

EDGEWATER – “A Great Place to Live”

By Gregory S. Franz – Borough Administrator

VETERAN’S FIELD TO BE COMPLETED

The Mayor and Council unanimously awarded a \$7,471,110.89 contract to Tomco Construction of Mount Arlington New Jersey at the Mayor and Council meeting of Monday May 16 for the final completion of Veteran’s Field. Tomco Construction was the successful bidder who completed the little league field and Community Center parking lot last year, on time and on budget. Mayor McPartland was pleased with this award “this has been a difficult, tedious, and arduous road to get to this point, but we are at a good place”, saying after the meeting. The Mayor and Council had to advertise for two separate bids since January due to only one bidder submitting a bid the first time, that bid in excess of \$12million, was deemed over budget by about \$4.5million. The borough’s engineer, CME Associates, had estimated the final phase of the project to be about \$8.5million. The bid was structured so that if the Mayor and Council felt the bids were excessive for certain components, those components could be removed to pare down the project scope and cost. This was done for the Tomco award, removing items such as fencing and a comfort station. The contingency plan prepared before the bidding was that if components were removed due to cost, the borough would consider bidding out those removed items separately or perhaps have the Public Works Department install some features. The work should begin sometime in June and as components are completed, those components will be opened to the public.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Be advised that if you currently vote at the Historic Borough Hall at 916 River Road, effective the Tuesday June 7, 2016 Primary Election, and every election thereafter, you will now vote at the Edgewater Fire Headquarters located at 838 River Road, one (1) block south of the current location. Edgewater Election District(s) #1 and #2 will vote at the Edgewater Fire Headquarters, 838 River Road, one (1) block south of the current location effective the Tuesday June 7, 2016 Primary Election and every election thereafter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Edgewater Borough Clerk, the Edgewater Election Official, Annamarie O’Connor, at 201-943-1700 ext. 3137.

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – The Governing Body adopted the 2016 Municipal Budget on Monday May 16, 2016 that ***will result in an average \$29.00 DECREASE*** to the Edgewater property owner compared to last year. Remember, when you receive your tax bill, it includes three taxing entities, municipal, schools, and county. The total appropriations for budget year 2015 were \$26,740,532, a 1.64% increase from the previous year. The total appropriations for budget year 2016 will be 28,051,926, a 4.67% increase from the 2015 budget year. The tax levy, or the amount to be raised in taxes in 2015 was \$21,173,819, an increase of \$793,888 or 3.90%. The 2016 tax levy will only increase \$362,954, or 1.71% from the previous year. Some of the main appropriation increases are salaries and wages at \$136,024, \$70,500 for insurances, \$47,000 for utilities, the mandatory library contribution of \$74,590, pension payments of \$97,383 whereby the state continues to defer their mandatory payments however towns must still make there’s, public safety expenses of \$59,320, and \$320,000 for reserve for

uncollected taxes, the amount we need to budget in consideration of taxpayers who do not pay taxes on time. The Mayor and Council are always aggressively looking at ways to reduce cost. This year, the Mayor and Council negotiated with our employees, a change in health care providers, that will result in a potential savings of close to 20% from the previous year, savings realized by the Borough, savings realized to the employee, since all employees now contribute to the cost of medical insurance, and savings that gets passed on to the taxpayer. Edgewater was fortunate enough to receive state fiscal aid in the amount of \$750,731, the same amount as last year; this money will go directly to tax relief, or less the amount needed to be raised by taxes. On the typical residential property assessment of \$460,245 the average amount of municipal taxes to be paid will be \$3,523, ***an average \$29.00 DECREASE from the amount paid last year.***

EDGEWATER SPORTS BOOSTERS GOLF OUTING – The Edgewater Sports Boosters 5th Annual Golf Outing is Wednesday June 8, 2016 at the Meadows Golf Club, 79 Two Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, New Jersey. Shotgun start at 9:00am, package includes golf, cart, lunch, and refreshments, cost is \$125.00 per person, hole sponsorship available at \$200.00.

EDGEWATER POLICE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN – Members of the Edgewater Police Department will participate in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run on Friday June 10, 2016 at approximately 3:00pm. The Fort Lee Police will hand over the torch on River Road at the Fort Lee border at approximately 3:00pm, the torch will run south on River Road passed the George Washing School where students will cheer on members of the police department. The torch will proceed to Veteran's Field where students from the Eleanor Van Gelder School will join Edgewater Police Officers on completing the run to the Edgewater Marina. Please donate to this worthy cause at <http://www.classy.org/edgewaterpolice>.

JAZZ IN JUNE – The Edgewater Arts Council is sponsoring its 2nd annual “Jazz in June” concert on Sunday June 12, 2016 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm in the Shadyside Parking Lot, Thompson Lane and River Road. The concert is free, bring a chair for seating, concessions for food and beverages available for purchase.

MUSIC AT THE MARINA – This favorite Edgewater summer pastime is back Thursday evenings at the Edgewater Marina, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, starting on Thursday June 30th and ending on Thursday September 8th. Bring a blanket or chair and lunch refreshments and listen to great music every week.

VOLLEYBALL AT THE MARINA – This favorite Edgewater summer pastime keeps everyone in shape from children to seniors at the Edgewater Marina on Tuesday evenings starting on Tuesday June 28 and ending on Tuesday August 30 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

MOVIES AT THE MARINA – Bring your children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews to family movie night at the Marina on Monday evenings in August from August 1 to August 29 starting at 7:30pm, be sure to bring a blanket and chair.

2016 Electronics, Tire, and Paper Shredding Days

The 2016 Computer/Electronics Recycling, Tire Recycling and Paper Shredding program dates and locations are as follows:

Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Sunday, October 23, 2016

The hours for the Computer/Electronics Recycling, Tire Recycling and Paper Shredding Events are 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, rain or shine.

2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

The 2016 household hazardous waste collection program dates and locations are as follows:

Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Saturday, September 10, 2016

The hours for the Household hazardous waste collection events are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM rain or shine.

ANNUAL SHREDDING EVENT – The 2016 annual shredding event has been scheduled for Saturday October 8, 2016 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Edgewater Community Center. Bring your unwanted papers, tax returns, receipts and watch them be shredded in a state of the art shredding truck, free to residents.