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Dear Residents,

As we settle in for the winter months, Edgeworth Borough would like to wish all residents and their families a delightful holiday season. Please keep in mind the following items as you prepare for colder days ahead. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the Borough Office.

Property Tax Rate to Remain at 4.15 Mills

For the eighteenth consecutive year, the tax rate for 2021 will be unchanged and remain at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). Edgeworth Borough Council will set the property tax millage rate and adopt the 2021 budget during their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on December 15th. In addition, a public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for 6:45 pm on December 15th. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the Borough Office during regular business hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Vacancy on the Edgeworth Municipal Authority

The Borough of Edgeworth is looking for residents who are interested in filling an upcoming vacancy on the Edgeworth Municipal Authority! The Edgeworth Municipal Authority is a joint water authority governed by Edgeworth and Leetsdale boroughs, and meets monthly. This is an important position, and a great opportunity for those looking to become involved in local government and serve their community. In addition, the Borough is always looking for residents who are willing to volunteer for openings on boards and commissions as they become available. Interested residents can inquire by contacting Borough Manager John Schwend at 412-741-2866, or by email at office@edgeworthborough.org.

Holiday Garbage Collection

There will be **no delay** in garbage collection for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. Please keep in mind that garbage may not be placed at the curb for collection more than twenty-four hours in advance. Due to the large amount of waste generated during the holiday season, it often takes longer to complete collection of the entire Borough, particularly the week after Christmas. If your garbage is not collected by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, please contact the Borough office. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.



Emergency Dispatch Phone Numbers

It's important to be prepared for any emergency situation, especially during the holiday season! If you are in need of fire or EMS response, dial 911 directly. The Cochran Hose Co. or Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority will be dispatched to assist you. If you are in need of police response, dial either 911 or the direct line to the Edgeworth Police Department – 412-741-9400. Police dispatchers are present on staff during all hours of the day to deploy an officer to your location, or to answer any non-emergency questions that you may have.

Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund

In recognition of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff) throughout the year, Mayor Gary Smith would like to ask 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 your convenience. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Recycling Center: Holiday Tips

The giving spirit during holiday season always creates 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, any excess recyclable material can be taken to the Edgeworth Recycling Center, which is open 24/7 for Borough residents only. Recycling properly is the most important way to ensure the recycling process remains efficient and sustainable! Please keep these tips in mind when visiting the Recycling Center:

- **Do** break down all cardboard boxes when placing them in the dumpster. This allows for more space to be filled with other recyclables.
- **Do** rinse out plastic, aluminum and tin containers to reduce left over debris.
- **Do** separate your recyclables into each marked dumpster to ensure a cleaner waste stream.
- **Don't** put any plastic bags into the dumpsters! Plastic bags are not recyclable and anything in them will be sent straight to a landfill during the sorting process.
- **Don't** include packaging materials, wrapping paper, tissue paper, ribbons, and glitter in your recycling. These products are made of plastic and will contaminate other recyclables.
- **Don't** put anything into the Recycling Center dumpsters that is not recyclable. This includes electronics, bags of trash, food waste, shredded paper, and Styrofoam. Items listed on signs in front of each dumpster are the only acceptable materials.



Leaf Collection

We ask that all residents have their yards raked and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up in order for the leaf truck to make its final pass along each street beginning the week of December 14th - 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 during the spring for a two-week period beginning in April 2021. In between these times, leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management’s regular pick-up on Wednesdays.

A Holiday Message from the Police



The Edgeworth Police Department would like to remind all residents to be aware of increased risk of package theft during the holiday season. In order to avoid opportunities for porch pirates to strike, request signature upon delivery, set up notifications to track packages, and instruct deliveries to be left out of sight. If packages are stolen, report them right away to your shipping provider, and contact the Edgeworth Police to file a report. We hope all residents have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Environmentally Conscious De-Icing Techniques

Winters in Pittsburgh are known to bring snow accumulations and cold temperatures. In order to help protect our waterways from dense concentrations of salt, follow these tips to remove slippery areas in an environmentally conscious way.

- Shovel first. Salt and other deicers should only be used after snow is removed and only in areas dependent on safety.
- Apply salt moderately and evenly, and remember that it takes time to melt! Spreading larger amounts of salt will not equal faster melting.
- Sweep excess salt from pavement after ice buildup have melted. This will help to keep salt from washing away into catch basins.
- Keep an eye on the temperature! Salt does not effectively work under 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Other traction agents such as sand or kitty litter are a more effective option in colder temperatures.

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

