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Dear Residents,

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Summer days are here! Stay informed with Borough happenings through the articles below. Did you know that Edgeworth now has a Facebook page? Follow us and keep up to date on everything happening in our town. As always, feel free to contact the Borough Office with any questions.

Fourth of July Bike Parade



It's almost time for the annual Independence Day bike parade! We invite you to join in this fun holiday tradition by decorating your bike in patriotic colors and cruising around town with friends and family. The parade is escorted by the Edgeworth Police Department and Cochran Hose Company. Anyone interested in participating should gather at Edgeworth Elementary by 9:45 am on Thursday, July 4th. The parade will peddle off by 10:00 am. We hope to see you there!

Hard to Recycle Event

This year's Hard to Recycle Event will occur at Quaker Valley High School on June 29th. The event runs from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and is open to the public. Most electronics, tires, fluorescent tubing, and small appliances will be accepted. To see a full list of fees, acceptable items, and for more information, please visit prc.org.



Recycling: Back to Basics



Recycling is a great way to reduce waste and help the environment. However, placing items in your recycling can that are actually trash can stall the sorting process and contaminate recyclable materials. As a general reminder, remember to never use plastic bags to hold your recyclables. Only loose recyclable materials can enter the sorting process. Plastic bags are not opened to determine if materials inside are recyclable or not. See the "Back to Basics" flyer for more information.

Summer Road Paving

Edgeworth will be reinvesting in our infrastructure over the summer months. The following streets have been designated for fresh paving:

- Academy Avenue between Beaver Road and Woodland Road
- Quaker Road between Meadow Lane and Beaver Road
- Church Lane between Leet Road and Beaver Road
- Beaver Road between Edgeworth Lane and Village Drive

Roadway improvements ensure that our streets remain safe and in the best condition possible for residents and pedestrians. While the work commences, please be aware of increased traffic and any construction staff in these areas.

Weekly 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. that are small enough for one person to safely lift. We ask that residents separate brush from other yard waste such as weeds, grass clippings, and leaves. Leaves and grass clippings can be placed in a garbage bag and put out for normal weekly waste collection. No root balls can be collected. Any residents residing on a Private Drive may call to be scheduled for brush pickup on an as needed basis.

Health and Wellness Tip

Summertime is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of fresh food sources. Shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables at a farmer's market benefits both your health and the local economy. The Sewickley Farmer's Market is open each Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, located at 200 Walnut Street in Sewickley. Edgeworth recently joined the *Live Well Allegheny* initiative, aimed at sharing information about health and wellbeing with residents across the county. Look out for healthy tips in future newsletters and on our Facebook page!



Keeping Sidewalks Clear

Keep pedestrian safety in mind when caring for your gardens this summer. Borough ordinances require all sidewalks to be clear of obstructions, including shrubs, bushes, flowers, and other plants. We recommend cutting back or tying any branches, leaves or plants that could encroach onto the sidewalk and limit pedestrian use. Keeping sidewalks clear in front of your property ensures that residents and visitors can safely enjoy our community's beautiful scenery.

Caring for New Trees

Edgeworth residents take pride in our community's trees. When new street trees are planted in the spring and fall, the Borough will ensure proper pruning and long-term care, but it's up to the residents to water the new tree on your property. Young trees require regular watering to stay healthy and prevent diseases. It's important to monitor the water bag around the tree and fill it when needed, especially during long dry spells in the summer months. It is also recommended to avoid using herbicides for your lawn around the base of the tree. Maintaining the mulch ring around the tree is necessary as well, as proper mulching provides beneficial nutrients and enhances root growth. Mulch rings should be a minimum of three feet in diameter, and approximately two to four inches deep. The mulch should be kept away from the tree trunk. Finally, reduce any potential harm to the young tree by ensuring that lawn mowers, weed eaters, and other lawn care equipment do not come in contact with the base of the trunk. One bout with a weed eater can cause severe damage, and potentially kill a young tree.



Watch Out for Water Loss

Water loss is a common occurrence in both new and older homes. If you notice a higher than normal water bill, there are a few common culprits including exterior hose bibs, faucets and toilets. If you suspect that your toilet may be to blame, you can perform a simple test yourself to see if the tank water is leaking into the bowl. Simply place food coloring in the tank of the toilet and do not flush. Check back in a few hours, and see if the food coloring has entered the bowl. If it has, more than likely the flap valve in the tank has gone bad. If you are handy around the house, the flap can be changed easily – if not, a handy man or neighbor may be able to assist you. Remember conserving water not only helps save your water bill, but helps save the environment too!

Messages from the Edgeworth Police Department

The Edgeworth Police would like to remind all residents of a few safety measures in preparation for summer. As always, do not hesitate to call us at 412-741-9400.

- Identity theft is an ever-present threat in today's world. Remember to never give out personal information over the phone, including credit card information, Social Security numbers, or bank account numbers. Thieves have been cloning phone numbers, a practice also referred to as "spoofing", in order to make fraudulent calls seem legitimate. When in doubt, hang up the phone, and call the Police Department for assistance.
- Never leave pets unattended in vehicles. Even with windows cracked, cars can reach an unhealthy temperature in a very short amount of time. If you see a pet left unattended in a hot car, please call the police.
- Before leaving on vacation or for an extended amount of time, please call the Police Department and inform them of your plans so they can keep an eye on your property while you are away.
- Fireworks cannot be set off within 150 feet of an occupied structure, even if the property owner is away. This rule includes your own house too! Also, no fireworks can be set off in the direction of a vehicle or building. For more information, please visit www.psp.pa.gov.



Pick Up After Your Pets!

Did you know that picking up after our pets helps protect Little Sewickley Creek and the Ohio River from becoming polluted? It's true! Pet waste left on the ground can have many adverse effects on the environment, as well as being a neighborhood nuisance. The excess nutrients and pathogens found in pet waste wash away in storm water, ultimately landing in our creeks and rivers. Once in a body of water, the nutrients decompose, resulting in increased amounts of algae and weeds, and harming fish populations. The diseases caused from pathogens in pet waste can also make waters unsafe for humans to swim and fish in.

- Be prepared with plastic bags when taking your dog out for a walk.
- Clean up after your dog, and carry the bag with you until you reach the nearest trash can or your home.
- Try to avoid taking pets on walks to do their business within 200 feet of a body of water, and remember to never throw pet waste into a storm drain.
- At home, consider disposing of any pet waste in your own yard. Harmful bacteria can be spread to people who come in contact with the soil.

Finally, please do not leave bags of pet waste on a sidewalk or on someone else's property to clean up in your place. Remember to be good neighbors, while also caring for our community and environment!

