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Dear Residents,

As the days turn cooler and the leaves begin to change, we wish you all a relaxed and enjoyable fall season. You may find the following articles useful to prepare for the autumn months. Please do not hesitate to contact the Borough office with questions or for further information. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 1st!

Edgeworth Borough Trick or Treat

The annual Trick or Treat Night for our young residents will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The Police Department advises motorists to use extreme caution during these times, and be on the lookout for pedestrians. Parents are reminded to dress their children in light colored or reflective clothing for better visibility. A parent or an older child should remember to accompany young children at all times during trick or treat events. Residents who do not wish to participate in passing out candy should leave their lights off that evening. The safety of all residents is paramount during these times. When going door-to-door, please keep all COVID-19 guidelines in mind, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and be sure to use hand sanitizer.

2020 General Election

The 2020 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. All Edgeworth residents may cast their ballots at Edgeworth Elementary School, 200 Meadow Lane, between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Due to COVID-19, all residents can apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Allegheny County Elections Division will send all county residents an application to receive a mail-in ballot during the month of September. Completed applications must be received by Allegheny County on or before October 27. Completed mail-in ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on November 3. For information regarding mail-in voting, absentee ballots, and other voting concerns, please contact the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500, or visit votespa.com.

VOTE

Where to Place Political Signs

Displaying political signs is a popular way to support desired candidates during election cycles. However, placement of signs must follow Borough ordinances. No signs may be posted on public property or in any public right of way, typically the area between the sidewalk and the street. Political signs posted on private property may be no larger than sixteen square feet in size, and no more than eight signs may be posted on a single lot. Any violation of these rules will result in the sign's removal. Please keep these rules in mind throughout election season!

Fall Leaf Collection

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in mid-October, weather permitting. Our goal is to have all leaves placed at the curb for pick up collected by mid-December. Please have your leaves ready for collection by December 14th, and advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. Leaf pickup after this date will be weather dependent and is not guaranteed. Once finished for the season, leaves will not be collected again until the spring. When preparing your leaves for pickup, please observe the following requirements:

- **No brush, shrubbery clippings or grass may be mixed in with the leaves.** These materials will clog the leaf collection machine and stop the collection process altogether. Regular weekly brush collection will continue during leaf season, and brush will be disposed of with the Borough's brush chipper on a routine basis.
- If at all possible, place leaves along the street line or in the area next to the curb, **NOT** on the pavement. Placing leaves on the street can cause sewer back-ups, clogged catch basins, and entice children to play in the leaves in the street. This creates a dangerous situation.
- Do not put any foreign objects in the leaf pile as this will damage the equipment, and can cause a serious injury.



Increased Traffic Expected on Chestnut Road



PennDOT will begin repairing three landslides located along Little Sewickley Creek Road this fall. Due to the nature of the work, PennDOT will close portions of the road and motorists will be redirected to Camp Meeting Road. However, increased traffic is also expected along Chestnut Road. We highly encourage pedestrians to use extreme caution when walking in the area for the duration of the project. Work is expected to begin in late November, and finish in late spring of 2021.

Changes to the Edgeworth Recycling Center

As part of an ongoing effort to reduce waste in recycling, recent changes have been implemented at the Recycling Center located on Chestnut Road. Signs indicating acceptable material for each dumpster have been installed to remind residents of what is allowed in single stream recycling. Dumpsters have been designated for flattened cardboard and paper, aluminum and tin cans, and plastics labeled #1 and #2. The glass dumpster is also located at the center for all glass bottles, jugs and jars. As a reminder, the Recycling Center is a service for Edgeworth Borough residents only. We thank all of our residents for their participation in helping us to recycle right!

Gold Star in Sustainability!

Edgeworth Borough recently achieved Gold Certification from the Sustainable Pennsylvania Certification Program! With the assistance of our summer intern, Emily, the Borough staff assessed areas of improvement and implemented policies related to internal recycling practices, tracking energy use, and diversity training, among many others! In addition, Borough Council recently passed a resolution establishing the Edgeworth Sustainability Program to ensure that sustainable policies and practices are updated and reported on an ongoing basis. For more information about sustainability throughout the Borough, please visit our website and click on the Sustainability tab.

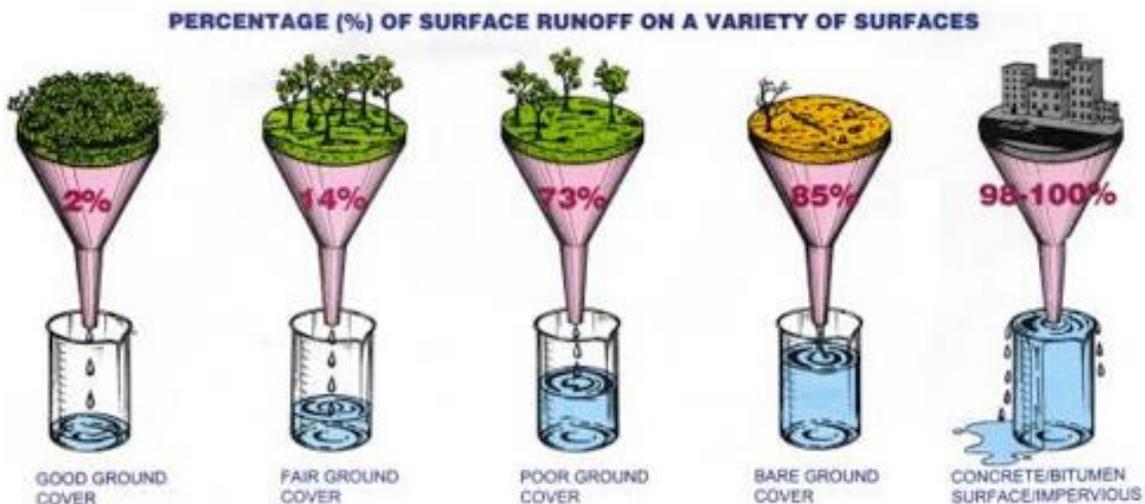


Edgeworth Borough: A Welcoming Place

Edgeworth Borough is proud of its reputation as a welcoming, friendly community. To ensure that all residents, visitors, and community members are treated with respect, policies and procedures regarding community relations have recently been reviewed. All Borough employees undergo diversity and inclusion training on a yearly basis. In addition, police officers are trained in de-escalation and proper use of force techniques as part of their continuing education requirements. Employee handbooks and standard operating procedure manuals are also updated on a continual basis. Employees of Edgeworth Borough remain committed to providing our community with equal protection, fairness, and respect through public service.

Impervious Surface Requirements: What Are They For?

Hardscaped areas around your property can bring aesthetic value, but can also result in negative impacts on private property, public property, and creeks and rivers. Paved surfaces, such as driveways, swimming pools, and patios, do not allow water to infiltrate back into the ground following storms and heavy rains. Instead, the water is redirected to catch basins, where debris and harmful chemicals are caught up in the runoff and end up in surrounding waterways. Increasing the square footage of hardscaped surfaces on a property can also result in basement flooding and gutter backups. Borough zoning ordinances establish limits on the amount of impervious surface allowed to help mitigate flooding risks and other detrimental side effects to development. When thinking about updates to your property, be sure to consider these issues!



The Importance of Balanced Eating

Eating balanced meals and meeting nutrition guidelines is key to living a healthy life. Nutritionists recommend that adults consume two and a half cups of fruits and vegetables per day in order to maintain healthy levels of vitamins and minerals in your body. Eating a variety of vegetable also helps, by mixing in leafy greens and not wholly consuming starchy veggies such as corn and potatoes. Consuming the recommended dose of fruits and vegetables per day decreases the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and stroke. Did you know that restaurants in Allegheny County can also take a pledge to promote healthy eating? Check out eateries that have committed to eliminate trans-fat oils, ban smoking, and undertaken other initiatives at livewellallegheny.com.



Oliver Road Construction Update

Borough contractors have been working diligently throughout the last few months to separate the storm and sanitary sewers along a portion of Oliver Road. Prior to this work beginning, Columbia Gas also replaced gas lines and updated connections for affected residents. Work is expected to finish by late fall, and upon completion of the project, Oliver Road will be repaved. We appreciate the continued patience and cooperation of Oliver Road residents during the construction period!

