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Fall 2021 

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. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 7th!

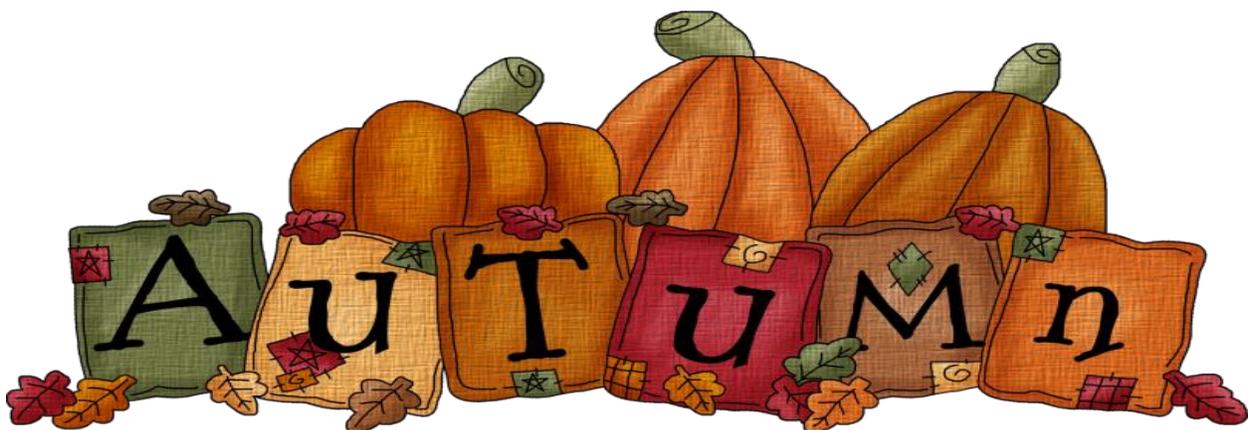
Edgeworth Borough Trick or Treat



Trick or Treat Night will take place on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm! During this time, the Police Department advises motorists to use extreme caution 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 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. Happy Halloween!

2021 General Election

The 2021 General Election for local and judicial offices will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. All Edgeworth residents may cast their ballots at Edgeworth Elementary School, 200 Meadow Lane, between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Residents may also apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. 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.



Thank You Councilwoman Morris!

After more than thirteen years of service to Edgeworth, Councilwoman Carrie A. Morris has stepped down from her position on Borough Council. Ms. Morris served as the fourth female member of Council, and helped to lead the Borough through numerous land development, infrastructure, and

public utility projects. She stated that her experience on Council greatly impacted her life, and inspired her to further her education and become a paralegal. We thank Ms. Morris for her many of years of dedicated service to Edgeworth, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



John Burlett Appointed Chief of Police



The Edgeworth Police Department has a new Chief! Upon the retirement of Chief John English in early September, Borough Council appointed John E. Burlett to the position of Police Chief on September 21, 2021. Chief Burlett has served as a police officer for over forty-one years, and has been a member of the Borough's police force since 1988, as a Patrol Officer, Corporal, and Sergeant. He is excited about the opportunity to lead the department and serve the Borough in his new role. "I am looking forward to prioritizing officer training, as well as utilizing up to date technology in order to best serve and protect the residents of Edgeworth," he said. Chief Burlett has already taken strides to improve technological resources,

and is working to outfit officers with body cameras in order to improve safety and communication. When asked about his favorite aspect of Edgeworth, Chief Burlett said that "the kindness that our residents show to the police department is unmatched, and we greatly appreciate that support that we are given on a daily basis. I am excited to continue strengthening the relationship between the Edgeworth police force and our entire community." Congratulations Chief Burlett!

Meet Shawn Collins!

The Edgeworth Public Works Department recently hired Shawn Collins as a full-time laborer. Shawn brings many years of experience in Public Works and mechanics to the position. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children, cheering on the Pittsburgh Penguins, and restoring his boat. Shawn is looking forward to a long career in Edgeworth, and we are happy to have him. Be sure to say hello if you see him around the Borough!

Have you Spotted the Spotted Lanternfly?

Protecting trees and vegetation in our community is a top priority for Edgeworth Borough. Recently, spotted lanternflies have begun appearing in our area. This invasive insect feeds on over seventy different species of plants and trees, and most commonly targets ornamental trees, saplings, and vines. When the lanternfly feeds, it secretes substances that attract other insects and promotes mold growth, which significantly deteriorates plant health. If you see a spotted lanternfly, be sure to kill it, photograph it if possible, and be on the lookout for additional lanternflies nearby. Sightings can be reported by calling the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 1-888-422-3359. Please help us to keep our plant life healthy from this invasive and dangerous pest!



Live Well, Quit Smoking!

Did you know that the CDC states that tobacco use can reduce life expectancy by ten years? While smoking rates are dropping each year, the harmful side effects of smoking are still as prevalent as ever. Smokers experience higher risks of lung disease, heart disease, cancer, and death. Exposure to second hand smoke also has negative impacts for those affected, and results in thousands of lung cancer deaths each year. Only twelve hours after quitting, carbon monoxide levels in the blood return to normal, and overall health improves on a weekly basis. Smoke free is the way to be! For information and resources regarding stopping smoking, please visit livewellallegheny.com.



Fall Leaf Collection

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in mid-October, weather permitting. Please have leaves ready for collection by December 10th, and advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. Leaf pickup after this date will be weather dependent. After December 10th, leaves will not be collected again until the spring.

- **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 continues during leaf season.
- 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.

Waste Collection Reminders

Waste Management collects waste and recycling on a weekly basis throughout the Borough. In order to ensure that collection occurs in an efficient manner, please refer to the following reminders when you place your cans out for collection. We appreciate your cooperation!

- All cans must be placed out for collection by 7:00 am on Wednesday. Cans set out after this time are not guaranteed to be collected, as drivers do not follow the same route each week.
- Back door collection is limited to two cans only. Any additional waste must be placed at the curb.
- Bulk items must be able to be lifted by one person. Items larger or heavier than this may not be collected. No appliances, electronics, construction material, or bags of dirt will be accepted. Please contact the Borough office in advance to ensure that bulk items will be accepted.
- Recycling cans that contain plastic bags or other contaminants will not be collected.
- Please ensure that driveways and cans are not obstructed by vehicles, landscaping trailers, or contractor equipment.
- Collection hours are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. If your cans are not collected by 5:00 pm, and all guidelines above are followed, please contact the Borough office at that time.

Employee Spotlights: Meet Our Dispatchers!



The Edgeworth Police Department is proud to spotlight some of our dispatchers! We are one of the few remaining municipal dispatch departments in Allegheny County. Lead Dispatcher, Dan Boyles, has spent the past eighteen years answering 911 calls for our officers to respond to, and helping the police department with administrative tasks. He is an avid reader, and enjoys landscaping in his free time! Doug Silk has worked for the Borough for over thirty years, and is currently the President of the Ben Avon Volunteer Fire Department. He also assists with the Public Works department during the summer and fall season to keep the Borough looking its best. Tammy Judy is a

retired Allegheny County fire fighter, where she worked at the Pittsburgh International Airport. She loves to spend time with her two grandchildren. Our dispatch team is always ready to provide a high level of service to our residents and community, and we are grateful to have them! Be sure to look out for the rest of our dispatch team in future employee spotlights!

Planting Trees Provides Stormwater Benefits

Properly managing stormwater runoff is important for protecting our waterways and natural environment. Trees provide immeasurable benefits for stormwater management within our community. During a one-inch rain event, 2" caliper deciduous trees can capture approximately 45 gallons of water each, reducing runoff that ultimately empties into the Ohio River. Trees also act as natural pollutant filters, and increase stormwater infiltration. As an added benefit, they provide shade, aesthetic value, and great curb appeal to your property. Planting native trees will help us keep our creeks and rivers clean and healthy for generations to come!

