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Warmer weather and summer fun are finally 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!



CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF JOHN BURLETT

After thirty-eight years of service to Edgeworth Borough, Police Chief John Burlett has retired from our police force. Chief Burlett grew up in the Quaker Valley area, and began his career as a police officer in 1979. After serving in several local municipalities, and in Richmond, Virginia, he began his service in Edgeworth as a full-time patrolman in 1988.

Chief Burlett worked through the ranks and was promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant, and finally Chief in 2021. As Chief, he prioritized new technology, officer training, and transitioning to an all-full-time police force. One of his favorite duties was welcoming students at Edgeworth Elementary School, and really getting to know our residents. Chief Burlett will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his many years of service to our residents and the community as a whole!



A letter from Chief Burlett:

Serving the Borough of Edgeworth for the past thirty-eight years has been the greatest honor of my law enforcement career. The support from the Edgeworth residents throughout the years is unequalled to anything that I could have imagined. I have always considered Edgeworth the hidden gem of Allegheny County. The friendships and shared experiences that I have had through the years will remain with me always. I have watched many children grow up in Edgeworth and now return to Edgeworth as adults to raise their own families. That sense of community is what makes this a special place. I will truly miss seeing and talking to so many of the friends that I made, including the four-legged furry ones that would get a treat from the passing patrol car.

I would like to thank all past and present Council Members, Mayors and Borough Managers for the opportunity to work in this special community called Edgeworth. I will forever carry the pride of having served this department and the residents!

With Respect and Gratitude
Chief John E. Burlett



WELCOME CHIEF OCH!

At their regular monthly meeting on May 19, Borough Council officially approved the promotion of Lieutenant Bill Och to Chief of Police, upon the retirement of former Chief John Burlett. Chief Och has been a police officer for 31 years. He has served Edgeworth Borough part-time since 2019 and full-time since 2023 as a patrolman and lieutenant. He was also with the Borough at the beginning of his career from 1996-1999 as a part-time patrol officer. Chief Och looks forward to continuing the high level of service that the Edgeworth Police Department provides for its residents. He also will continue to strengthen the Borough's partnerships and relationships with Edgeworth Elementary School and Sewickley Academy. Och also appreciates the strong communication between his department and Edgeworth residents.

"I have an open door policy," said Och. "I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to come in to the police department to speak with me or one of my officers or dispatchers."

In his free time outside of work, Chief Och plays adult men's softball, collects classic cars, and attends the many events and activities of his four children.



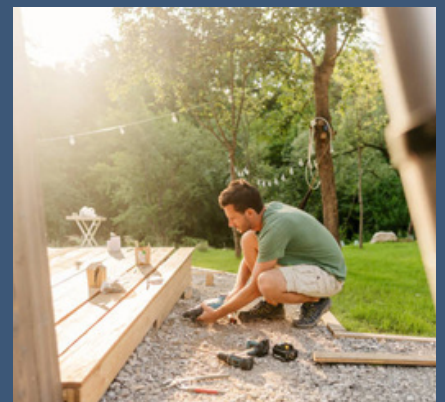
PIZZA WITH THE POLICE

Pizza with the Police is back for its third year! Pizza with the Police will take place on Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 PM. This year the event returns to its original location at the Edgeworth Borough Building. 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!



SUMMER WORK HOURS

In order to protect the health and safety of their 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 from June through September. Please remember to inform your contractors, landscapers, and other laborers of Edgeworth's other 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.



MEET OUR INTERN



This summer, we are excited to have McKenzie McNamee join our team as an intern through the Local Government Academy! McKenzie will be a senior at Slippery Rock University in the fall and she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geoscience

with a concentration in Environmental Policy. During her internship, she will be tackling some of the garbage and recycling issues the Borough has faced in recent years. She is excited to connect with local residents and help bring projects to life that make a positive impact on the community. "I feel like a smaller environment is the perfect place to truly build my communication skills while exploring a variety of hands-on opportunities," McKenzie said. Please give her a warm welcome to town!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



In honor of America 250 and Edgeworth Borough's upcoming 125th anniversary of incorporation in 2029, we are gathering historical photos and information! If you have any photos, documents, or other data related to the Borough of Edgeworth's history, we would love to see them. We would especially love photos of Borough houses, neighborhoods, streets, landmarks, parks, or people from any time between 1904 and today! Digital items can be emailed to office@edgeworthborough.org and physical items can be brought to the Borough building during office hours to be scanned and otherwise documented. Please call the Borough office at 412-741-2866 with any questions.

JULY 4TH BIKE PARADE

Join us for our annual Fourth of July Bike Parade! Join in this fun tradition celebrating Independence Day by dressing up your 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 and follow a NEW route this year for America 250! The parade will travel down Meadow Lane, up Shields Lane, left on Beaver Road, and end in Morrow-Pontefract Park. We will have a small celebration following the parade with chips, sandwiches, cookies, drinks, music, and more. Back by popular demand, 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!



The end of the 2025-2026 school year marks the end of an era in Edgeworth Borough as our longtime crossing guard, Ann Balkovec, retires after 28 years in her position. Since 1998, she has been at the corner of Beaver Road and Chestnut Street on school day mornings and afternoons, making sure children can cross safely. "In all her years as our Crossing Guard, I never once heard her complain about the weather," said former Police Chief John Burlett. "She was there rain, snow, or shine and I never had an incident at that intersection. It's a tough schedule and she always showed up for the children. She was incredibly dedicated to her job and I'm grateful for her." We will miss you Ann! Enjoy your retirement!

WHAT IS MS4?

Have you ever wondered why we include information and tips about stormwater management in Borough newsletters? Public education is part of our MS4 program! MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System: an infrastructure of catch basins, inlets, and pipes that collect runoff from rain events and direct it into surrounding bodies of water without prior treatment. The MS4 program consists of six best management practices that work to maintain water quality and ecological health. These practices include public education, eliminating illicit discharges, preventing pollution accidents, and ensuring that stormwater management techniques are properly installed and operating. We all play a role in reducing the impact on our waterways from harmful materials such as pesticides, debris, hazardous chemicals, and even grass clippings! Keep an eye out for more MS4 tips in future newsletters!



BRUSH REMINDERS

Please keep in mind the following reminders when putting brush out!

- One brush pile per property.
- Absolutely NO roots are allowed in brush piles. Anything with roots will be left behind.
- Landscapers must take away any brush they clear from a property.
- If you live on a private drive, you must call for brush collection and it may take up to one month for pickup.

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF OCH

As warmer weather hits and school lets out, I want to take a moment to remind residents about the laws and restrictions surrounding e-bikes and scooters. There is a fact sheet on our website that outlines the different laws for different devices. Please work with your children to keep everyone safe this summer!

- Electric scooters, like electric skateboards, cannot be legally operated on public roadways or sidewalks, they can only be operated on private property.
- The electric motor on an e-bike must be under 750 watts.
- The e-bike must have a maximum speed capability of 20 MPH on a level surface when powered by the motor source only
- E-bikes are allowed in bike lanes on roadways, given that the operator obeys all relevant traffic laws, however we do not have bike lanes in Edgeworth.
- E-bikes are allowed on sidewalks, but not in a business district.
- The MINIMUM age to operate an e-bike is 16 years old.
- All traffic laws must be adhered to if the device is lawfully operated where allowed.
- Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.

Additionally, starting on June 6, Pennsylvania police will issue a \$50 fine (plus court costs, totaling roughly \$198.50) for using a hand-held mobile device while driving. This legislation, known as "Paul Miller's Law" (Senate Bill 37), makes it a primary offense to hold, touch, or use a phone, even while stopped at red lights or in traffic. If you have any questions about e-bikes, e-scooters, or the enactment of Paul Miller's law, please call the Police Department at 412-741-9400.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PETE KOVACS

On May 19, 2026 our beloved Public Works employee, Pete Kovacs, passed away surrounded by his loving family. Pete was always seen around town with a smile on his face. He was a hard worker, a good listener, and an overall wonderful person. He will be missed beyond measure by all Borough employees but especially by his friends in our Public Works department.

Pete, we thank you for your seven years of dedicated service to Edgeworth Borough. Your hard work, positive attitude, and loving spirit touched many lives here. The garage won't be the same without you and you will not be forgotten.

We love you!

