

## Winter 2009

Dear Edgeworth Resident,

Here is some pre-holiday news that may be of interest to you. Have a wonderful holiday season!

### BEAVER ROAD SAFETY

The intersection of Beaver Road/Hazel Lane/Meadow Lane, located at the point of Way Park, has been the scene recently of increased vehicle accidents. Occasionally, vehicles traveling southbound on Beaver Road toward Sewickley do not negotiate the turn adjacent to the traffic island on Beaver Road and Hazel Lane and hit and even sometimes jump the curb and sidewalk on Beaver Road causing vehicular damage such as tire blow outs, wheel and axle damage. As many as 24 pedestrians an hour have been observed using this sidewalk, many of whom are school children. Fortunately, no pedestrian accidents have occurred to-date.

A recent study performed by a traffic engineering firm retained by the Borough concluded that sufficient volumes and accidents have occurred at the Beaver Road/Hazel Lane/Meadow Lane intersection to warrant **a stop sign** on southbound Beaver Road traveling toward Sewickley. This stop sign should reduce the incidences of southbound vehicles on Beaver Road jumping the curb at this intersection and preventing a serious pedestrian accident.

In addition, it has been observed that vehicles making left turns from Hazel Lane encounter difficulties turning onto Beaver Road and Meadow Lane due to the intersection geometry. Since the number of vehicles making these left turns is very low and there are alternative opportunities to make this turn, left turns will be prohibited from Hazel Lane onto Beaver Road or Meadow Lane. A **Right Turn Only** sign will be posted at Hazel Lane.

### CHILD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Our children are a precious treasure for our families and community. Here are some facts for all of us to reflect upon the next time we get behind the wheel:

- Each year there are about 600 child pedestrian fatalities nationally and 39,000 non-fatal pedestrian injuries – 33,000 requiring treatment in a hospital emergency room.
- The maturity level of a child under 10 years of age makes him/her unable to correctly gauge speed of vehicles putting them at greater risk for injury or death.

Let's all make a conscious resolution to drive more safely for our children's sake by reducing excessive speed, stopping completely at stop signs and not talking on a cell phone or texting while driving. Studies have shown that cell phone use is as dangerous as drunken driving. Ponder this: a driver looking at their cell phone or texting for just one second while going 30 mph actually travels 44 feet without making eye contact with the road ahead. Let's all make a serious effort to make our streets safer for our children!

## LEAF COLLECTION

It will soon be time for our Public Works Department to convert its equipment from leaf removal to snow removal and salting. We realize that the leaves did fall off the trees very quickly this autumn and that there are lots of piles that still need removed, but residents need to have their yards raked by Saturday **December 5th** and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up. We will make one more pass along each street after December 5<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk in the spring for a two week period beginning **April 1, 2010**. In between these times, leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management Company's regular pick-up on Wednesdays.

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

There will be no change to the regular garbage collection schedule this year since Christmas and New Years both fall on a Friday. Collection will take place on the regularly scheduled Wednesday. However, due to the large volume of trash generated at this time of year, it often takes more than one day to complete collection of the entire Borough especially the week after Christmas. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated and remember not to put your trash out at the street too early during the holiday season. The upcoming holidays in January and February (Martin Luther King Day and President's Day) are not days off for the Borough's waste management contractor and collection will be as usual during these weeks.

## LOCAL SERVICES TAX – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2010

Effective January 01, 2010, Edgeworth Borough has enacted the Local Services Tax at a rate of \$52.00 per year and has appointed Berkheimer as the Tax Administrator. All employers located in Edgeworth Borough are required to withhold the Local Services Tax from all employees, except those that file an exemption form and expect their earnings to be less than \$12,000. The Local Services Tax is a weekly payroll tax of \$1.00 deduction for each employee.

*If you are self-employed and your business is located in Edgeworth Borough you will be responsible for remitting the \$52.00 LST to Berkheimer Tax Administrator. These payments are due quarterly.*

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Berkheimer at 866-701-7205 or 610-599-3138 and they will be happy to assist you. You can also download LST forms over the internet at [www.hab-inc.com](http://www.hab-inc.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Often we're asked by residents "How can we serve our community?" Edgeworth residents currently are serving their community in a total of 36 appointed and elected positions - on Borough Council, on the Planning Commission, on the Zoning Hearing Board, as Auditors and in many other positions, all of which are listed below with the present incumbents. As residents leave the area or simply decide to retire from their positions, there are new opportunities to serve, usually several each year.

At the present time, we have two (2) openings for Auditor. This position does require accounting knowledge, however the time requirement is very minimal, about 2 or 3 evenings or Saturday morning once a year in late February/early March. If we cannot fill the auditor positions with volunteers the Borough will be required to hire a CPA firm which will cost taxpayers thousands of dollars. Edgeworth is fortunate to have

highly qualified residents who serve the community without pay. This is one of the reasons that Borough has been able to keep costs down and has not had to raise the property tax rate for the past seven years. If you have the interest and ability in becoming an auditor, please consider stepping forward now to serve your community.

If you would like to be considered for any positions below as they become vacant, please make your interest known in writing to the attention of the Borough Manager's Office at Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road. Please indicate which position or positions interest you and your qualifications for the position(s). Include your telephone number and the time when it would be convenient to for one of the members of the Borough Council's Personnel Committee to reach you by phone.

This is also an opportunity for all of us to thank the residents listed below who are currently serving the Borough and its residents in the positions indicated.

Auditor

Arthur Hallett

Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority

Robert Bagans

Building Code Board of Appeals (Architects)

Shelley Clement  
Jeffrey Murray  
Dennis Campbell

Civil Service Commission (Police)

David Aloe  
Jennifer Giotto  
Charles Jacobs

Edgeworth Municipal Authority (water)

Anthony Lisanti, Chair  
David Monroe  
Richard Ullery

Shade Tree Commission

Gregory Marlovits, Chair  
Ann Coburn  
Joyce Scalercio

Planning Commission

David Shaw, Chair  
David Martin  
Mario Peluso  
David Aloe  
Timothy Corcoran

Zoning Hearing Board

Scott Wendt, Chair  
John Moyer  
Keith Rothfus  
David Genter (alternate)  
Elizabeth Wilson (alternate)

Leetsdale Municipal Authority (sewer)

Eric Close  
Michael Murphy

## **TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Speaking of volunteering, the Borough would like to create a new citizen group to be called the **“Trail Advisory Committee.”** Edgeworth Borough owns almost 150 acres of property on Little Sewickley Creek Road about half of which is Walker Park. About 70 acres of this heavily wooded property has been donated by the estate of former Edgeworth Mayor John Oliver and most recently by the Francis B. Nimick, Jr. Trust. There is potential to make improvements and open up and improve some existing trails and create new trails for hiking and biking. If you have an interest in this type of activity and would like to be part of planning and developing what could become a significant community asset, we would like to hear from you.

## **SPECIAL EVENT PARKING**

The Edgeworth Police Department would like to request that residents notify them of any events or holiday parties that require the posting of temporary “No Parking Signs” along our streets. It is necessary to restrict parking to one side of the street to allow for two way traffic and emergency vehicles access.

## **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 at [www.edgeworthborough.org](http://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.

## **EDGEWORTH EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND**

In appreciation of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff), Mayor Wayne T. Murphy reminds 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 the Borough Building. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



***Happy Holidays from all of us at the Borough Building!***