

# BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH

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Dear Residents,

As another school year winds down and the heat index rises, the Borough is preparing for the upcoming summer months. Here are some timely articles that intend to keep all residents informed about current and future events in Edgeworth and the Quaker Valley.

## **Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule**

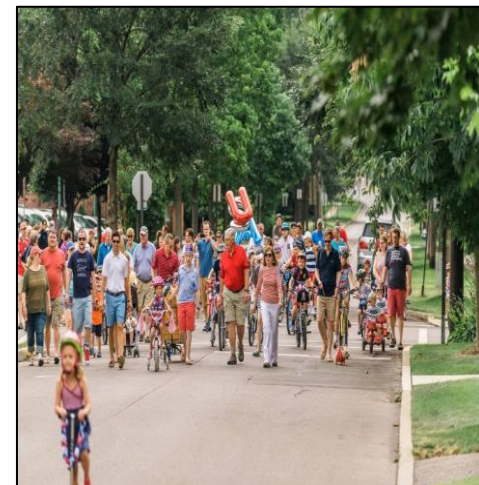
There will be two weeks this summer that the normal garbage and curbside recycling collection by Waste Management will change. Please mark your calendars with the following two dates. First, the week of July 2nd, garbage and recycling will be collected on **THURSDAY JULY 5th**. Second, the week of September 3rd, garbage and recycling will be collected on **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6th**. These changes are due to the July 4th and Labor Day holidays.

## **Updated Borough Office Hours**

The Borough Administrative Office has implemented new hours of operation and will now be open from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Residents may arrange an appointment with the professional staff outside of the new scheduled hours if necessary.

## **Fourth of July Bike Parade**

Mark your calendar for the annual Independence Day bike parade. Decorate your bike in patriotic colors and cruise around town with family and friends in our neighborhood parade escorted by the Edgeworth Police Department and Cochran Hose Company. Those interested in participating in the parade should assemble at the Edgeworth Elementary School by 9:45 A.M. on Wednesday, July 4th. The parade will begin by 10 A.M. Last year there was a great turn out and we are looking forward to continuing this fun holiday tradition! For any inquiries, please contact the Borough Office.





## Hard To Recycle Event

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments will be hosting a household material & electronics recycle event at the Quaker Valley High School on June 30, 2018. Televisions, computer monitors, tires, and other general electronics as well as paper shredding service will be available. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information concerning fees and excluded items can be found on [www.edgeworthborough.org](http://www.edgeworthborough.org)

## Website Recognition

Edgeworth Borough is proud to announce that its website, [www.edgeworthborough.org](http://www.edgeworthborough.org) earned second place recognition in a state-wide contest by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). Administrative Assistant Mr. Patrick Conners attended the PSAB recognition luncheon to accept the award on June 12, 2018. We encourage all residents to visit the website. Useful contact information, interesting Borough history, various permit forms, and much more are all just a click away!



## Keep Recycling **Green**: What NOT to Put in Your Bins

Edgeworth Borough is proud to offer all residents the convenience of single stream recycling through curbside pickup as well as the Recycle Center. Simply put, single stream recycling does not require the separation of materials. Glass, plastics, cardboard, and aluminum containers can all be placed in one receptacle for your convenience. We ask that all residents place their recyclable materials directly in the available receptacles, please **do not** place them in bags. Items such as plastic bags **are not** recyclable and can actually cause damage to Waste Management's equipment and reduce the efficiency of the separation process. Waste Management will begin instructing their route drivers to leave any bagged items at the curb in the coming months. Please recycle properly. If you have any questions concerning the recycling program please contact the Borough office.

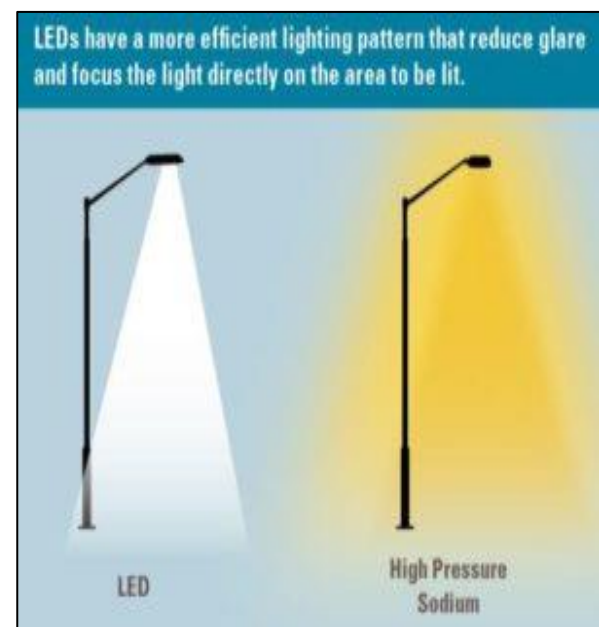


## A Hard Topic: Impervious Surface

Oftentimes when applying for various building permits for projects such as patios, building additions, and swimming pools, residents confront two terms that they may not be entirely familiar with; impervious and pervious surfaces. Simply put, an impervious surface is any artificial structure that **prevents** stormwater from penetrating the earth's natural surface. Impervious surfaces include concrete sidewalks, asphalt driveways, and swimming pools, just to name a few. Meanwhile, pervious surfaces allow infiltration of stormwater through the surface into the soil below. During this process, water is naturally filtered and many pollutants are absorbed before they can re-enter the water table. As discussed in prior newsletters, managing stormwater is a major challenge for urban and suburban communities such as Edgeworth. When rain falls, it is often channeled into various catch basins and storm sewers intended to reduce flooding and deliver the excess water back into the creeks and rivers. Having large paved areas can exacerbate flash flooding, and ultimately lead to costly damage for property owners and local governments alike. All properties in the Borough are zoned into specific districts and are assigned proportional percentages of allowable impervious surface. These restrictions are intended to sustainably limit the amount of impervious surface in the Borough with the hope of reducing overall stormwater runoff. Less stormwater runoff can ultimately lead to cleaner streams and rivers helping maintain healthier hydraulic ecosystems for plants, animals, and residents alike!

## LED Street Lights

While driving along many of the Borough streets, you may have noticed brighter and crisper lighting shining down from the light poles. In continuing effort to become a more energy efficient and sustainable community, Edgeworth Borough in partnership with Duquesne Light Company has retrofitted 66% of its street light inventory to highly energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulb technology. These new bulbs not only provide a brighter spectrum of light, but also use a fraction of the electricity when compared to the former Sodium Vapor bulbs. The Borough has set a goal to retrofit all remaining light poles to use LED technology by the end of 2021.



## Brush Collection



As many residents are aware, every Monday and Friday the Public Works Department removes and chips brush that is left at the curb for collection. The Borough defines brush as small tree limbs, sticks, branches, etc. not exceeding 5 inches in diameter and that are small enough for one person to safely lift. We ask that all residents separate brush from other yard waste such as weeds, root balls, grass clippings, and leaves. Yard waste other than brush can be placed in a garbage bag and put out for normal weekly waste collection. We also ask that residents do not spontaneously compile large piles of brush at the curb, because the Public Works Department only allocates up to 10 minutes for collection per lot on designated collection days. Any residents residing on a Private Drive may call to be scheduled for brush pickup on an as needed basis.

## Contractor Work Hours Have Changed

On April 17, 2018 Edgeworth Borough Council unanimously passed Ordinance No. 550. which discusses screening requirements and permitted areas for the temporary placement of storage units and roll-off dumpsters. The Ordinance also changes contractor work hours on **Fridays and Saturdays**, allowing work to be conducted from **7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Contractors may continue to work from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Leaf Compost Available

We would like to remind residents that the Borough has an abundance of leaf compost available. Edgeworth has a supply of leaf compost that has decomposed into rich, black soil conditioner. Many residents use this compost for landscaping projects or garden bed enrichment. If you are interested in the compost there will be a stockpile available at the Edgeworth recycle center. If using the compost located at the Recycle Center, residents must retrieve and unload the compost themselves.



## Grace Church Cookout

On **July 20th** at 6 p.m., Grace Church Anglican in Edgeworth will host a neighborhood cookout – free of charge, no strings attached. All are invited to come, relax, and get to know their neighbors! Questions? Contact Fr. Chance Perdue at [chance@edgeworthanglican.com](mailto:chance@edgeworthanglican.com)



## E- Newsletter Sign Up

In an effort to reach our residents through a variety of platforms, Edgeworth Borough is continuing to encourage residents to sign up for our E-Newsletter. Residents who sign up for this service will be sent a digital copy of the Borough's quarterly newsletter and will be able to read it anywhere at any time on their mobile devices and home computers. This edition of the newsletter will feature photographs and other illustrations that are not feasible for the printed edition. This effort will cut back on the use of paper, ink, and postage which will lighten our environmental impact and ensure that taxpayer dollars are allocated as efficiently and effectively as possible. In order to sign up for this edition please visit the Borough website and enter in the appropriate information on the homepage. For those who prefer the paper version of the newsletter no action should be taken, we will continue to send you this edition.

