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Fall 2017

Dear Residents,

The summer nights are growing shorter and the Friday night lights of fall are beginning to shine. Pumpkin spice will soon be in cups and leaves will shortly begin to descend. Here is some timely news and information that you may find useful to prepare for autumn. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the Borough Office.

### Edgeworth Borough Trick or Treat

Be ready for our little “Trick or Treaters” going door-to-door on Tuesday 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 events.

### Recognizing “Abby & Dave” Upon Their Retirement

Edgeworth Borough is proud to recognize Robert “Abby” Abercrombie and David Trocki for their combined 52 years as members of the Public Works Department and their service to our community. Both men have been staples in Edgeworth and have helped make our town the welcoming and resident focused community it is today. We wish both Dave and Abby the very best during this next chapter of their lives.



### 2017 Municipal Election Information

As a reminder, the 2017 Pennsylvania Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017. Edgeworth residents may cast their ballots at the Edgeworth Club at 511 East Drive. Residents may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Residents who would like information regarding absentee ballots may contact the Borough Office or visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for detailed information.



# VOTE!



## **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.

## **Fall Leaf Collection**

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in mid-October, weather permitting.

It is our goal to have all leaves placed at the curb collected by mid-December. Please have your leaves ready for collection by December 8th or advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. After this date the Public Works Department must convert the equipment for winter snow plowing and salting, and leaves will not be collected again until the spring of 2018 (weather permitting). Please observe the following rules:

- *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.*
- *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.*

## **Volunteers for Boards and Positions**

The Borough of Edgeworth is continuing to collect resumes and credentials for residents who are interested in volunteering for various Boards and Commissions within the Borough. Interested residents may inquire by visiting the Borough Office, by phone at 412-741-2866, or by email at [office@edgeworthborough.org](mailto:office@edgeworthborough.org). These openings provide a great opportunity for residents looking to become involved in their local government and to serve the community that they call home.



## **Rain Gardens and Bio-retention**

A rain garden, otherwise known as a bio-retention area, is a shallow depression that can hold stormwater runoff. Rain gardens consist of native vegetation which helps filter pollution from stormwater runoff before it can re-enter water sources such as Little Sewickley Creek or the Ohio River. As stormwater gathers in the depression, it infiltrates deep into the soil which allows vegetation to use the excess water through a process known as evapotranspiration. The deep and dense root systems of perennial vegetation increases the amount of water that is retained when compared to the shallow root systems of common lawn grasses. When a large storm event occurs, the rain garden may overflow. In such an event, stormwater runoff is still filtered through the vegetation, which in turn removes undesired pollutants. When landscaping your property, consider installing a rain garden to help keep local water sources clean and sustainable.



## **Red Cross Volunteers Needed**

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers for the Quaker Valley Area Community Shelter Team. Shelter Teams are comprised entirely of community volunteers. The purpose of a Community Shelter Team is to provide assistance to the Red Cross in the event of a disaster in our community. The shelter team will assist in opening and running an emergency shelter for any residents who are displaced by an event such as a flood, major power outage, fire, etc. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Weatherby, Red Cross Shelter Team Lead at (724) 462-7844



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## **Residential Spare Key Program**

The Edgeworth Police Department is requesting that all residents who participate in the “Spare Key Program” verify that the Department has the most up to date keys on file. Having the correct key on file ensures that police have an ability to assist you at your residence, or if you find yourself locked out, that the dispatcher can issue your correct key. Over 90 percent of Edgeworth residents participate in the program, which highlights the importance of having the correct keys on file. If you have any questions regarding the program or would like to verify that you have the correct keys on file please contact the Edgeworth Police Department at 412-741-9400.

## **Edgeworth Applying to be a “Tree City USA”**

Edgeworth Borough is excited to apply for recognition as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This exclusive distinction is awarded to communities of any size who implement the four core standards of sustainable tree management. The four standards are as follows: First, the Borough must have an appointed Street Tree Commission. Second, the Borough must have a Street Tree Ordinance. Third, the Borough must spend a minimum of two dollars per capita annually on shade tree plantings, maintenance, or arboricultural services. Lastly, the Borough must have an official proclamation recognizing Arbor Day. Edgeworth proudly meets each of the aforementioned core standards and hopes to continue the sustainable tree practices that are at central to Edgeworth’s values and character. More information regarding the Tree City USA Program can be found at [www.arborday.org/programs](http://www.arborday.org/programs)



### **Stormwater Questionnaire**

Edgeworth Borough will be conducting a short 10 question survey in order to gauge the public’s interest and knowledge about stormwater management. The Borough will tabulate the results which will help guide future educational efforts regarding the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Interested residents may find the survey on the Borough’s website. Hard copies of the survey can also be acquired in the Borough Administration office. For further inquiries or input regarding stormwater management please contact the Borough office at 412-741-2866.

### **Interactive Shade Tree Map**

Over the course of the summer, Edgeworth Borough’s Urban Forestry Management Intern compiled data on all Borough owned and maintained trees using Geographic Information Systems in order to better analyze their health and well-being. The map includes each tree’s location, species, condition, and size. Each data point is also accompanied by a photograph of the highlighted tree. We encourage residents to see the results which can be viewed on an interactive map on the Borough’s website under the header Services > Shade Tree Information. This map and data collection will ensure that future shade tree maintenance and plantings will be done in the most efficient manner possible.

## Special Needs Registry

Edgeworth Borough adopted an updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) on August 15, 2017. This EOP will be used in the event of an emergency, including flooding, chemical spills, or even a terrorist attack. It is important for law enforcement and emergency first responders on the local and county level to have an accessible data base of residents in Edgeworth who may have a disability or special needs and would require additional help during a time of emergency. Allegheny County maintains such a registry. The Special Needs Registry is a voluntary registry of information for those with a mental or physical disability that would help prepare emergency personnel when responding to a crisis. Those who are interested in voluntarily registering a friend, family member, or other loved one on this registry can do so by visiting [www.alleghenycounty.us](http://www.alleghenycounty.us) and searching for Special Needs Registry. A link to the County Website and further information regarding the registry can also be found by visiting Borough's website or contacting the Borough Office at 412-741-2866.

# Autumn is in the air!

