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Dear Residents,

As we prepare for another changing season, Edgeworth Borough would like to wish all residents, families, and community members a wonderful holiday season! Please keep in mind the following articles as we welcome 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

The 2025 property tax rate will remain unchanged at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). This marks the twenty-second consecutive year without a tax increase. Edgeworth Borough Council will set the property tax millage rate and adopt the 2025 budget during their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on December 17th. A public hearing on the proposed budget is also scheduled for December 17th 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 26th and Thursday, January 2nd.** 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.

Final Leaf Collection

The leaf truck will make its final pass along each Borough street beginning the week of December 13th. We ask that all residents have their yards raked and leaves ready for curbside pick-up at that time. Remember to separate leaves from branches and brush as they are collected with two different machines. Brush collection will continue to occur 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 Wednesday pickups.

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!



Dispatch Department Transitions

Our longtime Lead Police Dispatcher, Dan Boyles, is retiring! Dan has worked as a dispatcher with the police department since 2003. In that time, he has become an invaluable part of the department as the first point of contact for residents seeking assistance. We will greatly miss Dan and all of his expertise! In order to transition smoothly, the Borough recently hired Lori Ann Hornick-Lowry to step into Dan's shoes as Lead Dispatcher. Lori comes to Edgeworth from Cranberry Township where she has gained extensive experience as a Senior Administrative Clerk in the Police Department. We are excited for her to join the team! Dan and Lori will be working together until Dan's retirement in early January. Make sure to stop by the Borough building and wish Dan well, while welcoming Lori to our community!

Welcome New Assistant Manager Ms. Amy Brown!

Amy Brown joined the Edgeworth Borough Administration team as the new Assistant Borough Manager in late October. She comes to Edgeworth following three years as the Assistant Secretary / Treasurer at Mars Borough in Butler County. She grew up in Pine-Richland and graduated college from the University of Dayton with a degree in Communications. Amy is looking forward to learning more about Edgeworth's storied history and getting more involved in the community. She has appreciated the warm welcome that she has received from residents and looks forward to further interaction with everyone. Outside of work, Amy enjoys spending time with her two-year-old daughter Bailey, coaching youth field hockey, and being creative!

Reminders About Responsible Pet Ownership

The Edgeworth Borough Police Department would like to extend a reminder to all Borough residents about responsible pet ownership. Under Pennsylvania law, dogs must be kept under your control at all times. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their dog under control and preventing them from running at large. Examples would include confining your dog to your yard using a fence or gate, and securing your dog with a leash and collar, chain, or harness while walking it off your property. Dog owners are also reminded to pick up after your pet while out for a walk. Dog waste bags should never be thrown into neighbor's trash cans or left on neighboring properties. Cat owners are strongly encouraged to place an ID collar or tag with your name, phone number, and address on your pet if you allow your cat to roam outside. Proper identification shows that your cat is a pet and not a stray. If a cat enters your property and has a tag or collar, then an attempt to contact the cat's owner should be made. Feel free to contact the Borough Office at 412-741-2866 for additional information. Remember to be a good neighbor, and always keep an eye on your pets!

Winter Stormwater Tips and Tricks

It may seem like the winter season has no impact on our waterways, but there are still simple, yet effective measures that you can take to help keep our waterways clean, even in cold weather! Here are a few tips and tricks to keep in mind:

- Shovel snow into vegetated areas that absorb water to reduce runoff into storm drains.
- Winterize your vehicles in order to prevent leaks that may enter the storm sewer system.
- Don't oversalt your sidewalks and remove slush once snow melts to prevent refreezing.
- Consider environmentally conscious salt alternatives, such as sand or kitty litter.
- Always store salt and other de-icers under roof or other cover to prevent polluted runoff.
- Keep your storm drains clear of snow to prevent flooding, clogs, and icing.

***Edgeworth Borough Wishes You and Yours
an Enjoyable Holiday Season!***

