

# BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH

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Dear Residents,

It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner! Here is some timely news and information that you may find useful. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the Borough Office. Enjoy the summer!

### Corporal Tim Marshall set to Retire

Edgeworth Borough will say good bye to one of our long-time police officers this summer, Corporal Tim Marshall. Tim was sworn in as an Edgeworth Police Officer on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1985, and has served faithfully ever since. Through Tim's 31 years of service with the Borough, he has accumulated countless hours of extra training, including becoming the firearms instructor for the department. Tim is certified as a Pennsylvania State Truck Inspector, and is considered to be an expert in court. New residents will remember Tim as the officer who would knock on their door with a big smile on his face, welcoming them to Edgeworth with a lot of information. As a testament to his service in the Borough, Tim was promoted to the rank of Corporal in November of 2011, and his last official day serving the residents of the Borough will be July 11th.



A retirement celebration has been planned for Corporal Marshall on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Anthony Jr's restaurant in Coraopolis. Anyone interested in attending may purchase a ticket at the police department. The cost of a ticket will be \$20.00.

### 2016 Roadway Improvement Program

In an effort to maintain the roads and infrastructure in the Borough, Borough Council has entered into an agreement with El Grande Industries to perform work this summer which will include resurfacing roads, installing handicapped accessible sidewalk ramps and repairing catch basins. The following streets will see resurfacing work this summer:

- **Creek Dr. between Crossing and Paving Joint near East Dr.**
- **Church Ln. between Beaver and Oliver Rd.**
- **Meadow Ln. between Quaker Rd. and Chestnut Rd.**
- **Chestnut Rd. between Woodland Rd. and just past Riverview Rd.**

- **Orchard Ln. between Rt. 65 and Elm Ln.**
- **Beaver Rd. – Bridge Deck near Little Sewickley Creek Rd.**
- **East Dr. between Academy Ave. and paving joint near Edgeworth Club**
- **Quaker Rd. between house 208 and house 218 (Eastbound Lane Only)**

Part of the existing pavement surface will first be removed by milling it down to accommodate the new asphalt overlay. Residents will be notified by El Grande Industries of specific dates for milling and paving. Work on the sidewalk ramps should begin in mid-June. 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 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 Elementary School by **10 AM on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Last year there was a great turn out and we are looking forward to continuing this fun holiday tradition! For any inquiries, please contact the Borough Office.

### **Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule**

There will be two weeks this summer that the normal garbage and curbside recycling collection by Waste Management will change. Please mark your calendars with the following two dates. First, the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, garbage and recycling will be collected on **THURSDAY JULY 7<sup>th</sup>**. Second, the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>, garbage and recycling will be collected on **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**. These changes are due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day holidays.

### **Sidewalk Maintenance Program**

Edgeworth Borough will continue this year with the sidewalk maintenance program. Edgeworth prides itself on being a walking community with safe, and well maintained sidewalks. An important part of this is replacing sidewalk slabs that are deteriorating or pads that have shifted causing tripping hazards. Defective slabs will be marked with spray paint and repair notices will be sent out to the property owners during the early summer. Sidewalk repairs are the responsibility of the abutting property owner. In order to assist property owners who may not wish to make their own arrangements, the Borough will have a qualified contractor who would be capable of performing the work.

## **Sidewalk Maintenance (*Continued*)**

Another important aspect of sidewalk maintenance is ensuring that your sidewalk is free of obstructions. Bushes should be neatly trimmed and not extend over the sidewalk. Any plants, limbs or other obstructions that extend over the sidewalk are unsafe and not permitted. Please do your part to help keep the Edgeworth sidewalks safe and beautiful for all residents to enjoy!

## **Tax Collection Information**

For your convenience, a representative from Jordan Tax Service will come to the Borough Building on the following two dates if you wish to make your real estate tax payment in person.

*Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until noon (Borough Real Estate Tax)*

*Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. (School District Tax)*

## **Tree Branch and Brush Chipping**

For the convenience of the residents, the Borough Public Works Crew will chip brush and limbs that are placed at the curbside. Normal brush collection takes place on Monday and Friday each week throughout the year. Tree branches must be cut into lengths of not more than five (5) feet long, and no larger than six (6) inches in diameter so that one worker can lift and move the branch. Large trees and limbs should be removed by a private tree service company. No root balls will be collected; they must be removed before the brush can be chipped. Also, do not place dirt or other yard waste at the curb because it will not be collected. Please remember in the fall and spring to separate your brush pile from your leaf pile as well.

## **Welcome Patrick Conners!**

With the retirement in March of Marty McDaniel and the promotion of John Schwend, the position of Administrative Assistant opened in the Borough, and Mr. Patrick Conners has been selected to fill that position. A native of Rostraver Township, Patrick began as the Administrative Assistant for the Borough in March of 2016. He recently obtained his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh (April 2016) and prior to that obtained a dual-degree from California University of Pennsylvania in History and Political Science (December 2013). Throughout college Patrick worked at a local RadioShack and held various internship positions, including working as the Community

Development Intern for North Fayette Township during the summer of 2015. Patrick is an avid Pittsburgh sports fan and food adventurer. He enjoys traveling to different cities to support his favorite teams and sample local cuisines. Patrick hopes to one day be a Borough Manager in the Western Pennsylvania Region and is excited to start his career in local government right here in the Borough of Edgeworth! Stop by the Borough Office to meet Patrick, and if he can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact him by phone or email as well.

### **What is Stormwater?**

Stormwater is water runoff from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what are referred to as storm sewers or catch basins. These are the drains that you see on various street corners or at low points throughout the Borough. Collectively, the draining water is called stormwater runoff.

Stormwater is an ever-growing issue here in Western Pennsylvania and across the country. "When it rains it drains." Pollutants and stormwater-runoff enter our waterways such as Little Sewickley Creek and the Ohio River daily. Oftentimes the most effective way to combat the polluting of our cherished waterways is to look at the source of the pollutants. The residents of Edgeworth can take simple steps to help combat the negative effects of stormwater runoff. For example, by washing your vehicle in your yard as opposed to your driveway, the detergents expounded during the washing process can be absorbed more effectively through the soil. Planting shrubs and trees in your yard can also help absorb excess stormwater more effectively than an open yard. One Maple tree can absorb up to 1,000 gallons of stormwater every year. All residents and visitors should never dispose of materials and fluids in Borough Stormwater catch basins. Remember, what goes in the catch basins ultimately ends up in our local rivers and waterways. Small steps that we make every day can help ensure that we have clean, safe, and sustainable water sources today as well as for future generations to come!

### **Leaf Compost Available**

Did you ever wonder what happens to all those leaves that you rake out to the curb each fall? Edgeworth has a supply of leaf compost that has decomposed into rich, black soil conditioner. Many of our residents are reusing the compost for summer garden projects. If you are interested in receiving a load of compost, please call the Borough Office to arrange delivery!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**