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Fall 2024

Dear residents,

The autumn weather is upon us! Please refer to the reminders below as the seasons change. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd! We hope you have an enjoyable autumn.

Out with the Old, In with the New

Dear Residents,

It is with bittersweet emotion that I announce my departure as Edgeworth Borough Manager. Effective October 1st, I have accepted the position of Town Manager with the Town of McCandless, and my 10+ year career in Edgeworth will come to a close.

Edgeworth is a truly special place. I hope that during my tenure as Borough Manager I helped to create a welcoming environment, helped to deliver exceptional services and made a positive impact on the community through thoughtful infrastructure projects and legislative programs. The Mayors, Councilpersons and volunteers on Boards and Commissions are top notch – they always act with the best interest of the community in mind. I've been extremely lucky to work with these professionals, who have supported me and helped me successfully navigate my first position in municipal management. A thank you to Marty McDaniel as well, who mentored me and taught me valuable lessons in local government. I must also thank the current and past staff members - their hard work and dedication to the residents of Edgeworth made my job much easier, and I want to thank them for their respect and support as well.

I'm delighted to say that one of those staff members who made my job especially easy, Mrs. Ellen Politi, has been appointed to be my replacement as Borough Manager. Many of you know Ellen and have interacted with her during her almost six-year tenure as Administrative Assistant and as Assistant Borough Manager. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from American University, and has spent her career in local government working to improve the quality of life for residents, implementing sustainable practices and constantly continuing to learn. Ellen is a smart, trustworthy, and talented professional who will continue to do great work for the Borough as the manager. She is thoughtful, creative and a great listener, and is the perfect person to lead Edgeworth into the future. I've been lucky to have the opportunity to work with her over the years, but even luckier to call her a friend. Edgeworth is truly in great hands.

And with that I bid you farewell! Please keep in touch – I will visit often, and feel free to visit me if your travels ever bring you to McCandless!

With gratitude,
John F. Schwend

Edgeworth Borough Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat Night will take place on Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm! The Police Department reminds all motorists to exercise caution and remain vigilant of pedestrians throughout our community during these hours. Children should be dressed in light-colored or reflective clothing for better visibility, and should be accompanied by an adult or older, responsible child at all times. Any residents not wishing to participate in passing out candy should leave their porch or outdoor lights off for the evening. We wish you all a safe and happy Halloween!

2024 General Election

The 2024 General Election for federal and state offices will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. All Edgeworth residents cast their ballots at Edgeworth Elementary School, located at 200 Meadow Lane, between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Residents interested in mail-in voting must fill out an application and return it to Allegheny County Elections Office by Tuesday, October 29th. For additional information regarding mail-in voting, voter registration, or other voting concerns, contact the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500, or visit votespa.com.

Important Information Regarding Duquesne Light Tree Trimming and Removals

You may have noticed trees around our community recently marked with blue or yellow dots by Duquesne Light Company (DLC). DLC is marking trees for removal or pruning for power line clearance within their rights-of-way. Blue markings indicate a removal, while yellow markings indicate plans to prune the tree. Please be aware that as DLC completes their assessment and contacts residents throughout town, they are allowed to prune branches located within their twenty-five-foot right-of-way, **however a signature must be received from the homeowner prior to removal of a tree on private property.** If you have a tree marked for removal on your property and are concerned about its removal, we recommend not signing the notification. The Borough's Certified Arborist, Mr. Robert Kruljak, can assess marked trees and provide information to property owners regarding options prior to signing a notice from DLC. Please contact the Borough office with any questions or concerns.

Placement of Political Signs

Displaying political signs is a popular way to support desired candidates during election cycles. However, sign location and size must comply with all Borough ordinances. No signs may be posted on public property, including telephone poles or 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 sixteen square 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!

Fall Leaf Collection

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in early October, weather permitting. Please have leaves ready for collection by December 6th, and advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. Leaf pickup after this date will be as needed and weather dependent until the Spring Leaf Collection Program begins. **No brush, shrubbery clippings or grass may be mixed in with the leaves.** These materials will clog the leaf collection machine and stop the collection process altogether. Regular weekly brush collection continues every Friday during leaf season and throughout the year. Please 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, clogged catch basins, and entice children to play in the leaves in the street. This creates a dangerous situation. Do not put any foreign objects in the leaf pile as this will damage the equipment, and can cause a serious injury.

Beaver Road Wall Remediation

As your travel along Beaver Road in the coming months, you'll notice some important infrastructure updates as a portion of the Beaver Road wall will be repaired. The project includes installing soil nails with a shotcrete finish to stabilize and strengthen a section of the wall, as well as replacing the entire length of sidewalk and handrail to the intersection of Beaver Road and Church Lane. The project is expected to last for approximately one month, with a single lane closure along Beaver Road in place for the extent of the project. Please be cognizant of traffic control measures and workers in the area as the project progresses. This important project will ensure the life of the wall for many years to come!

It's Never Too Early to Plan for Spring!

There are ways to be stormwater smart all year long, including planning for the upcoming seasons! Even now, it's a great time to begin thinking about implementing environmentally healthy measures, such as rain gardens and rain barrels, in time for spring's arrival. Rain gardens are native plantings installed in low-lying areas of your yard that help catch rain water, reduce runoff, and are easily incorporated into existing landscaping. The water caught in rain barrels also serves as a free source of hydration for your flowers and shrubs throughout the year, while reducing harmful runoff. As you plan for your spring landscaping, consider the benefits that small changes such as these can make!

Cycle Safely!

Bicycling is a popular sport and great source of exercise for many in our area! For avid bicyclists or casual beginners, knowing the benefits and safety measures of the sport are crucial. According to Harvard University, the benefits of bicycling include overall improvements to cardiovascular health, lowering the risk of diabetes and obesity, and even mental health benefits such as stress reduction and increased self-confidence. There are numerous locations to go for a beautiful ride on trails around Pittsburgh, including along the Montour Trail, through North Park, by the Allegheny Observatory in Riverview Park, or next to the Ohio River on the North Shore's Heritage Trail. If you choose to cycle on roadways, it is imperative to follow all traffic laws, including obeying signals and stops signs and riding on the correct side of the road. Safety equipment, including helmets and reflective clothing, should also be worn at all times. Enjoying the sport of cycling in a safe manner provides numerous benefits! For more information about the importance of exercise and healthy living, visit livewellallegheny.com.

End of the School Day Pick Up Reminders

When picking up students from Edgeworth Elementary School during dismissal, please remember that blocking traffic, driveways, and intersections is not permitted under any circumstance. Additionally, all students must cross the road at a crosswalk, or where crossing guards are present to ensure a safe passage at all times. Vehicles picking up students at the end of the school day must enter the pick-up loop on school property. Please help us to keep the end of each school day safe for students, parents, and neighbors!