



Interesting 12 months it has been though a bittersweet anniversary of sorts. If we think back to March 2020, we realize that is the beginning of the times we are in... "The new normal". Schools were shuttered, employees made to work from home, social standards and distancing were ordered, restaurants and, well... pretty much everything except supermarkets and few other stores closed for the long term. It has been a very confusing, stressful, uncomfortable time for everyone in some regard.

As things inch toward a new normal, I would like to announce the start of a **Mayors Wellness Campaign** for Edgewater Park. The **Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC)** is a statewide community health initiative to help residents achieve healthier lifestyles and to improve overall health and wellness in the community. What a great time, now more than ever, to get out and about and reconnect with our neighbors and friends and get some fresh air and physical activity in- for the mind, body and spirit!

Throughout the year there will be a wide variety of events for children to senior citizens and everyone in between. I would like to kick off with an event **'Walk with the Mayor'** on **Saturday, April 17 from 1-3pm at Weimann Field**. More information will follow, but please mark your calendars! Come out and meet your government officials. It's a family event, with kids' yoga and other events, too. Weimann is a vast field with plenty of paved walking paths, the playground and of course plenty of space to be out and about while adhering to social distance guidelines.



The Township website will have a link for the campaign, so you'll always be able to check for activities. Speaking of which, if you have any suggestions, please forward them to me. This is a community-wide initiative, so everyone has an active role in it (no pun intended) :)

Hope to see you and your family there!



I would like to give two big shout outs to:

1. **The Edgewater Park Police.** The shooting at the end of January. What a shocking and sad thing to wake up and learn what happened while we all slept in our peaceful little town. The police and other agencies worked throughout the night, and days after, gathering all the information they could and interviewing neighbors for assistance. Everyone's cooperation is very much appreciated. And so is the understanding that there is some information—as with any case—the details of which can't be made public until the appropriate time... otherwise an investigation can be significantly derailed. Please be patient and know the Police Department understands the feelings of the public and cares about our residents. But this is a logistical process. BTW, here is a fun fact about our current police department: just about all our officers either grew up in Edgewater Park or either currently or have lived in EP at some point of their career. This is their stomping ground. They have family in town. In most respects, this is their town, too. So please take comfort in knowing that they care about this community and YOU, because it is their community, too!

2. **The Public Works Department.** The snow in February was a bit much, literally! But the crew was out at all hours over the course of three days to clear our streets during the nor'easter early February. Kudos to the work with all the snow! Please understand, however, that they can't get to every street first and often must go back again. There are logistics to snow plowing and laying salt, and it's a process. I know people don't like shoveling out a driveway and sidewalks more than once, but sometimes it happens that way because that's where the plowed snow needs to go. Please always reach out directly if there is a problem and you need assistance. Best thing you can do to help... please remove your car from the street before a snow event: 1) There is an ordinance that requires you do so, 2) Public Works can't do its best work when having to navigate around cars in the street, 3) It's a hazard and your car can get hit by anyone driving down the street. On another note, I will also mention that half our Public Works crew also have personal ties to Edgewater Park, including our Supervisor who has resided in EP for about 20 years!



Bunny Drive Around

The Easter Bunny's feet go hop hop
His big ears go flop flop
He is on his way to bring eggs on Easter day with a hop, flop. hop, hop!

The Easter Bunny will cruise around Edgewater Park on **Saturday, March 20, 2021...**
time TBD.

Please check the website for more information!