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Winter 2018

Dear Residents,

As the snow begins to fall and the sun sets a little earlier, it is again time to prepare for another winter in Edgeworth. Edgeworth Borough would like to wish all residents and their families a very merry and memorable holiday season.

Below are some timely news articles that you may find useful to prepare for the winter months and New Year. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the Borough Office.

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No Increase in Property Tax Rate

Borough Council plans to set the property tax millage rate and adopt the budget for 2019 at the regular monthly meeting on December 18th. There is a public hearing on the proposed budget scheduled for 6:45 PM. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the Borough Office during regular business hours: 8 AM to 4 PM weekdays. For the past 16 years (2004-2019), the millage rate has remained at the same level. The tax rate for 2019 will be unchanged and remain at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). Tax bills will be mailed in mid- May.

Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund

In appreciation of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff), Mayor Gary Smith reminds 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 the Borough Building. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Holiday Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be delayed by one day for both the week of Christmas and New Years’ Day. Residents should expect garbage collection to begin on Thursday December 27th and Thursday January 3rd. In saying that, due to the large volume of trash generated during the holiday season, it often takes more than one day to complete collection of the entire Borough especially the week after Christmas. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated and remember not to put your trash out at the street too early during the holiday season.

Think “Green” This Holiday Season

The holiday season is bound to create an abundance of joy for Edgeworth residents, but an abundance of waste will also likely be generated from shipping and packaging. Please keep in mind that if your recycling bin is filled to capacity during the holiday season, any excess recyclable material can be taken to the Edgeworth recycle center located at 101 Chestnut Road (across Ohio River Boulevard). Also, remember that cardboard placed out with your curbside recycling must be cut into pieces no larger than 14 x 14 inches in size. The recycle center is open 24/7 and is intended for all Borough Residents.



Don't Forget to Break-Down Your Cardboard

We ask that all residents who use the recycle center break down their cardboard boxes prior to disposing of them in the receptacle. This will allow for more material to be placed within each container and will ensure that residents are receiving the optimal return for the service that Waste Management provides. We also ask that residents who use the recycle center follow all posted rules including being aware of what can and cannot be placed in the receptacles. For further clarification of rules and regulations at the recycle center please contact the Borough Office or visit the Borough's website.

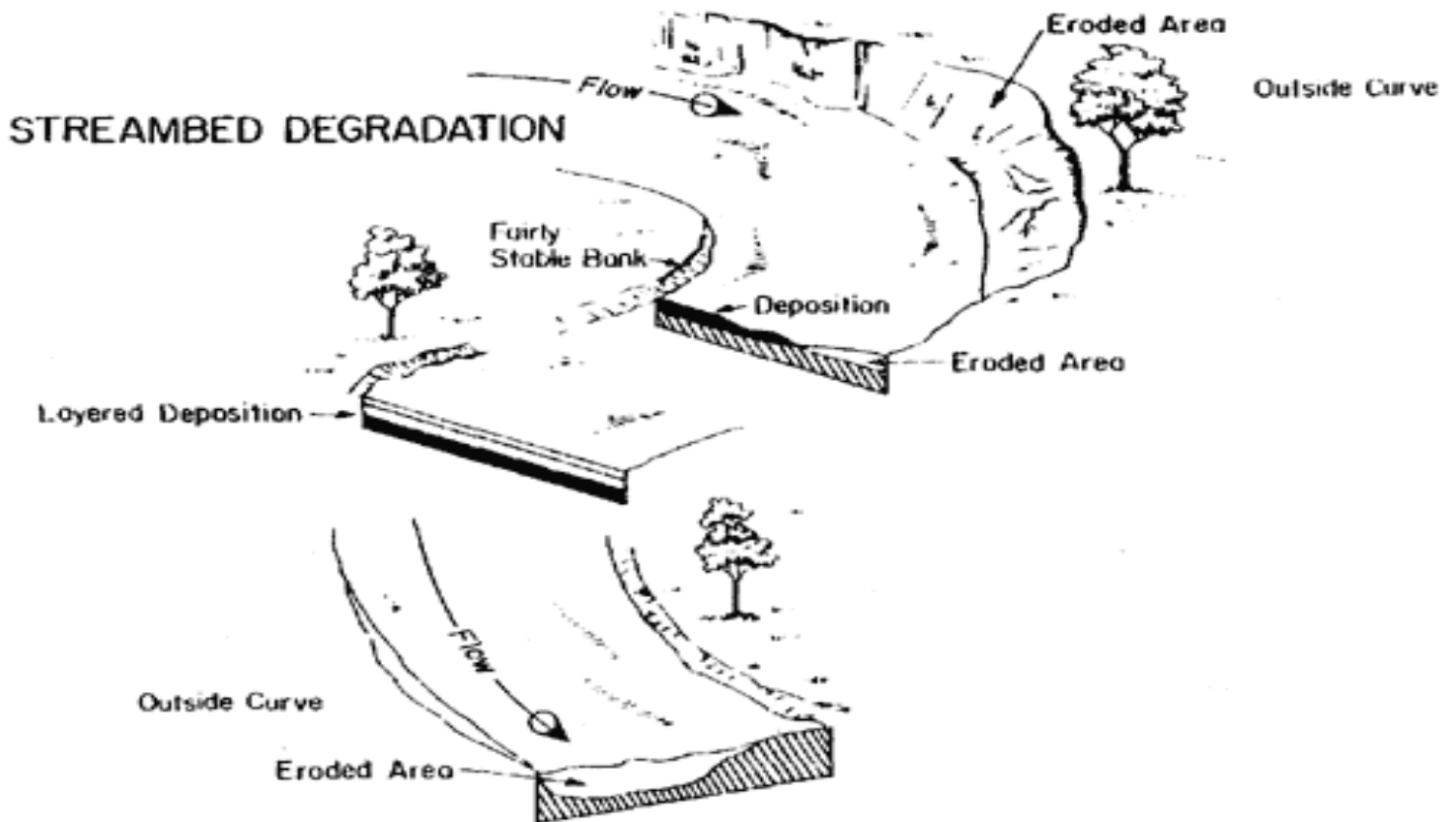
Leaf Collection

Mid-December is the time for our Public Works Department to convert its equipment from leaf removal to snow removal. Residents need to have their yards raked and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up. We will make the final pass along each street beginning the week of December 17th - weather permitting. Remember to separate leaves from branches and brush – they are collected with two different machines. The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk in the spring for a two week period beginning April 2019. In between these times, leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management's regular pick-up on Wednesdays.



Reining in Stormwater Runoff

Here in Edgeworth and the Sewickley Valley as a whole, we are blessed with an abundance of dynamic water ecosystems, including numerous streams and creeks. As discussed in prior newsletters, these waterways are extremely vulnerable to stormwater runoff. Our waterways, including Little Sewickley Creek, are facing increased streambank erosion. Streambank erosion is a natural process that occurs over time. However, events like flooding, increased residential and commercial development, and removal of naturally occurring vegetation can accelerate erosion. Streambank erosion may impair stream functions in a variety of ways including diverting the natural flow and increasing sedimentation levels. We can help combat stream bank erosion by monitoring the condition of stream banks, promoting deep rooted vegetation plantings (shade trees, shrubs, and tall grasses) near streams and creeks, and limiting development and activity along the stream banks. While some stream bank erosion is natural and ultimately inevitable, by taking small sustainable steps, we can help curb erosion and ensure the vitality of our water ecosystems for many generations to come.





A Message from the Police

The Edgeworth Borough Police Department would like to provide a few tips for the upcoming holiday season. Residents are asked to have their holiday packages delivered to the rear of their property or to their place of employment to avoid potential theft. Residents who will be out of town for the winter months and holiday season are also asked to leave their contact information with the Police Department to ensure that their property is properly monitored while they are away. As always, residents are reminded to lock their car and household doors. The Police Department asks that all residents take their time while driving this season, even if the roads have been plowed and treated, they still may be slick. Take your time, and enjoy the holiday season.



Borough of Champions

Edgeworth Borough proudly recognizes the 2018 Sewickley Academy Women's tennis and Boy's golf teams on capturing team titles this year. The Women's tennis team secured both the Class AA WPIAL and PIAA titles while the Boy's golf team won the Class AA WPIAL title. Edgeworth Borough wishes Sewickley Academy's student athletes continued success on and off the field. **Go Panthers!**

***Edgeworth Borough Wishes Everyone a Happy
Holiday Season!***

