



## BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH

301 BEAVER ROAD  
EDGEWORTH, PENNSYLVANIA 15143  
(412) 741-2866 / FAX (412) 741-6998  
[www.edgeworthborough.org](http://www.edgeworthborough.org)

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Joseph T. Hoepp  
President  
David T. Aloe  
Carrie A. Duffield  
Ivan T. Hofmann  
Gregory J. Marlovits  
Daniel S. Wilson

### **MAYOR**

Gary L. Smith

### **OFFICIALS**

John F. Schwend  
Manager, Sec./Treas.  
Philip J. Weis  
Solicitor

Spring 2017

Dear Residents,

After a mild winter it may feel like it's been spring for a while, but as the calendar has turned to March the season is officially upon us! 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. Remember, April showers bring May flowers!

### **Mayor Murphy Resigns**

After twelve years of service to the Borough of Edgeworth, Mayor Wayne Murphy has made the difficult decision to resign from his post as Mayor. Mayor Murphy succeeded Mayor McGinnis in 2005 and has cherished the opportunity to serve the residents of the Borough over the past decade. Mayor Murphy stated that one of his favorite aspects of serving the Borough was to be there to listen to residents' concerns and to be a role model for children in the community. We send the Mayor well wishes and hope for happiness and prosperity in this next chapter of his life. Thank you, Mayor Murphy!

### **A New Mayor, yet a Familiar Face**

On February 21, 2017 Dr. Gary Smith was appointed to fulfill the remaining term of outgoing Mayor Wayne Murphy. Dr. Smith, a lifelong resident of the Borough, has served on Edgeworth Borough Council since 1992 and held the title of Vice President of Borough Council since October 16, 2012. Public service is in Mayor Smith's roots. His father, Edmund Smith served on Borough Council from 1972-1979. Prior to serving on Borough Council Dr. Smith served on the Zoning Hearing Board and served as Chairman on the Edgeworth Board of Health. Dr. Smith is looking forward to this new opportunity and hopes to follow the leadership demonstrated by outgoing Mayor Murphy. Edgeworth is excited to welcome Mayor Smith!

### **Primary Election**

Believe it or not, it's almost election time again! The Municipal Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 16th from 7AM to 8 PM at The Edgeworth Club, 511 East Drive. The Edgeworth Club offers off-street parking and is handicapped accessible.

## **New Storm Sewer Plaques**

Have you noticed the new plaques on various storm sewers throughout the Borough? If so, you may have seen the concise and simple message that they



convey, “No Dumping, Drains to River”. This simple message demonstrates how interconnected our infrastructure in the Borough and across the region truly is. Every drop of rain water and runoff that enters these inlets or storm sewers will eventually find its way into water sources such as the Ohio River and Little Sewickley Creek. This is why it is essential that residents be aware and vigilant in regards to what finds its way into the storm

sewers. If anyone observes illicit substances such as rubbish, grass clippings, paint, vehicular fluids etc. entering our community’s storm sewers please contact the Borough Office.

## **Recycling and Garbage Collection Times**

Edgeworth Borough along with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has agreed to a new five year contract with Waste Management that will continue through 2021. Waste Management has highlighted the need for residents in the Borough to have both their recycling and garbage cans ready for pickup at 7 a.m. every Wednesday. It is important to have your cans ready by this time every week because it is hard to predict when a garbage route may change. New drivers, truck repairs, and the weather can all affect the time that your refuse and recycling gets picked up. By ensuring that the cans are out by 7a.m., you will always have your garbage and recycling ready before the first Waste Management trucks enter the Borough. As an early reminder, regular Wednesday garbage collection will be delayed until Thursday for the week of Memorial Day.



## **Edgeworth Leaf Compost**

As spring approaches and gardens and yards are prepared for the coming months we would like to remind interested residents that the Borough has an abundance of leaf compost is available. Edgeworth has a supply of leaf compost that has decomposed into rich, black soil conditioner. Many residents reuse this compost for summertime projects. If you are interested in receiving a load of compost, please call the Borough Office to arrange delivery!

## **E- Newsletter Sign Up**

In an effort to reach our residents through a variety of platforms, Edgeworth Borough is continuing to encourage residents to sign up for our Electronic E-Newsletter. Residents who sign up for this service will be sent a digital copy of the Borough's quarterly newsletter and will be able to read them anywhere at any time on their mobile devices and home computers. This edition of the newsletter will feature photographs and other illustrations that are not feasible for the printed edition. This effort will cut back on the use of paper, ink, and postage which will lighten our environmental impact and ensure that taxpayer dollars are allocated as efficiently and effectively as possible. In order to sign up for this edition please visit the Borough website and enter in the appropriate information on the homepage. For those who prefer the paper version of the newsletter no action should be taken, we will continue to send you this edition.

## **Spring Leaf Collection**

Weather permitting, the curb-side Leaf Collection Program will begin **the first full week of April**. It is our goal to have the leaves picked up within two weeks - by Friday, April 14th. Leaves that are not put out for collection will have to be bagged until the fall. Please observe the following rules:

1. If at all possible, place leaves along the street line or in the curb lawn NOT on the pavement.
2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings, grass, root balls, clumps of dirt or FOREIGN OBJECTS with the leaves since this could cause a serious injury and will 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. Leaves that are mixed with brush/grass will not be collected.

## **A Message from the Police**

The Edgeworth Borough Police Department would like to remind all Edgeworth residents to ensure that their vehicle doors and are locked at all times. Although we live in a very safe community, it is always a good idea to keep doors to homes and vehicles locked as an extra precaution. Valuable items should be kept out of sight and locked away. Do not make it easy for perpetrators!

## **Quaker Valley COG Recycle Event**

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments will be hosting a recycling event for the first time since 2015. This event is scheduled to occur June 24, 2017 and will be held at the Quaker Valley High School. Items that can be dropped off at the event for a fee include televisions, computer monitors, tires, shredded paper, and other general electronics. Further information regarding the event time will be announced in the summer 2017 newsletter and on the Borough Website. Please contact the Borough office with any questions regarding the event.

## **Sidewalk Repair Program**

In the past, many residents have taken advantage of the Borough's sidewalk repair program to have their defective walkways reconstructed. However, as times passes, there are a number of walk ways around the Borough which have become dangerous for pedestrians. Repair notices will be sent out to property owners in the coming months as well as information regarding options for repair. If repair work is not completed in a timely manner by the property owner, the Borough is authorized to have the work done and may lien for the cost of reconstruction as well as legal costs that may be filed against the property. Interest can accrue on this amount and the property cannot be sold until the lien is satisfied. It is an unpleasant process but is necessary to keep the sidewalks in a safe condition. If you receive a notice in the mail or have any questions regarding the program please contact the Borough office.

## **Soil and Stormwater**

Soil and stormwater may seem like an unlikely match but they are integral parts in the cycle that supplies all of us with a fresh and reliable source of water. Did you know that for every twelve inches of soil beneath our feet five inches consist of air? That's right, only 58 percent of the topsoil beneath us is compacted material! The physical consistency of natural top soil acts as a natural sponge which allows stormwater a place to go while it makes its way back into the water table. This is precisely the reason why the Borough and most other municipalities regulate the amount of impervious or impenetrable surfaces (i.e. patios, housing additions, etc.) that each property is allowed to have. More surface coverage equates to less area for excess stormwater to pass through, which can lead to runoff and flooding in our neighborhood.

## **Edgeworth Recognizes National Library Week**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> 2017, Edgeworth Borough Council accepted a proclamation which recognizes April 9-15 as National Library Week in the Borough of Edgeworth. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Institutions such as the Sewickley Public Library are community treasures and deserve recognition as such. Edgeworth Borough encourages you to visit, interact with, and support a local library during National Library Week!

