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Dear Residents,

Spring has arrived! Here are some helpful reminders that you may find useful as we head into warmer days. Remember to check in with the Edgeworth Borough Facebook page and website to keep up with events and announcements. As always, feel free to contact the Borough Office with any questions.

2022 Primary Elections



Pennsylvania's Primary Elections will occur on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 for state and federal offices. All residents will cast their ballots at Edgeworth Elementary, located at 200 Meadow Lane. To register to vote, vote-by-mail, check your registration, and find information regarding voting, please visit votespa.com.

Edgeworth Borough Designated a Banner Community!

Edgeworth Borough has been designated a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities for the fifth consecutive year! The designation is granted to communities throughout Allegheny County that actively demonstrate a commitment to professional development, financial management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications for all community members. As part of this recognition, we will highlight the responsibilities of local government and leaders on our website and Facebook page during Local Government Week. Stay tuned from April 11th to the 15th!



Spring Leaf Collection

It is almost time for spring leaf collection! Collection will begin Monday, March 28th, weather permitting. Please have all leaves placed to the curb before Friday, April 15th. Leaves that are gathered after this date must be bagged and left for Waste Management until the fall collection begins. Please keep the following rules in mind when placing leaves out for collection:

1. Place leaves along the street line or in the curb lawn between the street and sidewalk, and NOT on the pavement.
2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings, grass, root balls, clumps of dirt or foreign objects with the leaves. as this could cause a serious injury to our Public Works employees and will **clog** or **damage** the leaf collection machine, slowing down the entire operation. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection. Leaves that are mixed with brush/grass will not be collected.
3. As a reminder, brush collection occurs weekly on Mondays and Fridays throughout the year.

Recycling Center Modifications

Important changes are being implemented at the Recycling Center this season! Instead of three green comingled recycling dumpsters, residents will now see specially designed, source separated dumpsters for cardboard, aluminum and tin, and glass. Each container will be specifically marked for the type of material it is meant to hold. All



cardboard must be broken down and flattened in order to fit into the dumpsters. The red caged dumpster is meant for aluminum and tin cans only. Finally, the glass dumpster is significantly larger and can accept all mixed glass bottles, jugs and jars. Due to high levels of contamination and unrecyclable material being placed in the existing plastic dumpster, plastics will no longer be accepted at the Recycling Center. Please do not throw any plastic containers, plastic bags, or other waste into any dumpster. Residents may continue recycling all materials currently accepted by Waste Management (flattened cardboard, paper, aluminum and tin cans, and plastic bottles, jugs and jars that are marked with a #1 or #2) in curbside collection. Glass may be taken to the Recycling Center only, and is not accepted in curbside bins. We hope that these modifications will increase the effectiveness of the Recycling Center, while reducing contamination in the overall recycling process!

Edgeworth Receives Infrastructure Grants

Edgeworth Borough was recently awarded two \$100,000 grants from the Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) for infrastructure projects in our community. GEDTF grants are provided through taxes levied on casino revenues by the state of Pennsylvania, and give financial assistance to municipalities for economic development and infrastructure initiatives. The grant dollars will help to fund two important projects: lining the sanitary sewer beneath Church Lane, and completing structural repairs to the Beaver Road Bridge. Both projects are expected to take place this year.

Department Spotlight: Public Works



You may have seen the Edgeworth Public Works crew throughout the community collecting leaves and brush, maintaining our beautiful parks, and keeping our roads cleared in the winter. For twenty years, Fred Gregorich has served as Public Works Director and Building Inspector, aiding residents, staff, and contractors with

his in-depth knowledge and expertise. In his spare time, Fred enjoys spending time with his two grandsons. Jim Wigton has been with the crew for five years, and brings his attention to detail to any project he tackles. Jim enjoys competing with his bowling league during his free time. Pete Kovacs came to Edgeworth in 2019 after many years in the landscaping industry, and spends his weekends hiking and enjoying his camp in Emlenton, PA. Shawn “Eddie” Collins joined the crew most recently in 2021, and has experience with mechanics and fleet maintenance. Outside of work, Shawn enjoys martial arts. Thank you to the Public Works crew!



Drilling Down on Dental Health



Oral hygiene is an important aspect of remaining healthy overall and reducing risks for certain diseases. A person’s mouth is home to many types of bacteria, and keeping gums and teeth properly cleaned ensures that bacteria doesn’t become harmful and infect the other areas of the body. There is also a link between poor dental hygiene and diseases such as diabetes and osteoporosis. It’s important to brush your teeth at least twice a day, floss daily, and avoid sugary foods. Be sure to keep up with regularly scheduled visits to the dentist, and make them aware of any changes to your overall health. For more tips on healthy living, please visit livewellallegheny.com!

A Message from the Edgeworth Police Department

Do you have a security, doorbell, or other outdoor camera system at your residence? The Edgeworth Police Department would like to know! If any criminal or suspicious activity occurs in your area, the police would be able to contact you and ask that you review your camera footage to identify any movement or behavior out of the ordinary. This type of information would help the department with an active investigation, or simply to aid officers when extra patrols to an area are deemed necessary. This will help the Edgeworth Police to be more efficient if suspicious activity occurs in the Borough. Any and all information provided to the Police Department will remain confidential. If you have a camera system and are willing to review and share recordings when needed, or for additional information, please contact the Dispatch office at 412-741-9400. Thank you for helping us to keep Edgeworth a safe and enjoyable community to live in!



Sedimentation Reduction Along Creek Drive

Reducing sedimentation in our waterways is a key aspect to promoting overall streambank and aquatic health. As part of the Borough's separate stormwater system permit, sedimentation reduction projects are completed to ensure that Edgeworth is doing its part to keep the Ohio River healthy. This spring, a section of the streambank along Creek Drive will be regraded to reduce sedimentation and erosion. The project also includes planting hundreds of native plants along the streambank to act as a natural buffer and filter of material before reaching the stream. Check out our website for ways that you can make a difference in keeping streams and rivers healthy for all!



When Are Building and Zoning Permits Required?

Many residents take advantage of the Spring season to begin planning renovation or construction projects around their property. It's important to remember that most projects require a zoning or building permit to be issued **prior to** work commencing. Zoning permits are required for projects such as installing or replacing fencing, driveways, decks, patios, sheds, and retaining walls. Simply repairing sections of these items may not typically require a permit, however we recommend calling the Borough office to discuss the specifics of your project in advance. Building permits are required for any structural changes or updates on your property, increasing or changing the footprint of a structure, electrical or plumbing modifications, and any new construction. Aesthetic updates, such as painting or cabinet replacements, do not typically require a permit. Keep this list in mind when considering your future renovations, and call the Borough office with any questions you may have regarding the permitting process!

A Spotlight on Cochran Hose Company

Did you know that Edgeworth Borough is served by an all-volunteer fire company? Cochran Hose Company volunteers respond to hundreds of fire and medical service calls each year, while also undergoing extensive training to ensure they are prepared for any situation. Cochran Hose Co. members work diligently to educate and engage students and the public about fire prevention, basic first aid, and safety tips, while also hosting numerous community outreach events. Volunteer firefighters serving with Cochran Hose Co. are passionate about helping their community. If you are interested in joining the department, please visit cochranhose.org for more information!

