

# BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH

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Dear Residents,

Warmer days have arrived! Please read these helpful reminders as we look forward to spring. Remember to check in with the Edgeworth Borough Facebook page and website to keep up with events and announcements, and feel free to contact the Borough Office with any questions.

## **2024 Primary Elections**

Pennsylvania's Primary Elections will occur on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 for state and federal offices. All residents will cast their ballots at Edgeworth Elementary School, located at 200 Meadow Lane. The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is April 16, 2024. For information regarding voter register, vote-by-mail, and other frequently asked questions, please visit [votespa.com](http://votespa.com).

## **Edgeworth Borough Receives Banner Community Designation!**

For the seventh consecutive year, the Allegheny League of Municipalities has recognized Edgeworth as a Banner Community! The Banner Community recognition is granted to Allegheny County communities and authorities that actively demonstrate a commitment to professional development, financial management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communication. We are grateful for the continued recognition! Look out for fun facts about Edgeworth on our website and Facebook page during Local Government Week, which is celebrated throughout Pennsylvania from April 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>!

## **Fred Gregorich Has Retired!**

After almost twenty-two years as the Borough's Public Works Director and Building Code Official, Mr. Fred Gregorich has retired! Jim Vичeck has stepped into Fred's position, overseeing the daily operations of the Public Works Department, and serving as the Borough's Building Code Official for all building permits and inspections. We'd like to thank Fred for his dedication and leadership throughout his career, and we wish him all the best in his retirement!

## **Street Sign Sale**

The Borough recently completed a replacement of all street signs in town. The old signs were saved, and upon popular demand, we have found a way to get them back in the hands of interested residents! Please complete the interest form at <https://forms.gle/1fNbZtywF6fm57aK9> or contact the Borough office at 412-741-2866 by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> to express interest in a sign. Names will be drawn on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Each sign will be sold for \$25.00. Proceeds raised from the sale will go toward future community events, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fourth of July Bike Parade!

## **Welcome Officer Lucas Sickafuse!**

Officer Lucas Sickafuse recently joined the Edgeworth Police Department as a full-time patrol officer, and was sworn in by Mayor Gary Smith at the January 16, 2024 meeting of Borough Council. Ofc. Sickafuse began serving as a police officer in 2014, and most recently served in the Northern Regional and Jackson Township Police Departments prior to coming to Edgeworth. Lucas has appreciated the warm welcome that many residents have already extended to him, and is looking forward to learning more about the friendly Edgeworth community. Outside of work, Lucas enjoys spending time with wife and two sons, playing hockey, and building models. Be sure to say hello to Lucas when you see him around our community!

## **Upcoming Infrastructure Projects**

Numerous infrastructure updates will be taking place throughout the Borough over the spring and summer months. A portion of the East Drive sanitary sewer line will be relocated between East Drive and Beaver Road. Any affected properties will be notified prior to work commencing. The Beaver Road Bridge, located near Morrow-Pontefract Park, will be receiving concrete repairs, drainage improvements, and a new guide rail compliant with PennDOT regulations and specifications. Finally, a large section of the Beaver Road Wall will be repaired, where failures have occurred over the last decade. The project will include stabilizing and reinforcing the wall's structural integrity, as well as replacing the sidewalk and handrail along Beaver Road. Partial grant funding was awarded to the Borough for both the Beaver Road Bridge and Beaver Road Wall projects through county and state grant programs, which provide funding to Pennsylvania municipalities for important infrastructure and economic development projects. Be sure to follow the Borough website and Facebook page for further updates!

## Spring Leaf Collection

It is almost time for spring leaf collection! Collection will begin Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Please have all leaves placed to the curb before Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Leaves that are gathered after this date must be bagged and left for Waste Management until the fall collection begins. Please keep the following rules in mind when placing leaves out for collection:

1. Place leaves along the street line or in the curb lawn between the street and sidewalk, and NOT on the pavement.
2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings, grass, root balls, clumps of dirt or foreign objects with the leaves, as this could cause a serious injury to our Public Works employees and will **clog** or **damage** the leaf collection machine, slowing down the entire operation. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection. Leaves that are mixed with brush/grass will not be collected.
3. As a reminder, brush collection occurs every Friday throughout the year. Please keep in mind that contractors who remove trees or other brush on your property are required to dispose of the material.

## Child Health Association of Sewickley House Tour

The Child Health Association's 40th House Tour, Welcome to the Village, will take place on May 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, featuring some of the most beautiful and distinctive homes in the Sewickley area. The ticket includes five homes ranging from historic to modern. Your ticket purchase of \$50 benefits children's organizations in Western Pennsylvania through our annual grant program. Tickets may be purchased online at [e.givesmart.com/events/yxi/](http://e.givesmart.com/events/yxi/) through May 1<sup>st</sup>, or at Faith House, located at 202 Beaver Street in Sewickley on the day of the event. Recent Child Health grant recipients are providing food for after-school programs where a child may not otherwise have a meal that night, making mental health services accessible for children of families unable to afford them, and creating opportunities for underprivileged children to experience camps and cultural events for the first time. Join us for this exciting fundraising event for children in Western Pennsylvania, and help make a difference by purchasing your ticket today! For more information about the Child Health Association of Sewickley, visit [childhealthassociation.org](http://childhealthassociation.org).

## **The Importance of Annual Outfall Testing**

Each year, the Borough's Engineer completes routine outfall testing as part of the Borough's MS4 requirements and monitoring. These annual tests, performed during dry weather, provide important information on the overall health of the stormwater system. Outfalls are physically inspected for damage and any evidence of illicit dumping or material entering the system. Potential pollutants, such as ammonia or detergents, can enter the stormwater system through a variety of unintended means. Residents within the vicinity of any outfall identified as containing pollutants are notified with helpful steps to take. Help us keep outfalls in their best condition and our waterways healthy by following these tips!

- Report any dumping or other discharge that you may witness. Harmful materials dumped into the stormwater system end up directly into our streams and waterways.
- Consider washing your vehicle in your yard, where the dirt and soap residue gets filtered by the grass before entering catch basins.
- Be sure to keep grass clippings, small brush, and other debris out of catch basins in front of your property.
- If you see any damage to outfalls while walking through town, call the Borough office!

## **Managing Type II Diabetes**

Many have heard about the dangers of diabetes, but are you aware that it is preventable and manageable with early detection? According to the Centers for Disease Control, 38 million American adults live with some form of diabetes, and 20% of those are not yet diagnosed or aware that they have the disease. Typical symptoms include increased hunger and thirst, excessive fatigue, blurred vision, and slow wound healing. Diabetes can impact the entire body and lead to further complications, such as neuropathy, cardiovascular risk and kidney disease. The good news is that Type II diabetes can typically be prevented, and successfully managed through lifestyle changes and routine monitoring after a diagnosis. Losing excess body weight, combined with quitting smoking, exercising for thirty minutes per day, and adjusting to a healthier diet can all help lower blood sugar levels and keep them in check. Be sure to talk to your doctor if you are exhibiting symptoms or are at an increased risk for Type II diabetes! For more information about Type II diabetes and other helpful resources for healthy living, please visit [livewellallegheny.com](http://livewellallegheny.com).