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Dear Residents,

The kids have returned to school, and the temperatures are beginning to cool! I hope that you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer before the beautiful fall season is upon us in Edgeworth! Please mark your calendars with some of the important dates below, and feel free to contact the Borough Office at any time with questions or if we can be of assistance!

MONDAY OCTOBER 31st EDGEWORTH HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Be ready for our little “Trick or Treaters” going door-to-door on *Monday evening October 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM* The Police Department advises motorists to use extreme caution during these times. Parents are reminded to dress their children in light colored or reflective clothing. A parent or an older child should accompany young children during trick or treat.

2016 Election Information

As many already know, Election Day is drawing near. Tuesday, November 8 will be our nation’s 58th General Election. Edgeworth residents may cast their ballots at the Edgeworth Club at 511 East Drive. Residents may vote between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Residents who would like information regarding absentee ballots may contact the Borough Office or visit fvap.gov for detailed information.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in mid- October. Weather permitting, it is our goal to have the leaves picked up by Christmas. Please rake your yard by *December 9th* or advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. Since Public Works must convert the equipment for winter snow plowing and salting, leaves will not be collected again until the spring of 2017. Please observe the following rules:

1. If at all possible, place leaves along the street line or in the area next to the curb, 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. This creates a dangerous situation.

2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings or grass in with the leaves since this will clog the leaf collection machine and slow down the entire operation. Do not put foreign objects in the leaf pile as this could damage the equipment and even cause a serious injury. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection. Brush will be disposed of with the Borough's brush chipper on a routine basis.

Meet our new Edgeworth Patrol Officer – Nick Adrian

Newly hired full-time Edgeworth Patrol Officer Nicholas Adrian grew up in Bethel Park Pennsylvania. While in high school Nick spent much of his time playing ice hockey and also was on the drumline. While he was in high school, Nick decided he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement after witnessing the community based policing in his hometown. After receiving his Act 120 certification from the Allegheny County Police Academy and an associate's degree from Pennsylvania Technical Institute, Nick began his career in law enforcement. Prior to being hired in Edgeworth, Nick also worked for the Conway and Leetsdale Police Departments for the last 2.5 years. While working in Edgeworth, Nick hopes to build upon the already strong community ties that the Edgeworth Police Department has with its residents. He also hopes to reach out to children within the Borough in order to instill trust, and develop a partnership between the department and residents for generations to come. In his spare time, Nick is an avid fisherman and also can be found at the ski slopes or catching a Pirate's game at PNC Park.

Clear and Safe Sidewalks are Important to the Community!

Fall is an excellent time to enjoy the beautiful tree lined neighborhoods in Edgeworth. Whether walking the dog, pushing a stroller or just out for an afternoon walk, the safest place for all pedestrians to walk is along the sidewalks where possible. In an effort to keep sidewalks clear and free from obstructions, the Borough office will be notifying residents who have obstructions along their sidewalks this fall. Obstructions can include low hanging tree branches, shrubs that have over grown the walk way, or tall flowers and plants that droop out over the sidewalk. All of these obstructions push the pedestrian traffic into the road, which creates an unsafe condition! 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!

A Website Reset

As you may have noticed, our Borough website has undergone an update. Administrative Assistant Patrick Conners has been hard at work with our website provider to create a fresh new look, with an emphasis on easy access to important information. The update highlights our Borough's storied history along with the services that we offer our residents. Both the Edgeworth Police and Public Works Departments will have their own pages that highlight recent events and news from the respective departments. Residents can also find more information regarding their local and state elected officials, stormwater management, and even the current weather! Residents are encouraged to use the website as a roadmap for all Borough business and services. We hope for the website to be an ever-evolving resource for Borough residents to remain connected with their government.

Collecting all Email Addresses!

The Borough Office is collecting resident email addresses in an attempt to provide news and information electronically through our reverse 911 system and through conventional mail. While we will still be sending out paper quarterly newsletters, we encourage residents to sign up for our electronic version of the newsletter. We are pursuing more responsive, adaptive, and sustainable methods of communication that will work for all Borough residents. Examples of information that could be sent via email include road closures, weather alerts, and event notifications. Anyone interested can sign up on the Borough website, at the Borough Building with the Police Dispatcher, or by simply calling the Borough office at 412-741-2866.

Political Signs – Where can they go?

During election campaigns, political signs are permitted on private property. However, they are not permitted on public property or along the public street right-of-way, and they will be removed if placed there. The street right-of-way is the area normally between the curb and the sidewalk. Signs placed in private yards may be no larger than sixteen (16) square feet.

Volunteer Needed

Currently there is a vacancy on the Building Code Board of Appeals, and Borough Council is looking for an interested resident to fill the void! A member of the building code of appeals must meet the following criteria:

“A member of the board of appeals shall be qualified by training and experience to pass on matters pertaining to building construction. Training and experience may consist of licensure as an architect or engineer, experience in the construction industry and training or experience as an inspector or plan reviewer.”

Interested volunteers should contact the Borough Manager for more information.

Stormwater, More Than Meets the Eye!

Have you ever wondered where runoff from rain and melted snow goes? While virtually all surface water ends up in streams, lakes and groundwater aquifers, a large portion must flow through storm sewer networks to reach its final destination.

An Extensive Network

Storm sewers are all around us and can be seen on many Edgeworth streets. This network is comprised mainly of inlets, pipes, and outfalls. Storm sewer networks can easily be contaminated by the illegal dumping of used motor oil, gasoline, paint, household chemicals, grass clippings, and even raw sewage! These contaminants can then enter our surface and groundwater resources, polluting our drinking water, rivers and creeks. *With your help, we can put an end to storm water pollution in Edgeworth!*

How Does the System Work?

As mentioned earlier, storm sewer systems consist of inlets and outfalls. Inlets can be spotted on many streets in Edgeworth. Inlets are points where runoff enters the storm sewer network. Many times, inlets can be blocked by leaves, yard waste and litter. An inlet's structure can also deteriorate over time, leading to roadway and automobile damage. If you see an inlet that needs cleaned or repaired, please call Edgeworth Borough at 412-741-2866. Remember, never dump oil, paint, grass clippings, leaves, household chemicals or any other liquids into an inlet!

An outfall is the point where runoff collected within a storm sewer system exits the network and enters a body of water, such as a stream, pond or lake. An outfall can be the end of a storm sewer pipe, an open swale (ditch) that carries water to a natural stream or a combination of both. Each year, the Edgeworth Borough Public Works Department inspects outfalls to detect for water contamination. Please do your part, be vigilant and never dump hazardous liquids into the storm sewer network.

Together We Can Do It!

Ensuring clean waterways for our residents today as well as for future generations is of utmost importance for Edgeworth. Working together we can ensure that our community combats the harmful effects of stormwater runoff, thus protecting bodies of water like Little Sewickley Creek and the Ohio River. If you see any illicit discharges, illegal dumping, or question the condition of our storm sewer infrastructure, alert us! Also, residents can keep up to date with news regarding stormwater by visiting the Borough website.

HAVE A GREAT FALL!