 35 % overall from \$281 million to \$380 million. This figure changes from week to week depending on the outcomes of property tax appeals. Taxing bodies must lower their millage rates accordingly. As of now, it appears the millage rate will be lowered from 5.4 mills to something slightly above 4 mills. A property owner whose assessment rose less than the final average increase will see a lower tax bill in 2013 and higher than average assessments will see an increase in taxes. For financial planning and budgeting purposes, to roughly estimate your Borough tax bill, perform the following calculation: multiply .004 (4 mills) times the assessed value of your property. For example,  $.004 \times \$441,000$  (median assessed value of an Edgeworth residential property) = \$1,764. Borough Council will set the exact rate at least 10 days before the tax bills are mailed which will be May 15, 2013. There is a two (2%) percent discount for payments received by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **TREE TRIMMING**

Duquesne Light Company plans to perform scheduled tree pruning maintenance for the electric utility lines in the Borough. Trees are a major contributor to power outages and therefore must be addressed. Duquesne Light needs to achieve the necessary clearance between trees and electric lines as well as address trees that could potentially fail and cause a service interruption.

The work will be done by Davey Tree Service, who will follow the industry's best management practices. Davey Tree and Duquesne Light recognize the importance of shade trees and are very aware of the ecological interests of the Borough and its residents. Edgeworth Borough utilizes the services of Urban Forestry Consultants, Inc. Certified arborist Robert Crusan will work hand in hand with Duquesne Light and Davey Tree Service to accomplish these tasks. If you would like to discuss line clearance or tree removal near your property, please contact the Borough Manager, who will have Mr. Crusan and/or Davey Tree Service contact you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **GARBAGE COLLECTION – MEMORIAL DAY WEEK**

Weekly garbage collection will be take place one day late during Memorial Day week. Collection will take place on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> rather than Wednesday.

## **RECYCLING**

Please flatten boxes when placing cardboard into the dumpsters. Boxes that are not flattened take up a lot of space and your tax dollars are wasted when the dumpster needs to be hauled away and emptied when it is not filled to capacity.

Don't drive anymore or need help hauling your recyclables? Call Todd Brown 412-741-9091. For a small fee he can pick up your materials and drop off at the Borough's Recycling Center.

## **ALERTNow**

Keeping you informed is a top priority. The Borough has a system to send telephone and/or e-mail messages to multiple contacts in your household. In the event of an emergency, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be provided important information immediately by phone and/or e-mail to multiple contacts.



## **RECYCLING DAY**

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments and its member municipalities of Aleppo, Avalon, Bell Acres, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Edgeworth, Emsworth, Glen Osborne, Glenfield, Haysville, Kilbuck, Leet, Leetsdale and Sewickley will be sponsoring a Recycling Day **on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** **Avalon Borough** will be hosting the Recycling Day, which will be located at the parking lot of the Public Works Garage at the **intersection of Frederick Street and New Brighton Road**. Only residents from the above mentioned municipalities will be able to partake in the Recycling Day and ID (Driver's license or voter's registration) will be required. **No commercial establishments will be permitted to participate in this Recycling Day.**

### **The following items will be accepted:**

- Oil (brought in some type container)
- Lead/acid batteries from cars, motorcycles and boats.
- Passenger and Light Truck tires \$2.00, **NO RIMS** (not to exceed 18 inches)

### **NO LARGE TRUCK TIRES OR OFF THE ROAD TIRES**

### **Paint: Latex and Oil Based only (no aerosol cans)**

- **5 Gallon Bucket: \$3.50**
- **1 Gallon Can or smaller: \$1.00**

### **Computer and Electronic Related Items, No Charge**

- Computer Equipment: desktops, laptops, server towers and racks, and networking switches
  - LCD and CRT Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Keyboards and Mouse
  - Televisions
  - Fax Machines, UPS single battery, Analog Telephone Systems/components, Stereo/Boom Box, Large Speakers (pair), DVD, VCR, Tvio, Cable Box, DVR and Small Appliances such as Can Openers & Toasters, Cell Phones, PDA's and Gaming Systems
- There will be a \$10.00 Charge for Hard Drive Data Destruction (will be secured and destroyed later)**

### **Document Shredding (Documents will be accepted by The Paper Exchange, secured and shred later that day)**

- \$5.00 per box of documents with dimensions of 18" x 10" x 11" or smaller

### **Freon Appliances**

- \$15.00 per appliance for Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Wine Coolers and Water Coolers

### **Reusable Building Materials items that will be accepted:**

- Cabinets – Plumbing Fixtures
- Windows in their frames - (No broken glass and no aluminum storm windows)
- Doors – (No broken glass and no rotted or split wood)
- Lumber (no individual pieces shorter than 4 ft., no areas that are rotted or stained with oil, grease or dirt and **no nails**)
- Tiles (**new and in sealed boxes**) - Hardware - Hardwood Flooring - Counter Tops
- Insulation - Shingles/Siding - Light Fixtures
- Furniture (**not upholstered**)

### **Unacceptable Materials**

- Old, out of code electrical products
- Non-Freon large appliances
- Items with exposed lead paint
- Items that are missing major parts (like cabinets without the doors)
- Asbestos Siding & Tiles

**The Quaker Valley COG reserves the right to refuse any items considered unacceptable.** Residents having any questions concerning the above information can contact John Jakiela at the Quaker Valley COG at (412) 766-7458.