

Fall 2009

Dear Resident,

Here is some news that may be of interest to you. Mark your calendar with the important dates and be sure to enjoy the rest of the summer and our beautiful fall season in Edgeworth!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th EDGEWORTH HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Be ready for our little “Trick or Treaters” going door-to-door on **Thursday evening October 29th from 6 PM to 8 PM**. The Police Department advises motorists to use extreme caution during these times. Parents are reminded to dress their children in light colored or reflective clothing. A parent or an older child should accompany the very young. Be sure to bring the children to the Edgeworth Fire Department for a treat given out by the Volunteer Firemen.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Voting in Edgeworth will again take place at The Edgeworth Club, 511 East Drive. The General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 3rd from 7AM to 8 PM**. The Edgeworth Club offers off-street parking and is handicapped accessible.

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

We’ve been asked to invite Edgeworth residents to two upcoming fun events both of which will take place on **Saturday, September 26th**.

- The 3rd annual **“PICNIC IN THE PARK”** will be held at the Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park from 1 PM – 4 PM. The park is located on Beaver Road adjacent to Osborne Elementary School. This educational and environmental extravaganza will feature tours of the park and exhibits by various local organizations. Free food, drinks, music will be provided. The event is being underwritten by the Dominion Foundation. For picnic information call 412-749-0128.
- **“AUTUMN FEST and TREASURES IN THE PARK”** will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM in Henele Park in Leetsdale. The park is located between Rt. 65 and Ferry Street. There will be craft booths, flea market, food vendors, pony rides, petting zoo, live music, face painting and pumpkin decorating. The event benefits the Leetsdale Garden Club and Scholarship Fund. Call 724-266-3925 or 412-741-9131 for more information. Rain date is Saturday, October 3rd.

KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL

Pennsylvania has a statute known as the Dog Law. The Dog Law requires that all dogs must be kept under control at all times. This means: (1) confined within the premises of the owner; (2) firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured; or (3) under the “reasonable control” of some

person. Under the Dog Law, an owner is responsible for any damage caused by the owner's dog. Residents should report incidents to the Police Department.

The Dog Law requires all dogs be licensed. Protect your pet by obtaining a dog license from the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office. Application forms are available on line at www.county.allegheny.pa.us or at our Police Department. The fee is only \$6 to \$8. Local Police departments have access to the County dog license data base and are able to identify lost dogs in this way. Each year thousands of unlicensed dogs are needlessly euthanized.

Dog waste is a threat to the health of our children, degrades our town and transmits disease. Clean up after your dog – it's the law. There has been an increase of dog walkers leaving plastic bags filled with dog waste in front of resident's homes, next to utility poles and on top of storm drains. This is very rude and unacceptable. Report any incidents of this nature to the police with accurate ID of the violator. The fine for littering is \$300.

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

Effective July 1, 2009, the PA Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act regulates home improvement contractors and requires contractors to register with the Office of the Attorney General. The law requires written contracts between the contractor and consumer and provides for penalties for fraud and violations of the act. All contractors must display their official registration on all contracts, estimates, proposals and advertisements. If you are remodeling your home, be sure your contractor is registered. To check registration status of a contractor, visit www.attorneygeneral.gov or call toll free 1-888-520-6680.

HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS

The PA Resources Council will sponsor a collection day on **Saturday, November 21st from 10 AM – 2PM** at the Mall at Robinson, 100 Robinson Centre Drive for the following hard to dispose of items:

- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, faxes, DVD, VHS, etc)
- Televisions
- Tires (no rims)

Fees apply to the above items (go to www.prc.org for a detailed list of fees). Medical supplies (crutches, canes, walkers, etc. but no medications) will be taken for free as well as ink and toner cartridges, alkaline batteries and cell phones. Call 412-488-7490 ext. 236 for more details.

WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Weekly garbage collection will take place on the regularly scheduled Wednesday for the remainder of the year. **There will be no delay in the collection day date during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veteran's Day holidays.**

- Borough Ordinance No. 420 specifies that garbage cans, bags or trash placed along the curb should not be put out more than 24 hours in advance of the collection day. After pick-up is made, garbage cans should be removed from the street in a timely manner. Your cooperation in helping keep Edgeworth beautiful is appreciated!

- Backyard collection of garbage cans is limited to a maximum of two garbage cans – all other waste must be put out at the street.
- Residents are also reminded that the garbage contract between Edgeworth Borough and Waste Management Company does not provide for pick-up of construction materials including items such as wood, lumber, etc. Residents are advised to have remodeling contractors remove these items or arrange for private disposal.

LEAVES

The Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin in mid-October. Weather permitting it is our goal to have the leaves picked up by Christmas. Please rake your yard by **December 5th** or advise your landscape contractor of this deadline. Since Public Works must convert the equipment for winter snow plowing and salting, leaves will not be collected again until spring 2010. Please observe the following rules:

1. 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 and entice children to play in the leaves in the street. This creates a dangerous situation.
2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings or grass in with the leaves since this will clog the leaf collection machine and slow down the entire operation. Do not put foreign objects in the leaf pile as this could damage the equipment and even cause a serious injury. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection. Brush will be disposed of with the Borough's brush chipper on a routine basis.

EDGEWORTH RECYCLING

The new Edgeworth Recycling Center operation was designed with a dumpster capacity to handle materials generated by Edgeworth residents. Recently the recycling dumpsters are being filled to capacity on weekends causing us to have to close the recycling center for several days until new dumpsters can be delivered. Greenstar Recycling Inc., the recycling contractor who supplies the dumpsters, is not open on weekends and requires 24 hours notice to deliver new dumpsters.

The present situation is causing an inconvenience to residents who are being denied access when the recycling center is closed down due to overloaded dumpsters. With this in mind, it is very important for everyone to **flatten cardboard boxes**. In addition, we have observed evidence that large quantities of recycle materials from commercial establishments are being deposited in the dumpsters. We are not able to handle this type of volume. If you observe this type of activity, please report it to the Police Department. Thank you.

