



Edgeworth Borough Newsletter Summer 2023

The beautiful summer months are back! Check out some important reminders and happenings around Edgeworth below. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and check the website for regular updates as well. As always, feel free to contact the Borough Office with any questions.

Happy summer!

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Fourth of July Bike Parade!

It is almost time for the annual Fourth of July Bike Parade! We invite our younger residents to join in this fun tradition celebrating Independence Day by decorating their bicycle with patriotic colors and peddling around town with friends and family. The lineup will start at Edgeworth Elementary School at 9:45 am, and the parade will kick off at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. The parade will be



escorted through the neighborhood by the Edgeworth Police Department and Cochran Hose Company. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Political Signs: Where Can They Go?

With the primary election over and the general election campaign kicking off, it's important to remember where political signs are permitted. No signs may be posted on public property, including telephone poles, bus stops, street signs, or in any public right of way, which is typically the area between the sidewalk and the street. Political signs posted on private property may be no larger than four feet by four feet in size, and no more than eight total signs may be posted on a single lot. Any violation of these rules will result in the sign's removal. Please keep these rules in mind throughout election season!

Summer Waste Collection Hours

In order to protect the health and safety of employees and drivers from excessive heat, Waste Management is permitted to begin waste collection at 6:00 am during the summer months. Please place all trash and recycling cans out for collection by 6:00 am between May 1st and September 30th!



Meet Jim Vичeck!

Jim Vичeck has recently joined the Borough as the Assistant Public Works Director! After an extensive career with the McCandless Public Works Department and in the construction industry, Jim is excited to bring his knowledge and experience to Edgeworth. He will be learning

the ins and outs of our community, assisting with the day-to-day management of the Public Works Department, and also learning to become the Building Code Official. In his free time, Jim enjoys spending time with his wife and two kids, being outdoors, and working with his hands. He also serves as the Deputy Chief of the Ingomar Fire Department where he is a lifetime member, and volunteers with two local Boy Scout troops. Be sure to welcome Jim to Edgeworth when you see him around town!

What To Do With Those Hard to Recycle Items

Do you have household items that are hard to recycle or get rid of? Explore these options to ensure items are recycled in a sustainable way!

- Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) Hard to Recycle Events accept a wide variety of items, including televisions, printers, microwaves, hard drives, and electronic cables. While PRC is not hosting an event in our area this summer, events will take place on August 26th in Monroeville, and on October 7th in Settlers Cabin Park. Pre-registration is required! Check out prc.org for additional information.
- PRC also hosts household chemical collection events. Accepted items include pool chemicals, paints, cleaning agents, pesticides, and automotive fluids. Events in Allegheny County are taking place on August 19th in Boyce Park, and September 9th in South Park. Pre-registration is required, and more details can be found at prc.org.
- Appliance Warehouse, located in the South Side, accepts appliance and Styrofoam drop offs.
- Construction Junction will accept a variety of excess building material, as well as refrigerant appliances, light bulbs, scrap metal, and some medical equipment. Visit cjreuse.org for additional guidelines.
- Consider donating any lightly used furniture, clothing, or other household goods! Donating will give new life to gently used materials, and help to reduce overall consumption.



Meet Edgeworth's Summer Intern: Alex Clifford

Alex Clifford is working as Edgeworth's intern for the summer, where he

will help to manage the sidewalk repair program. He is currently an undergraduate student at Allegheny College, where he studies environmental science and political science. Alex is very excited for the opportunity to work in local government, especially on such an important project. In addition to the sidewalk repair program, he hopes to get involved with the Borough's recycling program, as well as its parks. As a Leetsdale resident, Alex has spent much time in Edgeworth, and especially enjoys visiting Morrow-Pontefract Park. In his free time, Alex enjoys hiking, birdwatching, and playing guitar. If you see Alex around town this summer, be sure to say hello!

Summer of Sidewalks!



The time has come for the biennial sidewalk repair program! The project will be coordinated by Edgeworth's summer intern, Alex Clifford, who will be surveying sidewalks. Slabs with significant cracks, holes, or gaps posing a tripping hazard will be identified and marked for repair. Property owners with hazardous sidewalk slabs will be notified, and remediation options provided. The Borough reserves the right to complete the repairs on behalf of the property owner and lien properties if the hazard is not resolved within a reasonable timeframe. Additionally,

as gardens start to bloom, it's important to remember to keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians. The Borough requires that all sidewalks remain free and clear of obstructions for the entire width of the sidewalk area, and up to seven feet high, in order to allow two pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk at a time. Obstructions may include tree branches, bushes, flowers, and other plants. Residents must trim or tie back any vegetation which encroaches on the sidewalk and reduces accessibility. Sidewalks connect our neighborhoods and communities. Keeping them safe, walkable and accessible is essential for all to enjoy! If you have any questions or concerns regarding sidewalk responsibilities, feel free to contact the Borough office.

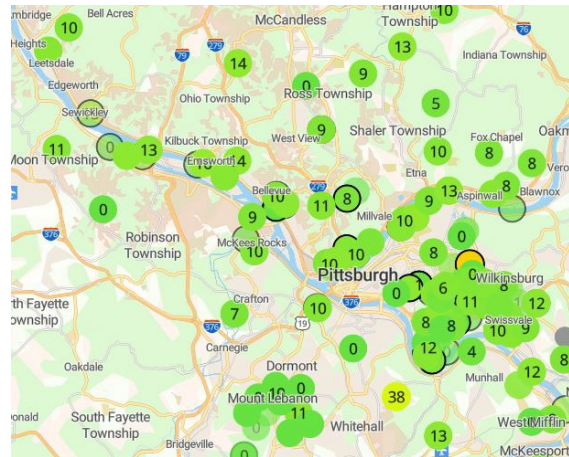
Tree Inventory Update

PlanIt Geo, an urban forestry firm, has been contracted by the Borough to update our street tree inventory. Contractors will be walking

throughout town to identify tree species, condition, and other data to ensure the vitality and sustainability of the Borough's tree plantings remain for future generations. Trees will not be affected during this process. Be sure to look for the new inventory on the Borough website in the coming months!

Monitoring Air Quality

Edgeworth Borough is the new home of a PurpleAir Air Quality Sensor! The Borough was selected as a host site by the Quaker Valley COG, who was awarded the monitors from the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). The monitors, located all around Allegheny County, create a network to collect local air quality data and share it with all who are interested. The monitor will be installed along Route 65 in the coming weeks. The information can be viewed on a real-time air quality map found at map.purpleair.com!



Home Improvements and Stormwater Management

As you begin construction projects and other home improvements for the season, keep stormwater in mind! As more surfaces become paved or covered in hardscape, water runoff is left with few places to go. Borough ordinances require properties to be under a maximum percentage of impervious surface coverage, in order to help mitigate stormwater management issues. If you are planning to add impervious coverage to your property, keep in mind ways to also help manage run off on your property! Installing rain gardens in low lying areas of your property helps to catch and slowly filter out runoff, reducing the risk of flooding or directing harmful materials into surrounding waterways. Rain barrels also help to store rain water, which can later be used for watering gardens in the heat of the late summer. Finally, properly maintained gravel surfaces allow water to seep into the ground, and are considered pervious. Consider gravel driveways or walk ways to help provide water with somewhere to go. Be sure to contact the Borough office to secure any required permitting, and help us keep stormwater problems at bay!

Rethink Your Drink!

Have you checked the label on your kid's favorite soda or juice lately? All of that sugar can really add up! Sweet, sugary drinks are the leading source of extra sugars found in a typical American diet, according to the CDC. All of this added sugar can increase risks of developing chronic diseases, obesity, tooth decay and other oral issues, and result in not drinking enough water throughout the day. Developing healthy habits while kids are young will go a long way! Choosing water instead of soda, sports or energy drinks, and even juice helps maintain hydration and overall health. Live Well Allegheny is challenging everyone in the county to Rethink Your Drink, and choose water instead! Visit livewellallegheny.com to learn more about the dangers of added sugars, find fun challenges to participate in, and help your friends and family to rethink their drink!

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