

SUMMER 2025

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH

301 BEAVER ROAD
EDGEWORTH, PA 15143

PHONE: 412-741-2866
FAX: 412-741-6998

WWW.EDGEWORTH
BOROUGH.ORG

BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT
JOSEPH T. HOEPP

VICE PRESIDENT
IVAN T. HOFMANN

COUNCIL MEMBERS
GREGORY J. MARLOVITS
DANIEL S. WILSON
ELIZABETH H. GENTER
KATHERINE D. LARSEN
REV. REBECCA M. CARTUS

MAYOR

DR. GARY L. SMITH

OFFICIALS

MANAGER
SECRETARY/TREASURER
ELLEN E. POLITI

SOLICITOR
PHILIP J. WEIS

The warm summer months are here! Remember to check the Edgeworth Borough Facebook page and website to keep up with events and announcements. Feel free to call the Borough office with any questions!



JULY 4TH BIKE PARADE

Join us for 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 bicycles with patriotic decor and peddling around the neighborhood with friends and family. The lineup will start at Edgeworth Elementary School at 9:45 AM on July 4th and the parade will kick off at 10:00 AM! The parade will be escorted through the neighborhood by the Edgeworth Police Department and Cochran Hose Company. NEW this year, prizes will be awarded for Most Patriotic and Coolest Helmet. Come out and celebrate our nation's independence in a safe and fun way! We look forward to seeing you there!

SUMMER PROJECTS

As summer arrives, it is also project season for the Borough and many of its residents! This summer the Borough has two major infrastructure projects taking place to enhance our community.

The first project is our 2025 paving program. Youngblood Paving will be milling and paving Chestnut Road from Beaver Road to Woodland Road and from 737 Chestnut Road to the Borough border. Woodland Road will be paved from Poia Road to the bend, and Maple Lane from Edgeworth Lane to Shields Lane. Finally, Church Lane will be paved from Leet Road to the dead end. This project will include ADA ramp installation as well. Contractors will also be restoring the section of Beaver Road in front of the new sidewalk and retaining wall. Residents affected by paving will be notified in advance of project timelines and potential inconveniences. Paving ensures that our roadways remain in great condition for motorists and residents for many years to come!

The second project will take place at the Borough building, where VS&H Construction will be adding two ADA-compliant parking spots to the front of the property. This will allow all residents and visitors to have a safe and accessible entrance to the offices, police department, and Council chambers.



PIZZA WITH THE POLICE

Pizza with the Police is back for its second year! Last year's event was a huge success and we hope to make this year even bigger! Pizza with the Police will take place on Thursday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. Please note the event will be held in a new location this year - the Lower School cafeteria at Sewickley Academy. Pizza with the Police is a great opportunity for residents to meet our Edgeworth officers, learn about safety in their community, and ask any questions they may have! All are welcome to stop by, enjoy some pizza, and get to know our Edgeworth Police Department! Check our website and Facebook page for more information throughout the summer!

SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS

As trees, bushes, flowers, shrubs, grass, and other vegetation continue to grow over the summer months, it is important to remember to clear your sidewalks of any potential obstructions. Chapter 95, Section 4 of Borough code states that "any plant, shrub or tree overhanging a public sidewalk and not allowing a vertical clearance of eight feet above ground constitutes such a condition." This includes any vegetation growing over any portion of the sidewalk.

Edgeworth is a wonderfully walkable community and keeping your sidewalks clear from potential hazards prevents walkers, bikers, joggers, and others, from having to divert their path into the roadway. If a street tree is creating a sidewalk obstruction, please contact the Borough office at 412-741-2866 and do not trim the tree yourself. The Borough Arborist will come evaluate the best way for the tree to be safely cut pruned. Thank you for your efforts in keeping Edgeworth safe!

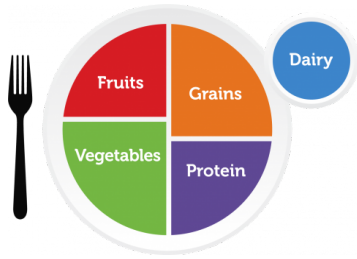
SUMMER GARBAGE HOURS

In order to protect the health and safety of their employees and drives 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 from June through September. Any cans not accessible by 6:00 AM may not be collected. We appreciate your cooperation! As always, please contact the Borough office with any waste collection problems or concerns.



BRUSH PICKUP

Brush collection will continue to occur every Friday during the summer months! As a reminder, please place all brush in one place on your property. This eliminates the chances that our Public Works Department is not able to find or collect all your brush at once. Brush is considered to be small branches or logs cut into four foot sections. Anything larger will need to be disposed of separately. Also remember that root balls and grasses are not permitted, so please keep brush piles clean of other yard waste. If you have a contractor removing a tree on your property, the company is responsible for removing all debris.



EAT WELL LIVE WELL

Many people do not eat the minimum recommended two and a half cups a day of vegetables and fruits each day. MyPlate, pictured above, depicts the United States' food guidelines. It may seem daunting, but making small dietary changes can make a big difference! Choosing whole grains, low or non-fat dairy items, and varying your protein sources will all be satisfying and nourishing to your body. Farmers markets are a great option for buying fresh, local, and nutritious fruits and vegetables. As the weather warms up, find a market on a Saturday morning and start your journey to eating well! For more information, visit livewellallegheeny.com.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Edgeworth Borough real estate taxes for 2025 were mailed on May 15th. If you have NOT received your 2025 bill and you do not escrow your taxes through your mortgage, please contact Jordan Tax Service at 412-835-5243. Residents should contact Jordan Tax for all real estate and property tax questions and Keystone Collections Group for all earned income, business privilege, and local sales tax questions. Keystone can be reached at 724-978-0300.



PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

From the desk of Chief Burlett is an update on Act 18 of 2024 - Paul Miller's Law (PA Motor Vehicle Code 3316.1)

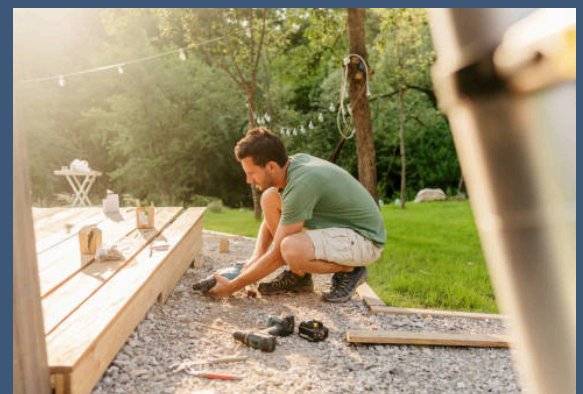
In 2010, Mr. Paul Miller was struck and killed by a tractor trailer, whose driver was using a cell phone while driving. He was just 21 years old. In 2024, Governor Josh Shapiro signed Senate Bill 37 (Paul Miller's Law) into law, making Pennsylvania the 39th state to ban distracted driving.

As of June 5, 2025, no one shall operate a vehicle while holding a cell phone. All communication while using an interactive device, cell phone, computer, or GPS must be done hands-free. Drivers are not permitted to hold the phone and carry on a conversation, text, browse the internet, or check emails while operating a motor vehicle. This law applies even if a driver is stopped at a traffic light or on any portion of the highway. It does not apply if a driver is safely parked in a position out of a travel lane. Officers may stop individuals who are in violation, and issue a warning.

Beginning June 5, 2026, officers may issue traffic citations that carry a fine of \$50.00 plus court cost. Please make sure all family members are informed of this new law. The only exception to this new law is if a driver needs to communicate with law enforcement to prevent injury to a person or property. Don't let distracted driving prohibit you and everyone else on the road from getting to where they are going safely!

WORK HOURS REMINDER

Summer is renovation season in Edgeworth! Many residents take advantage of the summer months to begin projects around their property. Please remember to inform your contractors, landscapers, and other laborers of Edgeworth's work hours. Work may take place Monday through Thursday, from 7 AM to 8 PM, or Friday and Saturday from 7 AM to 5 PM. No work is to take place on Sundays or holidays. If you observe someone working outside these hours, please call the Borough office!



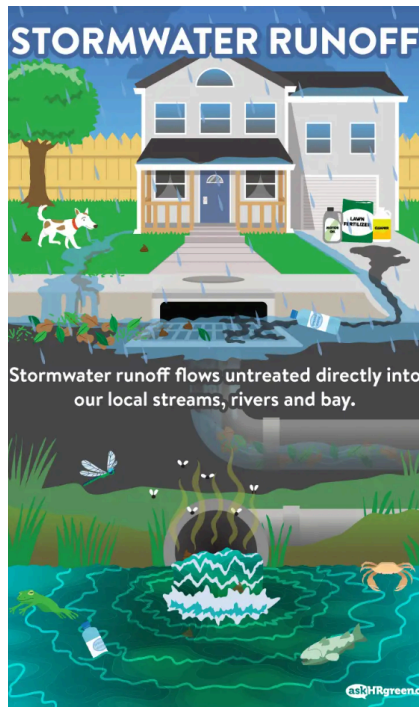
FERTILIZER FACT & FICTION

Lawn maintenance season is here! Cities and towns have more stormwater runoff than areas in the country due primarily to the amount of pavement. Concrete, and other hardscape, prevents water from soaking into the ground. While lawn maintenance is important to promote beautiful and healthy yards, it's essential to select the correct policies and procedures!

Why is lawn maintenance important to stormwater runoff and protecting our waterways? Anything unnatural you use to maintain your yard eventually makes it's way into our creeks and streams!

One of the most common lawn maintenance products is fertilizer and it can be especially damaging to our waterways. Residue from excess fertilizers runs off lawns and gardens and into catch basins during rain events, which empty directly into our streams and rivers. These harsh chemicals have negative impacts on fish, other aquatic life, and the environment as a whole.

How can you keep your lawn looking great without these negative impacts? We have some answers for you!



HOW CAN I REDUCE MY USE OF FERTILIZERS?



First, test your soil - it's possible you may not need to fertilize at all! Healthy soil is the foundation to maintaining a healthy lawn. Soil is home to a multitude of organisms that promote plant growth. Routine aeration helps reduce soil compaction and maintaining a taller lawn reduces stress and improves soil structure.



Plant native grasses that naturally thrive in our area! Native grasses are well-adjusted to local conditions and more tolerant of our climate and therefore, require less irrigation and nutrients. They also have deep root systems, that allow them to better access existing nutrients and water from the soil. This eliminates the need for fertilizer.



Consider more natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers! Organic fertilizers improve soil structure, supply nutrients naturally, and promote microbial activity, all of which lead to stronger root systems and healthier grass. Some natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers are compost, manure, egg shells, coffee grounds, banana peels, wood ash, and grass clippings.

SUMMER PROJECT PLANNING

While you are working on your properties this summer, remember that most projects require either a zoning or a building permit to be issued prior to any work taking place. See the lists below for when permits are required.

ZONING PERMITS

- Installation or Replacement of Fences
- Driveways
- Decks
- Patios
- Sheds
- Retaining Walls

Repairs of these items often do not require a permit. Zoning permits are issued by Ellen Politi, Zoning Officer.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Structural Changes
- Increasing or Changing the Footprint of Any Structure
- Electrical or Plumbing Modifications
- New Construction

Aesthetic updates often do not require a permit. Building permits are issued by Jim Vicheck, Building Code Official.

Keep these lists in mind when planning your summer projects! Certain projects may also require a road bond to ensure Borough streets are not damaged. It is always a good idea to call the Borough office if you are unsure of what you need or are able to do!