

Spring 2010

Dear Resident,

Hopefully winter is almost at its end and spring will be here soon. So far, the Borough Public Works Department was called out 39 times this winter to plow and salt our roads. We wish to thank them for their continued good service to the community during the severe snow storms. Here is some information you may find useful. Be sure to mark your calendar with important dates and save the enclosed reminder card for this summer's holiday week garbage collection schedule.

BRUSH CHIPPING

We have begun to chip up branches placed at the curb/roadside from the winter storms. **Tree branches must be cut into lengths not more than five (5') feet long for one worker to handle and be of a diameter of no more than six (6") inches so that it can be ground up by the chipper equipment.** Residents will have to make arrangements with private tree service companies to dispose of large trees and limbs. **Please do not mix tree limbs in with your piles of leaves.**

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Weather permitting, the curb-side Leaf Collection Program will begin the last week of March. It is our goal to have the leaves picked up within two weeks - by **Friday, April 9th**. Leaves that are not put out for collection will have to be bagged until the fall. Observe the following rules:

- 1. If at all possible, place leaves along the street line or in the curb lawn 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 which creates a dangerous situation.**
- 2. Do not mix brush, shrubbery clippings, grass, root balls, clumps of dirt or FOREIGN OBJECTS with the leaves since this could cause a serious injury and will CLOG or DAMAGE the leaf collection machine and slow down the entire operation. Grass and shrubbery clippings are to be bagged for weekly garbage collection and brush will be disposed of with the Borough's brush chipper on a routine basis.**

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 the tab "Contact Us". Be sure to include your name, home address and the e-mail address where the newsletter is to be sent

QV-COG RECYCLING DAY

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments and its member municipalities of Aleppo, Avalon, Bell Acres, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Edgeworth, Glenfield, Haysville, Kilbuck, Leet, Leetsdale, Glen Osborne and Sewickley will be sponsoring a Recycling Day on **Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Avalon Borough will be hosting the Recycling Day, which will be located in the parking lot of the Avalon Borough Public Works Department at the intersection of New Brighton Rd. and Frederick Street. Only residents from the above mentioned municipalities will be able to partake in the Recycling Day and ID (Driver's license or voter's registration) will be required. **No commercial establishments will be permitted to participate in this Recycling Day.**

The following items will be accepted:

- Oil & Antifreeze (brought in separate containers)
- Lead/acid batteries from cars, motorcycles and boats.
- Passenger and Light Truck tires \$2.00, **NO RIMS** (not to exceed 18 inches) **NO LARGE TRUCK TIRES OR OFF THE ROAD TIRES.**

Computer and Electronic Related Items

- Computer System (Central Processing Unit, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse) \$15.00
- Televisions, Monitors and LCD Monitors (priced according to size from \$10.00 to \$50.00)
- Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines, UPS single battery, Analog Telephone Systems / components, Stereo/Boom Box, Large Speakers (pair), DVD,VCR, Tvio, Cable Box, DVR and Small Appliances such as Can Openers & Toasters are \$5.00

Reusable Building Materials items that will be accepted:

- Cabinets – Plumbing Fixtures
- Windows – (No broken glass and no aluminum storm windows)
- Doors – (No broken glass and no rotted or split wood)
- Usable Latex Paint (only) **\$1.00 per can**
- Concrete Blocks, Glass Blocks & Bricks
- Lumber (no individual pieces shorter than 4 ft., no areas that are rotted or stained with oil, grease or dirt)
- Tiles - Hardware - Hardwood Flooring - Counter Tops
- Insulation - Shingles/Siding - Light Fixtures
- Carpet (no worn out areas or stains)

Unacceptable Materials:

- Old, out of code electrical products
- Appliances
- Items with exposed lead paint
- Items that are missing major parts (like cabinets without the doors)
- Asbestos Siding & Tiles

The Quaker Valley COG reserves the right to refuse any items considered unacceptable. Residents having any questions concerning the above information can contact John Jakiela at the Quaker Valley COG at (412) 766-7458.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents can safely dispose of the following **household hazardous waste products** (not accepted at the above QVCOG recycling event):

- aerosol cans
- compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's)
- gasoline and kerosene
- household cleaners (ammonia/ drain openers/oven cleaners)
- oil based paint & paint thinners/stripers
- pesticides/herbicides/fertilizers
- chemicals (photo & pool)
- automotive fluids (transmission/brake fluids)

The next Southwestern PA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be *Saturday, May 1st, 2010 from 9AM – 1 PM at the North Park Swimming Pool parking lot*. The fee is \$2/gallon – Cash only. For further information, call the PA Resources Council at 412-488-7452 or on the internet at: www.swpahhw.org. Future collections for household chemicals will be held on Saturday, June 26th and October 16th, 2010 at the mall at Robinson (Mall parking Lot), 100 Robinson Centre Drive. There is also going to be a Pharmaceutical Collection day this year – residents will be able to safely dispose of their unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications for a very small fee. A quick and easy pre-registration is required on the above web- site.

RECYCLE CENTER NEWS

In order to enable the recycle center run efficiently, we ask our recyclers to observe the following:

Be sure to flatten card board boxes – empty boxes that are not flattened also contribute to unnecessary dumpster overflow and temporary closing of the facility. Also fill-up the dumpster with the “flags” before using the empty dumpster – this allows us to switch out a full one and prevents two from becoming full at one time - forcing the recycling center to be closed. Do not use the recycle center when the gates have been closed. Do not place recycle material on the ground – as it will blow all over the neighborhood. Thank you!

FREE PICKUP OF REFRIGERATORS CONTAINING FREON

To arrange for free pick up of refrigerators which contain refrigerant, call **Jaco Environmental (877)-270-3521**. The program is funded through Duquesne Light Company. There is even a \$35 rebate for those who participate. You may also qualify for rebates when purchasing new energy efficient appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Log on to www.wattchoices.com for details.

EDGEWORTH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY WATER RATES

Edgeworth Municipal Authority Board of Directors passed the 2010 budget earlier this year. The Board elected to maintain its current water rate schedule. This is the third consecutive year that water rates will remain the same.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DOG LICENSES SOLD ONLINE

Residents can obtain 2010 Allegheny County dog licenses – new or renewed – by visiting: www.alleghenycounty.us/treasure and clicking on the dog license icon. There is a \$1 fee per transaction. Licenses may also be bought through the mail and in person at the County Treasurer's Office, Room 108, Allegheny County Courthouse, Grant Street, Pittsburgh. Application forms are available in the Edgeworth Police Department.

PHONE SOLICITATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS & FIRE FIGHTERS

Sometimes we are asked by residents if fund raising campaigns conducted over the phone are for the benefit of the Edgeworth police or volunteer fire department. The answer is no - the Edgeworth police or fire departments do not receive any of these donations. We have no knowledge as to the validity of any of these fund raisers soliciting donations for organizations such as Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation or PA State and Local Police Officers Fund. The Edgeworth Volunteer Fire Department does send out their own annual solicitation by mail to residents each year requesting funds to underwrite their various activities.

POLLING PLACE: EDGEWORTH CLUB

Voting will again take place at The Edgeworth Club, 511 East Drive. The Primary Election will be held on ***Tuesday, May 18th from 7AM - 8 PM***. The Edgeworth Club is closed on Tuesdays and off-street parking is available. The facility is handicapped accessible.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Keeping you informed is a top priority. That's why we have recently upgraded our system to send telephone and/or e-mail messages to multiple contacts in your household. Previously, we only had the ability to send out one message to one household phone number. At this time, in the event of an emergency, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be provided important information immediately by phone and/or e-mail to multiple contacts.

New Information about Receiving Calls:

- Caller ID will display the Edgeworth Police Department's main number (412-741-9400) when the announcement is delivered.
- At the end of the message, you can press number "1" and the message will replay from the beginning.

