

Summer 2009

We express our sorrow at the passing of our friend, former Edgeworth Police Officer Frank Pickell. Frank served Edgeworth residents for thirty five years until his retirement in 2004. We offer our deepest condolences to his family.

Dear Resident,

Here is some timely Borough news for the summer months that we thought you would like to know. Please be sure to mark your calendar with the important dates listed in the following articles.

DOG OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Recently there has been a heightened concern in our community that some dogs are not being controlled properly. The following tips will make our community safer for you, your dog and your neighbors.

- Residents are urged to make control of their dog of utmost importance. Whether it by a leash or a fence, a dog is safe from traffic and unable to follow his instincts to go after people or other dogs.
- Absolutely do not let your dog run loose, bark or jump on anyone. Your dog should come to you when you call, every time.
- Keep in mind that not everyone loves dogs, so it's up to each dog owner to present a dog who is well socialized and under control. Please be considerate of your neighbors. That goes for constant barking, too.
- Dogs are not permitted to soil on another person's or public property. Owners are responsible for immediately removing pet waste from streets and parks. Dog waste contaminates the ground and becomes a means of passing intestinal parasites and infections to dogs and people. Your own dog can be repeatedly re-infested this way. Picking up feces prevents a great deal of contamination as well as smell and mess.
- Dogs must be licensed whether they are kept inside the home or not. Licenses may be obtained by contacting the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office or pick up an application form at the Edgeworth the Police Department. Licensing assists the Police and Animal Control Officer with identification of your dog should it stray.
- To minimize the risk of human exposure to rabies, dogs should be vaccinated. The Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act requires Pennsylvanians who own dogs should have them vaccinated.

So this summer enjoy the great weather, at home or along our streets and in our parks with your "best friend". Just remember that by being a responsible dog owner and following some sensible rules, you keep public places safe and enjoyable for all.

SUMMER SAFETY

Now that school is out for the summer, motorists are urged to use extreme caution and be alert for children riding bikes along our streets. Parents are reminded that when you hear the 9:45 PM evening curfew siren make sure that if your children are not home they are being adequately supervised. Most mischief and vandalism usually occurs when children aren't home by curfew.

EDGEWORTH 4TH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the Edgeworth 4th of July Bike Parade on Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 AM with the line up beginning at 9:45 AM in the Edgeworth Elementary Parking Lot. Decorate your bicycles in red, white and blue to celebrate Independence Day with a ride through Edgeworth. You may bring a baked good or juice boxes if you desire. For inquiries, contact Carrie Duffield at cduffield@comcast.net.

RECYCLING UPDATE: GLASS is BACK!

Effective immediately, glass containers will now be accepted at the Edgeworth Recycling drop-off center. This includes amber, green and clear glass bottles and jars. You may be interested to know that we have greatly increased our recycling tonnage for the first half of this year versus last year due to the expanded hours of operation. Reminder: please flatten cardboard boxes when placing them in the dumpster. Thank you for your cooperation!

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be **no change** in the collection day for Independence Day week because July 4th falls on Saturday – the collection day will remain Wednesday. Garbage collection will take place one day later the week of September 7th due to Labor Day. The collection day that week will be **Thursday** rather than Wednesday.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents wishing to dispose of **household hazardous waste products** such as cleaners, oil based paints, stains & varnishes, pesticides, etc. can do so on the following **Saturdays from 9AM – 1 PM at these locations:**

<i>August 22</i>	<i>Cranberry (former Bulter Auto Auction site)</i>
<i>September 19</i>	<i>Settler's Cabin Park Wave Pool</i>
<i>October 3</i>	<i>Brady's Run Park Recycling Center</i>

For further information, call the PA Resources Council at 412-488-7452 or on the internet at <http://www.swpahhw.org>.

SIDEWALKS

Each year a number of residents take advantage of the sidewalk repair program to have their defective walks reconstructed. However, there are still a number of walks around the Borough which are dangerous for pedestrians. Repair notices are being sent out to property owners. If repair work is not completed in a timely manner by the property owner, the Borough is authorized to have the work done and a lien for the cost of reconstruction as well as legal costs will be filed against the property. Interest continues to accrue on this amount and the property can not be sold until the lien is satisfied. It is an unpleasant process but is necessary to keep the sidewalks in a safe condition.

This year the Borough awarded the low bid contract to Palmieri Construction Company for sidewalk removal and replacement. The contract price for the sidewalk replacement program is available is between \$8 and \$10 per square foot depending on the length of sidewalk to be replaced. If you do not receive a repair notice and are interested in this service, please call the Borough Manager.

While we are on the subject of sidewalks, residents are reminded to keep tree limbs from their yards from overhanging too low – seven (7) feet is the minimum height to avoid possible injury. Limbs tend to droop during the summer after a rainfall. Also trim back bushy hedges and shrubs so they do not overhang sidewalks and injure or hinder pedestrians.

NOISE ADVISORY

This summer the construction and home improvement season in Edgeworth is well under way. Borough Ordinance No. 378 limits hours of construction work from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Monday through Saturday. No projects are permitted on Sundays and major holidays. The purpose of this regulation is to limit noise and disruption in residential areas. Please alert home improvement and landscaping contractors of this regulation.

TREES

Edgeworth is fortunate to have a large number of beautiful shade trees. Unfortunately, some reach their life expectancy and become diseased and are a hazard to public health and safety. Even though a tree does not appear to be dead, it can be rotten and hollow inside but exhibit leafy growth on its limbs. This winter we discovered a number of these trees along some of our streets. Under both state law and Borough ordinance, it is the property owner's responsibility to have the tree removed once official notification is given. Current policy is for the Borough to plant a new shade tree if the property owner so wishes. Hazardous Tree removal notices are currently being distributed.

VOLUNTEERS

Occasionally there are openings on various Borough government organizations. We try to maintain an up-to-date a list of interested residents and consult it when there are openings. If you are interested in serving on any one of these, please call the Borough Manager.

Zoning Hearing Board
Building Code Board of Appeals
Edgeworth Water Authority
Shade Tree Commission

Planning Commission
Civil Service Commission
Leetsdale Sewer Authority
Borough Auditor

LEAF COMPOST

Did you ever wonder what happens to all those leaves that you rake out to the curb each fall? Edgeworth has a supply of leaf compost that has decomposed into rich, black soil conditioner. Many of our residents are reusing the compost for summer garden projects. If you are interested in receiving a load of compost let the Borough Manager know.

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER

If you would rather receive this newsletter via e-mail rather than in paper form, let us know by logging on to the Borough Web-site: www.edgeworthborough.org and go to the "Contact Us" tab. Be sure to include your name, home address and the e-mail address where the newsletter is to be sent.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!