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## Winter 2013

Dear Edgeworth Resident,

Here is some pre-holiday news that may be of interest to you. Please save the enclosed 2014 Rubbish and Recycling Collection Fact Sheet and Schedule so you'll know when garbage collection is delayed a day due to a major holiday. Have a wonderful holiday season!

## LEAF COLLECTION

It will soon be time for our Public Works Department to convert its equipment from leaf removal to snow removal and salting. We realize that there are leaf piles that still need removed, but residents need to have their yards raked by Sunday, **December 8th** and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up. We will make one more pass along each street after December 8th, weather permitting. The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk in the spring for a two week period beginning **April 2014**. In between these times, leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management Company's regular pick-up on Wednesdays.

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be a one day delay in the regular Wednesday garbage collection schedule this year since Christmas and New Year's both fall on a Wednesday. **Collection will take place on Thursday, December 26, 2013 and Thursday, January 2, 2014.** Due to the large volume of trash generated at this time of year, it often takes more than one day to complete collection of the entire Borough especially the week after Christmas. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated and remember not to put your trash out at the street too early during the holiday season. The upcoming holidays in January and February (Martin Luther King Day and President's Day) are not are not days off for the Borough's waste management contractor and collection will be as usual during these weeks.

## TREES

This past year a large number of shade trees (approximately 100 trees) along Borough Streets were removed or are in the process of being removed by residents after it was determined by the Borough arborist they were defective and a public safety hazard. Some of the trees removed were ash trees that were infested with the emerald ash borer. These trees were either dead or dying and beyond any type of treatment. A majority of mature maple trees along Maple Lane and several other streets are in various stages of decline.

When shade trees gradually lose their vigor and display pale green or yellow leaves, undersized leaves, poor growth, early leaf drop, early fall color and die back of twigs and branches, it is referred to as tree “decline”. In most cases, once the symptoms of tree decline begin, it is difficult to stop or reverse the progression.

Trees recommended for removal have one or more defects that cannot be remedied. Such defects include extensive trunk decay, and/or severely decayed or weakened limbs or branch unions not suitable for a support system. Also, extensive root decay or damage, or severe leans. Trees recommended for removal have a high probability of failure and pose a threat to public safety.

Some things you should know about shade trees in Edgeworth Borough:

- The Borough is responsible for trimming trees in the public right of way (located along the edge of the road) – this year the Borough spent about \$30,000 – removing deadwood and limbs, etc. This is normally done during the winter months.
- Property owners are responsible for the cost of removing dangerous trees whether they are located in the public right of way or on private property. In order to guarantee that we continue to have an attractive tree canopy along our streets, the Borough will remove the stump and plant a new shade tree in its place. We install water gator bags on new trees and ask residents to water the trees during dry periods.
- The Borough plants new shade trees in the public right of way each year. We normally budget \$25,000 per year for new tree plantings. We work with property owners to make sure they want a tree in front of their homes and that it is an appropriate one for the specific location – taking into consideration size of the curb lawn, neighboring trees and buildings, and location of both overhead and underground utility lines.
- Many of us love trees and it’s one of the things that makes Edgeworth attractive. In order to enjoy the benefits from living close to trees, we must accept that there are potential risks and disruptions that need to be dealt with. The surface roots of trees planted near sidewalks will raise or crack a sidewalk after a number of years. Edgeworth is a “walking community”, in order to eliminate trip hazards, the sidewalk slabs near trees often require replacement. Tree roots will sometimes invade sewer lines. Tree roots will not penetrate structurally sound pipes. There must be an opening for the roots to enter. Generally, the joints have dislodged or there is decomposition of the pipe. So, if there are tree roots in a sewer line, it’s not the trees fault.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting the community’s shade tree program.

## **RECYCLING STUDY**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Borough has been asked by some residents to consider going to curbside pickup of recyclables. We are trying to find a way to gauge whether there is enough resident interest in weekly curbside collection as an additional option to the drop off center. Here are some things you should know about the drop off system versus the curbside system.

- Some residents do not have easy access to main street frontage and would still have to use the drop off system
- Large pieces of cardboard cannot be put out at the curb – cardboard needs cut up to 14” x 14” maximum size
- Large cardboard and recyclables could still be taken to the drop off center
- Residents using curbside would be required to purchase plastic recycle containers from the Borough- approximate cost \$10- \$25 each – various sizes available
- Offering curbside in addition to drop off will cost more Borough tax dollars.

We will keep you posted as the study progresses.

### **ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER**

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### **EDGEWORTH EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND**

In appreciation of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff), Mayor Wayne T. Murphy reminds any residents wishing to contribute to the “**Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund**” to either mail their checks to the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143, or drop them off at the Borough Building. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



*Happy Holidays from all of us  
at the Borough Building!*

