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Spring / Summer 2013

Dear Resident,

Here is some news that may be of interest to you. Mark your calendar with the important dates and be sure to enjoy the rest of the beautiful Spring Season here in Edgeworth!

2013 PROPERTY TAX RATE

Borough Council plans to set the millage rate for 2013 at the regular meeting of May 21st at 7:30 PM. The Borough's tax rate must be revenue neutral and yield no more than the property tax revenue collected in 2012 in compliance with the State's Anti-Windfall Law. For the past nine years (2004-2012), the millage rate has not increased and has remained at 5.4 mills. The following illustrates how this year's property tax millage rate will be calculated.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Assessed Value	\$280,195,530	\$ value @ 5/21/13
Millage rate	x <u>0.00540</u>	x <u>??????</u>
Tax Revenue @ face value	\$ 1,513,056	\$ 1,513,056

Normally tax bills would be mailed in mid-May. This year because of the tremendous number of tax assessment appeals, the constantly changing total assessed value and the need to equalize the millage rate, tax bills will be in the mail by June 1st with the discount of 2% for payments made by August 1st. Unless there is some significant change in the total assessed value within the next week or so, we anticipate the tax rate will be somewhere between 4.1 and 4.2 mills.

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

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

Need a hand hauling materials to the recycling center? Contact Todd Brown 412-741-9091 or email: toddbrownhauling@gmail.com.

LEAF COMPOST

Did you ever wonder what happens to all those leaves that you rake out to the curb each fall? Edgeworth has a huge supply of leaf matter that has decomposed into rich, black compost which is an excellent soil conditioner. Many of our residents work it into their gardens to enrich the soil. If you are interested in receiving a load of compost let the Borough Manager know.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Edgeworth's Chestnut Road Parklet, adjacent to the Borough Building and across from Edgeworth School, will soon be the site a "Little Free Library". The motto of the Little Free Library is "Take a Book – Return a Book". For her senior project, Quaker Valley High School student, Mia Fox, has initiated and constructed a community book exchange as a way to share good things to read – favorite books from your childhood or books you would recommend to friends, books that teach, intrigue and engage you. Residents can help by keeping the weatherproof, wooden bird house style box which will contain several dozen books stocked with good reading material. There are over 7,000 of these worldwide and this is one of the first in Western PA. For more information, go to www.littlefreelibrary.org.

ROAD RESURFACING

Sections of the following streets will be resurfaced this summer:

- Chestnut Road – across from Edgeworth School
- Church Lane – Maple to the end
- Maple Lane – Chestnut toward Edgeworth
- Meadow Lane – Hazel toward Orchard
- Meadow Lane - Quaker toward Orchard
- Pine Road – Chestnut to Mitchell
- Quaker Road – Pine toward Rt. 65
- Shields Lane – Beaver to Maple
- Woodland Road – Chestnut toward Poia

Part of the existing pavement will first be removed by milling it down to accommodate the new asphalt overlay. East Coast Paving, Inc. of New Castle is the Borough's contractor. Residents will be advised as to the exact timetable as soon as it is finalized. There will be temporary traffic and parking restrictions. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

FOURTH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

Mark your calendar for the annual Independence Day bike parade. Decorate your bike in patriotic colors if you want and cruise around town with family, friends and neighbors in our neighborhood parade led by the Edgeworth Police and Cochran Hose Company escort. Please assemble at the Edgeworth School by 9:45 AM on Thursday, July 4th. Last year there was a great turn out and we are looking forward to again continuing this fun holiday tradition! For any inquiries, contact Borough Councilwoman Carrie Duffield at cduffield@comcast.net.

ILLICIT DISCHARGES

What is an illicit discharge? Any discharge to a storm sewer that is not composed entirely of storm water. Storm sewers collect water from outside our homes and carry it untreated, directly to our creeks and rivers. Storm sewers are not designed to accept, process, or discharge non-storm water wastes such as fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, yard debris, oil or grease from a car, etc. The result is untreated discharges that contribute high levels of pollutants, including heavy metals, toxics, oil and grease, solvents, nutrients, viruses, and bacteria to receiving water bodies. Pollutant levels from these illicit discharges have been shown in many studies to be high enough to significantly degrade water quality and threaten aquatic, wildlife and human health. Avoid dumping these wastes into a storm drain.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING

Edgeworth Borough is able to regulate door to door soliciting with the exception of political and religious canvassing. The vast majority of residents have signed a "No Soliciting Form" which is kept on file with the Edgeworth Police. When a sales person is granted a soliciting permit – they are now provided with a list of only about 90 residents who have not signed the "No Soliciting Form". If you want to be on the no soliciting list – please complete the form below and return it to the Police Dept.

NOTICE

To: Chief John English and the Edgeworth Police Department

This is to inform you that we/I do not wish to have any person, at any time, enter our premises at _____ in the Borough of Edgeworth; in the event such person is engaged in canvassing or soliciting for commercial purposes within the meaning of Borough Ordinance No. 499.

This notice shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me/us in writing.

Thank you,