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Dear Residents,

As we prepare for wintery weather to come, Edgeworth Borough would like to wish all residents, families, and community members a wonderful holiday season! Please keep in mind the following articles as you prepare for colder days ahead. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the Borough Office. Happy holidays!

No Increase in Property Tax Rate

For the twenty-first consecutive year, the 2024 property tax rate will remain unchanged at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). Edgeworth Borough Council will set the property tax millage rate and adopt the 2024 budget during their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on December 19th. A public hearing on the proposed budget is also scheduled for December 19th at 6:45 pm in the Council Chambers of the Edgeworth Borough Building. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the Borough Office during regular business hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Holiday Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be delayed by one day for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day. **Please place your cans out for collection on Thursday, December 28th and Thursday, January 4th.** Keep in mind that garbage may not be placed at the curb for collection more than twenty-four hours in advance. Due to the large amount of waste generated during the holiday season, it often takes longer to complete collection of the entire Borough, particularly the week after Christmas. If your garbage is not collected by 5:00 pm on Thursday, please contact the Borough office on Friday morning. Additionally, residents may utilize the cardboard dumpsters at the Recycling Center for cardboard that does not fit into curbside bins, however all boxes must be broken down. Boxes that are intact fill up the dumpster and are difficult to empty. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

Winter Leaf Collection

We ask that all residents have their yards raked and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up in order for the leaf truck to make its final pass along each street beginning the week of December 11th, weather permitting. Remember to separate leaves from branches and brush – they are collected with two different machines. Leaf piles that contain brush will not be collected. Brush collection occurs every Friday throughout the year. The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk during the spring for a two-week period.. In between these times, leaves and other yard waste can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management's regular pick-up on Wednesdays.

Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund

In recognition of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff) throughout the year, Mayor Gary Smith would like to ask any residents wishing to contribute to the *Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund* to either mail their checks to the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143, or drop them off at your convenience. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!



Holiday Lights Recycling

Are you looking for a way to get rid of those old, burnt-out strings of holiday lights? Edgeworth Borough is proud to be hosting a holiday light recycling bin! This recycling initiative is provided through Michael Brothers Hauling, and will help to keep countless light strands out of landfills. The initiative also supports the WTAE and Salvation Army's Project Bundle Up, which provides much needed winter outerwear for low-income children and seniors throughout western Pennsylvania. Help us make a difference for both our community and our environment by dropping off your holiday light strings at the Borough Building until January 15!

Sidewalk Repair Program Update

We would like to thank all residents who repaired sidewalk slabs marked as hazardous or unsafe during the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Program! The Borough's contractor, Penn Landscape and Cement, has been working throughout the fall to complete repairs for residents who opted to use them. Due to concrete supply delays, not all repairs were able to be completed prior to the temperature changing. All outstanding sidewalk repairs that have been paid for will be completed in early Spring. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Borough office!

Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

The holiday season is a time for sharing gifts and spending time with loved ones. Some in our community may need a little extra support during this time, and helping others is a great way to spread some extra holiday spirit. Check out these organizations who make an impact in our community during the holiday season and throughout the year!

- Through partnerships with over 1,000 organizations across eleven counties in south western Pennsylvania, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank helps to ensure no one in our region goes hungry. They accept both monetary and food donations, as well as operate a robust volunteer program. If you're interested in helping to eliminate food insecurity in our community, check out the Food Bank at pittsburghfoodbank.org!
- Off the Floor Pittsburgh helps to provide gently used furniture to individuals and families who are unable to furnish their homes, such as young adults aging out of the foster system, women escaping domestic violence situations, or families who have lost their home to a fire. Off the Floor picks up gently used furniture, repairs and cleans the items, and delivers them to those in need. Monetary donations are also accepted. Visit offthefloorpgh.org to learn more!
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (BBBS) fosters mentor relationships with children all around Allegheny County who may come from single-parent families, underperforming schools, or low-income households. Mentors help guide children to seek out their fullest potential and create impactful relationships. BBBS offers multiple volunteer programs to fit a wide range of needs. For more information, visit bbbspgh.org.

Maintaining Clear Sidewalks

Uncleared sidewalks after snow events can cause ice buildup and slippery conditions for pedestrians. As a reminder, residents must have the entire width of sidewalks cleared of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of a snow event. Shoveling early can help to prevent excess ice accumulation, resulting in less salt or other traction agents washing into nearby catch basins and making their way into the Ohio River. Be sure to never pile snow on top of catch basins, where any salt, leaves, or other debris caught up in the snow can enter the drain. Instead, pile snow onto grass where it can be absorbed as it melts. It is also helpful to keep an eye on the temperature, as salt does not effectively work under 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Sand or kitty litter are better options for traction during extra cold spells. Help us to keep our pedestrians and environment safe during the winter season!

Edgeworth Borough Wishes Everyone a Delightful Holiday Season!

