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THE EDGEWATER SHORELINES

Flood Insurance

Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowner insurance policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) www.FEMA.gov.

The NFIP is a federal program established by Congress in 1968 which enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding.

The NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through its Federal Insurance Administration. To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. There is usually a waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes

effect, so don't wait until a storm threatens you before you secure the flood insurance you need.

Over time, the City has improved and maintained a stormwater managements system which has significantly reduced the road and yard flooding that used to be commonplace during the summer rainy season. Every year, the City budgets funds for the inspection and maintenance of the drainage ditches, catch basins and culverts that comprise the stormwater drainage system in Edgewater. All facets of the drainage system are inspected and maintained on a continuous basis to insure the system will function when heavy rains occur.

The City has also adopted regulations which make it illegal to dump any garbage, refuse or vegetative debris in any stream, canal or other body of water to further protect the integrity of Edgewater's vital

drainage system. If you experience any localized drainage problems, please notify the Environmental Services Dept. at 386-424-2476. If you wish to report a violation of the City's stream dumping regulations, contact the Edgewater Police Dept. at 386-424-2425.

The Edgewater Development Services Dept. is the community's primary source of information regarding Flood Insurance Rate Maps. You can write, stop by or call the Planning Department (PO Box 100, Edgewater 32132; 137 E. Park Ave.; 386-424-2400 ext. 1511) if you have questions regarding flood elevations of existing properties, names of contractors knowledgeable in flood retrofitting techniques, advice on how to select a qualified

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Special points of interest:

- Flood insurance is available to city residents through the National Flood Insurance Program (www.FEMA.gov)
- Learn to make 'Topiaries' on Tues., Nov. 18, 10 am, at Menard Park, 413 S. Riverside Dr.
- Edgewater's Christmas Parade will be held on Sat., Dec. 13, 2008, 10 am, on Indian River Boulevard.
- Leave dead fronds on Sabal Palm trees to preserve nesting habitat for Northern Yellow Bats.
- Enroll at www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/findcustomer to add emergency contact information to your FL Driver's license or ID card.

FREE Casual Gardening Series Begins

The City of Edgewater Leisure Services Department, in cooperation with the University of Florida Extension Center Master Gardener's Program, presents a monthly series of FREE seminars. **Casual Gardening**, will be held on the **third Tuesday of each month, 10 am, at Menard Park, 413 S. Riverside Dr, Edgewater**, under the pavilion. Inclement weather loca-

tion is the Community Center, 102 N. Riverside Dr.

The topic on **Nov. 18, Topiaries**, is just in time for holiday decorating and gift giving. Learn to clip, trim and train live plants into decorative shapes. Dating from Romans times, topiaries were created for amusement and pleasure. Today, pre-made frames can aid in the creation of these

garden treasures.

Check the city website for all the [Casual Gardening](#) series titles and dates.

Pre-registration is requested. To **register**, or for more information, **call** Leisure Services at **424-2485** or email Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org.

Flood Insurance

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contractor, review of retrofitting plans and on-site visits to advise owners of appropriate protection measures. The Environmental Services Dept. is also available to answer questions regarding historical flooding problems and the potential flood threat in any given neighborhood. Edgewater's Public Library provides flood protection reference material to the general public. Reference material includes Flood Insurance Rate Maps, state and federal publications covering a variety of subjects and a list of agencies and individuals to contact for more information.

With Edgewater's participation in the NFIP, the City administers flood management regulations and measures designed to minimize the potential of flood losses. Any development in Edgewater requires a permit from the Developmental Services Dept. Through this process, the City insures development is taking place according to flood

regulations. Regulations include required elevations of living floor areas, flood-proofing of certain construction, limitation of placement of fill and prohibitions of certain substantial improvements, additions or reconstruction.

In accordance with NFIP standards, the City requires that if the cost of any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, such work is considered a substantial improvement. The existing building is then required to meet the same standards as for a new building. For residential structures, these requirements typically mean raising the living area of the building base flood elevation.

The City's substantial improvement requirements are enforced through the development and building permitting process. Applicants for remodeling or repair of "non-conforming" structures (i.e. buildings which

are not elevated to or above the base flood elevation) are required to submit a cost estimate of the improvement, and if necessary, an appraised value of the existing structures, to determine if the work constitutes a substantial improvement. With these requirements, the City insures that, over time, more of the older non-conforming structures will be elevated to the base flood elevation and protected from potential flood damage. Edgewater's permitting review process may seem cumbersome at times, but is necessary to allow the City to participate in the NFIP, making flood insurance available to any City resident who wishes to protect their property from flood damage. Development that occurs without City permits threatens the City's continued participation in the NFIP and the ability for residents to obtain flood insurance. If you see development occurring without permits, protect your rights and contact the City immediately.

Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day and New Years Day,
Thurs. Dec. 25, 2008 & Thurs. Jan 1, 2009

REFUSE

If regular pickup days are Monday and Thursday, pickup will be Monday and Wednesday.

If regular pickup days are Tuesday and Friday, pickup will be Tuesday and Friday.

RECYCLING

If regular pickup day is Monday, pickup will be Monday.

If regular pickup day is Tuesday, pickup will be on Tuesday.

If regular pickup day is Thursday, pickup will be on Wednesday.

If regular pickup day is Friday, pickup will be on Friday.

There will be **no pickup** of bagged grass, leaves, pine needles, etc. on holiday weeks.

Wondering What to Recycle...Here's the List

The Environmental Services Dept. would like to remind residents of **items that can be placed in recycling bin** for city pickup. They are:

- **Aluminum cans** (no foil)
- **Glass bottles/jars**-white, green or brown with lids removed and rinsed out (labels okay)
- **Newspaper**-plastic sleeve **MUST** be removed
- **Tin/steel cans**-rinsed (labels okay)
- **Plastic #1, #2, #3, #4 & #5**-rinsed with lids removed (lids may also be recycled), remember deli/bakery containers
- **Phone books/magazines/paper bags**
- **Junk mail/office & school paper**-place in separate paper bag then place bag in recycling bin
- **Corrugated cardboard**-please flatten before placing in or under recycling bin
- **Thin cardboard**-cereal, gift, soda boxes, etc., please flatten before placing in recycling bin

Additionally, the City recycles:

- **Cell phones**
- **Rechargeable batteries**
- **Ink Cartridges**

These items **must be taken to the Environmental Services Office at 115 E. Park Ave.** Please **DO NOT place** cell phones, rechargeable batteries or ink cartridges **in the curbside recycling bin.**

The Environmental Services Dept. offers speakers to organizations or businesses to discuss recycling and environmental issues. If your business, church, homeowner's association, scout troop, etc. is interested, please contact Tyna Lynn Hilton, Environmental Services Administrator, at (386) 424-2400, opt. 1, ext 4020, or email Thilton@cityofedgewater.org.

For additional information on Edgewater's solid waste and recycling, on the web go to www.cityofedgewater.org, click on 'Living in Edgewater' and scroll down to 'Trash/Recycling', or call (386) 424-2476.

The complete 2009 Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule will be available on the city website in January 2009. Residents can access and/or print it by following the steps outlined above.



CITY OF EDGEWATER'S 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 10:00 AM
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Please join Edgewater Leisure Services as it presents Edgewater's 18th Annual Christmas Parade. The parade begins at Indian River Boulevard (SR442) and Air Park Rd., travels east on Indian River Boulevard and disperses at Florida shores Plaza. The east bound lane of SR442 will be closed during the parade and traffic will not be allowed to cross the road. If you live in Florida Shores, please make alternate plans around Indian River Boulevard during the parade.



Use the form, below, to participate in Edgewater's 18th Annual Christmas Parade.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES:

- Please, no sirens on any fire, emergency rescue, or police vehicles.
- All float entries must be in position for judging no later than 9:00 AM.
- Floats will be judged on appearance and originality. There will be no specific central theme for this year's parade.
- There is a height restriction of 12 feet and a maximum width of 8 feet for floats – this permits clearance under traffic signals and containment to traffic lane.
- There is only one (1) "Santa" in the parade and he rides on the Leisure Services Dept. entry. Please do not allow anyone to be dressed in a Santa costume. Violations may cause entry to be disqualified/expelled.
- All music performed or broadcast, MUST be copyrighted by BMI. (www.bmi.com/search).
- Loud music, that overpowers other entries, will not be permitted – Volume will be monitored.
- Vehicles pulling floats must be decorated.
- All of the Scouts (Boys and Girls) will be lined up, one behind the other. Please make sure your **Scout members know the number of your Troop and name of Troop Leader**, to avoid confusion when lining up. **Please carpool** as many as you can.
- Awards will be given for First and Second in the following categories: 1) Businesses , 2) Schools, and 3) Youth Groups. There will also be 1 entry chosen for the "Mayor's Overall Excellence" award.
- The parade crosses the FEC railroad tracks. **Please make sure that your group does not stop on the tracks.**
- Groups are asked to carpool as much as possible to help with the traffic congestion.
- All horse entries require proof of a negative Coggins Test and horses will line up behind the floats. No double riding or bareback on horses will be allowed.
- All horse entries will be placed at rear of parade. Horses will be separated from floats, walkers, etc.
- All entries can get to the starting site by turning south off S.R. 442 onto Air Park Rd. Follow signs to staging area.

Please use the registration form below for your organization/business to participate in the 2008 Edgewater Christmas Parade. You may mail, or hand deliver, the form to the Edgewater Leisure Services Office, 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater, FL 32132.

EDGEWATER CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORM

NAME OF BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION: _____

FLOAT _____ MARCHING UNIT _____ PERFORMING GROUP _____

INDIVIDUAL HORSE _____ GROUP HORSE _____ MISC. ENTRY _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ ZIP _____

APPROX. LENGHT & HEIGHT _____ # IN UNIT _____

DESC. OF ENTRY _____



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Adopting the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) in your life is easier than you may think. Here are a few ways you can make a big difference just by making small changes.

- Turn off lights when you leave a room and use Energy Star rated light bulbs and fixtures which use two-thirds (or more) less energy than regular lighting.
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper-based products.
- Add shredded newspaper to your compost pile or layer on the ground and cover with mulch to create garden beds (instead of breaking your back digging).
- Compost food scraps and yard waste to become valuable soil conditioners (type 'compost' in any search engine for information on how to make compost)
- Save gas and get fit by walking or biking instead of driving. In the United States, 25% of trips are under a mile, but 75% of those trips are by car. (Source: idealbite.com)
- Recycle your household waste-metal, glass, plastic, cardboard and paper.
- Plug several electronics (cell phone chargers, laptops, and even microwaves) into one power strip in each room. In the average home, 75% of the electricity is consumed while electronics are turned off. When leaving in the morning, simply turn off the power strip. (Source: Easy-GreenForLife.com)

ARTIST OF THE MONTH-NOVEMBER

Patricia Zalisko, a self-taught artist, was born and raised in New York City. Her parents' encouragement to pursue academics above art led to a career as a lawyer in private practice and government service. Retiring in 2004, Zalisko was free to pursue the artistic spark that was ignited in her childhood at New York's Ukrainian Institute where she learned "pysanky", ritualistic Ukrainian Easter egg decorating. Moving to Florida, she began studying under local artists at The Art League of Daytona Beach, The Artists' Workshop and Atlantic Center for the Arts New Smyrna Beach. She has created a unique style "abstracting from a reference and incorporating different materials, drawing inspiration from music and the life that surrounds us in Florida, the performing arts and...travels". Her work has been described as evocative, bold and melodic. Patricia has won numerous awards for her work including Best of Show-2007, The Artists' Workshop Members Show and also First Place, Distinguished Artist Award, Award of Merit, Honorable Mention, Achievement Award and Third Place at various competitions in Florida. Her work will be on display the month of November at the Art Exhibit Room in the Edgewater Historical Museum, 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater, 8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

NORTHERN YELLOW BAT FACTS

–The Northern Yellow Bat, found throughout Florida except the Keys, makes it's home in the dead fronds of Sabal Palm trees and occasionally in Spanish Moss. This common, insectivorous bat is solitary and feeds on beetles, flies, damselflies, leafhoppers, flying ants and other insects. It can be seen foraging around street lights at night. The females give birth to one to four pups in late May through June. The bat gets its name from the yellowish to grayish brown, long, thick fur which provides camouflage among the dead fronds. It is one of the larger bats found in Florida, with a wingspan 14-16 inches. Residents can help this natural pest controller by leaving dead fronds on Sabal Palm trees. This preserves the habitat of the yellow bat, keeps palm fronds out of the landfill and saves money on tree trimming. For additional information on bats in Florida, visit the Florida Bat Center on the web.

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Emergency Contact Information Program

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) implemented a program called **Emergency Contact Information Program**. The program allows Floridians with an identification card or driver license to voluntarily provide emergency contact information both online or during the issuance of a license or identification card, giving law enforcement immediate access to this information and making it easier for them to speak with someone quicker in cases of emergency.

This program was initiated by Christine Olson when her daughter, Tiffany, received fatal injuries as a result of a motorcycle accident in December of 2005. Mrs. Olson was not notified of Tiffany's passing for several hours and was not able to say her last goodbyes. Mrs. Olson was heartbroken and did not want anyone else to have this same experience. Her efforts, along with the Florida Legislature and the Florida DHSMV, lead to the implementation of an emergency contact information system.

It is simple to **enroll**; www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/findcustomer. The site allows for entry of names, addresses and telephone numbers for two emergency contact people. That information is stored in a secure protected data base with your driver record or identification card. This information can be entered in Spanish as well.

Please take a few minute to enter your emergency contact information, and encourage your family, friends and associates to do the same. In an emergency, time is critical and this information is crucial in getting your family members or loved ones notified.

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Add emergency contact information to your Florida driver's license or identification card by enrolling at www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/