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Dear residents,

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!

### **Fourth of July Bike Parade**

Join us in our annual Fourth of July Bike Parade! We invite our younger residents to join in this fun tradition celebrating Independence Day by dressing up their bicycle with patriotic decor and peddling around the neighborhood 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 Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, and are not, 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 ensure that all trash and recycling cans are placed out for collection by 6:00 am through September. Any cans not accessible by this time may not be collected. We appreciate your cooperation!

## **Hard to Recycle Event**

The Quaker Valley COG and Pennsylvania Resources Council have partnered to host a Hard to Recycle Event! The event will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Leetsdale Industrial Park from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A wide variety of materials can be recycled, such as small appliances, electronics, light bulbs, televisions, and tires. **Pre-registration is required for the event.** For registration details, a list of acceptable materials, associated fees, and other collection events, visit [prc.org](http://prc.org).

## **Sidewalk Safety**

Sidewalks are an important aspect of our community! Keeping them safe and accessible is necessary for all residents and visitors to enjoy. Borough ordinances require that all sidewalks remain free and clear of obstructions for the width of the sidewalk area, and up to seven feet high, in order to allow two pedestrians to utilize the sidewalk at one time. Obstructions include but are not limited to shrubs, bushes, flowers, tree branches, and other plants. Residents must cut back or tie any branches, leaves or plants that encroach onto the sidewalk and limit pedestrian use. If you have any questions or concerns regarding sidewalk responsibilities, feel free to contact the Borough office. Please help us to keep sidewalks in the best condition possible for all to enjoy!

## **Important Safety Reminders**

The Edgeworth Police would like to remind all residents of the importance of home safety. Please be sure to lock all doors to your residence, garages, and vehicles in order to deter any potential theft or unlawful activity in our community. If you have a security or doorbell camera and are willing to share footage if necessary, please inform the Police Department! If any criminal or suspicious activity occurs in your area, the police would be able to contact you and ask that you review your camera to identify any movement or behavior out of the ordinary. This type of information would help the department with an investigation, or simply aid officers when extra patrols are deemed necessary. Always remember, if you see something suspicious, contact the Police Department at 412-741-9400!

## **Updated Contact Information**

If you are new to the area or recently updated your contact information, please be sure to contact the Borough office at 412-741-2866 so we may update our records!

## Pizza with the Police!

Mark your calendars for Pizza with the Police on August 29th! Come meet and talk with some of our Edgeworth police officers while enjoying yummy pizza. This is a great chance to ask any questions you may have about our community, and get to know the police officers who protect Edgeworth every single day! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details over the coming weeks!

## Where Do Your Recyclables Go?

Waste Management recently completed a \$23 million upgrade to its recycling facility on Neville Island, resulting in significant improvements to the efficiency and overall output of recyclable materials in the region. Thanks to the updated technology, the facility is able to process and sort 25 tons of material per hour, however it still receives a significant quantity of items that are ultimately sent to a landfill. For companies to purchase and reuse the recycled commodities, each load is only permitted to contain 0.5% of contaminated material, such as plastic bags, aluminum foil, or wasteful plastics. It's more important than ever to be sure that what goes into your recycling can is actually recyclable! Follow these guidelines when picking whether to throw an item into your green or black bins:

### Only Recycle:

- ~Broken down cardboard
- ~Paper, magazines, newspapers
- ~Aluminum and tin cans
- ~Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, and tubs
- ~Glass (at the Borough Recycling Center)

### Waste:

- ~Take-out food containers or cups
- ~Shredded paper
- ~Food waste and aluminum foil
- ~Clamshell and fruit containers
- ~Styrofoam and packing material

Please remember that plastic bags and bagged recyclables are **not accepted** by Waste Management. Recycling cans that have plastic bags or bagged recyclables will not be collected. To properly recycle plastic bags and film, please take them to a collection site, such as Giant Eagle or Target.

While we encourage all residents to recycle right, we understand that the rules can be confusing. When in doubt, throw it out! For more information about recycling, please contact the Borough office at 412-741-2866.

## **When It Rains, It Drains**

The spring season brought a significant increase in heavy rain and storm events to our area. According to data compiled by the National Weather Service, Pittsburgh received a combined total of 13.54 inches of precipitation in April and May of this year, compared to a total of 3.91 inches in the same time period in 2023. As we have experienced, such severe weather can cause waterway flooding, overwhelm storm sewer infrastructure, and result in basement flooding. Mitigating storm water issues and ensuring that harmful materials do not reach our waterways is the core of the Borough's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) program. Every action we take can have an impact on stormwater management, and you can help! Follow these tips for before and after heavy rain events:

- Do not sweep or blow yard debris into the street. Debris can block storm drains and lead to increased street flooding during heavy rains.
- Be cognizant of impervious surface percentages when planning construction projects at your residence. These regulations, part of the Borough's zoning ordinance, are in place to be sure that excess water is able to reabsorb into the ground.
- Notify the Borough office of any damaged or clogged stormwater drains that you may notice before and after heavy rain and storm events.
- If you experience basement flooding during a storm, contact the Cochran Hose Co. for assistance.

## **Mental Health Matters!**

Summer is a time that many people prioritize their physical health and fitness, but did you know that the intersection of physical and mental health can play an important role in overall wellness? When mental stress begins to take over and lead to anxiety or depression, physical movement can help ease symptoms and get you back to feeling like yourself. According to the Mayo Clinic, physical activity releases endorphins, natural brain chemicals that help boost your sense of well-being, and also provides a distraction from the cycle of worry that often feeds depression and anxiety disorders. Physical activity doesn't have to be structured or based on a gym workout. Simply completing household chores, gardening, or going for a walk can trigger the endorphin release and help you feel more motivated. In order to provide lasting effects, aim to get in some sort of physical movement most days of the week for fifteen minutes. The physical health benefits will begin to add up, and impact your mental health in positive ways too. If you are experiencing worrisome mental health symptoms, be sure to reach out to your doctor. For more information about living well, visit [livewellallegheny.org](http://livewellallegheny.org)!