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THE EDGEWATER SHORELINES

August Is National Immunization Awareness Month

Volusia County children return to school on Monday, August 18, 2008. The State of Florida requires children enrolled in school to have certain immunizations against disease. From the Florida Department of Health:

64D-3.011 Control of Communicable Diseases, Public and Nonpublic Schools, Grades Preschool, and Kindergarten Through 12; Forms and Guidelines

(1) Immunization Requirements - The school board of each district and the governing authority of each nonpublic school shall establish and enforce as policy that prior to admittance or attendance in a public or nonpublic school, grades preschool and

kindergarten through 12, each child shall present or have on file with said school a completed DH Form 680, Florida Certification of Immunization, as incorporated by reference in subsection 64D-3.011(5), F.A.C. for the prevention of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and mumps. In addition, documentation of the following immunizations are also required on the Florida Certification of Immunization:

(a) Prior to admittance, attendance or transfer to a preschool, completion of Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccination,
(b) Effective for the 1997/98 school year, prior to admittance, attendance or

transfer to 7th grade, completion of the hepatitis B series, a second dose of measles vaccine (preferably MMR) and a tetanus-diphtheria booster,
(c) Effective for the 1998/99 school year, prior to admittance, attendance or transfer to kindergarten, completion of the hepatitis B series,
(d) Effective for the 2001/2002 school year, completion of the hepatitis B series prior to admittance, tendance or transfer to preschool, and
(e) Effective with the 2001/2002 school year, prior to admittance, attendance, or transfer to a preschool or kindergarten, completion of varicella vaccination. Each

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Did you know:

- Children in Volusia County return to public schools Monday, August 18, 2008.
- There are currently 30 early release days (Wednesdays) but no *modified* early release days scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year in Volusia County.
- Edgewater's Art Exhibit Room showcases a different local artist's work monthly and is located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave.

Back to School Tax-Free Holiday

The Florida Legislature, citing state budget woes, has scaled-down the tax-free back-to-school holiday from 10 days to seven days; taking away one weekend. The state has offered this holiday for almost a decade. Clothing, shoes and backpacks priced less than \$50 and school supplies under \$10 are items exempt from the

State's 6% sales tax during the tax-free holiday. However, books have been eliminated from the list this year. Although dates for 2008 have not been determined, it will probably be in early August. House Speaker Marco Rubio, R-West Miami, said the tax holiday is worthwhile because, "It's a very difficult economic time

for families. They're going to struggle to make ends meet, come August, when they have to go buy supplies for school."

(Some information contained in this article taken from a story by Josh Hafenbrack and John Kennedy, Sun-Sentinel, published in the [TC Palm](#), April 18, 2008.)

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subsequent year thereafter the next highest grade will be included in the requirement so that students transferring into Florida schools are added to the immunized cohort, with the exception of Haemophilus influenzae type b required only prior to admittance, attendance or transfer to a Florida preschool. The manner and frequency of administration of the immunizations shall conform to recognized standards of medical practice. Each child whose documented immunizations fall short of all requirements listed above shall present a completed DH Form 680 Florida Certification of Immunization

Temporary Medical Exemption (Part B), or a completed DH Form 680 Florida Certification of Immunization Permanent Medical Exemption (Part C), incorporated by reference in subsection 64D-3.011(5), F.A.C.; Part C listing the exemption for specific immunization(s), or a completed DH Form 681, Religious Exemption from Immunization, as incorporated by reference in subsection 64D-3.011(5), F.A.C., to be filed with said Florida public or nonpublic school, grades preschool and kindergarten through 12.



Visit www.doh.state.fl.us or www.cdc.gov for additional information

Volusia County Public Schools Calendar 2008-2009

August 18.....First Day of School
 Sept. 1..... Labor Day Holiday
 Sept. 26.....Student Holiday
 Oct. 24.....Student Holiday
 Nov. 10.....Student Holiday
 Nov. 11.....Veteran’s Day Holiday
 Nov. 21.....Thanksgiving Holiday-End of Day
 Dec. 1.....Classes Resume
 Dec. 19.....Winter Holiday-End of Day

Jan. 5.....Classes Resume
 Jan. 16.....Student Holiday
 Jan. 19.....Martin Luther King Holiday
 Feb. 16.....President’s Day Holiday
 March 30.....Student Holiday
 April 3.....Spring Holiday-End of Day
 April 13.....Classes Resume
 May 25.....Memorial Day Holiday
 June 5.....Last Day of School

Make-up days for inclement weather include: Nov. 10, 24 and 25. The order in which the days are used will be determined if/when necessary.

Find complete and up-to-date information for Volusia County Schools at www.volusia.k12.fl.us

Free Voluntary Prekindergarten

Free Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is available to all Florida four-year-olds. Your child must be four (4) on or before Sept. 1st of the school year which they will attend VPK. The program provides developmentally appropriate instruction and activities to prepare your child to be school ready. VPK is offered through approved private and faith-based child care centers, family homes, and the

School District of Volusia County. The program gives families two choices to participate: a **540 instructional hour school year program** or a 300 hour summer program. To register your child, complete the application process online at www.floridajobs.org/VPK/index.html or go to a registration location and complete the entire process once at the appointment. For complete information

and registration sites go to www.elcfv.org and click on ‘VPK for Parents’ on the left side of the screen.



Source: www.elcfv.org



'Ziggy' is a 2 year old, black Lab mix. He needs a chance to show someone what a great guy and loyal companion he is.



'Clara' is a black and white, spayed female with medium length hair. She wants a new home with someone to love her. These pets are available for adoption at the Edgewater Animal Shelter, 501 Public Safety Blvd., or call 424-2456.

City Ordinance Sec. 5-2 Shelter (For Animals)

A secure weather resistant structure which protects an animal from exposure to the elements and which is a minimum of six (6) inches higher than the animal's height at full stand with head erect, one and one-half (1 1/2) the animal's full body length, and with sufficient width to permit the animal to turn around.

Volunteers Needed

The Edgewater Animal Shelter is in need of volunteers to help in the cattery, walking dogs and for on-site adoptions at pet stores. The Shelter is located at 501 Public Safety Blvd., Edgewater, 32141. Please contact Erin Noe at 386-424-2456, for additional information.

City Council Schedule Aug. 2008 Community Center 102 N. Riverside Dr.

- Aug. 4 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Cancelled
- Aug. 11 6:00 pm General Fund
Budget Workshop
- Aug. 18 6:00 pm Rate Study Presentation
Workshop
- Aug. 18 7:00 pm Regular Council
Meeting
- Aug. 25 6:00 pm Enterprise Fund
Budget Workshop

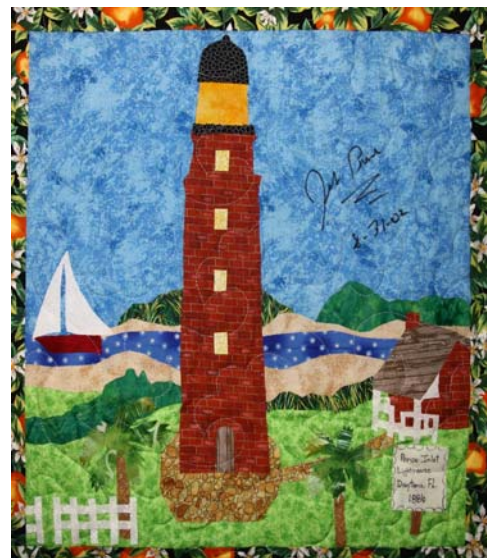
City Council meeting agendas, minutes, schedule changes, etc., can be found on the City website at: www.CityofEdgewater.org

FDLE Creates Terror-Alert System For Businesses

Businesses can now receive real-time domestic terrorism alerts through a new electronic messaging system. The system, named BusinessSafe, will allow participants to get e-mail and text alerts concerning emergencies or suspicious activities reported to the state. Bomb threats and other security threats to a plaza, for instance, would be sent to participating businesses in that plaza. Additionally, flight schools could be alerted if a customer inquires about suspicious pilot training. The program will allow FDLE to reach thousands of businesses with a click of a mouse. FDLE encourages businesses to sign up for the new system at www.FDLE.state.fl.us. Also at that website, businesses can send in tips and report suspicious activities via an e-mail link. The information will go to an FDLE analyst for review.

Peggy Imbert Is August Artist of the Month

This month's artist began quilting as an outlet for the emotional impact of 9-11. However, it quickly evolved into surface design, fabric art, doll making and contemporary quilt design. Incorporating found and recycled objects, paint, and fabrics brought home from her world travels, her works include quilts, wall hangings, decorative collections, wearables, dolls and post cards for soldiers. She has studied locally with Pamela Allen, Diane Smith and Elinor Peace Bailey in addition to artist workshops and classes over the last five years. Peggy's work has been shown at the Venetian Bay Art Show, Post Card Art for Soldiers, Pelican Piece-makers Guild Quilt Show and her 'Lighthouses of Florida' quilt was autographed by former Gov. Jeb Bush. Mrs. Imbert resides in New Smyrna Beach.



Ponce Inlet block from 'Lighthouses of Florida' quilt created by Peggy Imbert and signed by former Gov. Jeb Bush. View all of Mrs. Imbert's textile arts at the 'Art Exhibit Room' in the Edgewater Historical Museum, 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., during the month of August. Exhibit open 8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Photo by Mark Steighner.

Gifts of Love Gives Shoes/ School Supplies

Gifts of Love, a volunteer, non-profit organization headquartered in Edgewater is now accepting applications for children in need of shoes and school supplies. Applications must be completed at the office, located at 820 W. Park Ave., directly east of the Elks Lodge, on Tues and Thurs, 9:30 am- 2:30 pm, now through August 8. Applicants must bring picture ID, proof of Florida residency, proof of income and Social Security cards for every family member. Gifts of Love is best known as a food bank, helping families in Southeast Volusia County for four years. The organization receives no federal, state or local funding and is dependent on the generosity of private enterprise, churches and individuals for all the food it distributes. Donations can be taken to the office, 820 W. Park Ave., Tues. and Thurs., 9:30 am-2:30 pm. Gifts of Love can be contacted at (386) 423-5257.

Gifts of Love accepts donations of food to distribute to families in need in Southeast Volusia County. Donations can be taken to the Gifts of Love Office located at 820 W. Park Ave., directly east of the Elks Lodge, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Tues and Thurs, or call (386) 423-5257.

Stopping For School Buses: Law Explained

Children will soon return to school and school buses will once again be out making stops on all types of roadways. There is some confusion about the need for oncoming traffic (vehicles traveling in the opposite direction) to stop when buses are loading and unloading. If the roadway has a raised median divider, an unpaved space at least five (5) feet wide or a physical barrier, on-coming drivers are not required to stop. The best example of this type roadway in Edgewater is US 1. Any road, without a division between traffic lanes, requires on-coming drivers to stop when a school bus stops. On a multi-lane roadway

with a center turn lane, on-coming drivers are required to stop when a school bus stops. An example of this type of roadway is Indian River Boulevard. Drivers traveling in the same direction as a school bus are always required to stop when a school bus stops.

Sgt. David Arcieri of the Edgewater Police Dept. contributed to this article. The Edgewater Police Dept's Sergeant's Office can be contacted at (386) 424-2400 ext. 2107. The Police Dept's Dispatch Center can be reached at (386) 424-2000 and the Records Dept. at (386) 424-2400 ext. 2105.

YMCA Offers After School, Youth Soccer, Parents' Night Out & More

Registration begins July 14, 2008, for the After School Program. Transportation is provided to children attending Indian River and Read-Patillo elementary schools. Children attending Edgewater Public will receive an escort from a Program counselor. The After School Program provides a structured environment with physical activities and arts and crafts in addition to homework time. Schools 'In-service' days are included as part of the program. Payment of registration fee secures your reservation and space is limited. Registration Fee is \$30 and weekly Program Fee is \$35 YMCA members, \$50 non-members. For additional information call the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA at (386) 409-9622.

YMCA Youth Outdoor Soccer League registration is Aug. 4 through Sept. 1, 2008. Children aged 4-15 years (age as of Sept. 1, 2008) learn positive competition, family involvement, fair play and teamwork. This is a progressive program with age-appropriate grouping for kids. It emphasizes skill development, not competition. Children learn game fundamentals like ball handling, passing and shooting. The eight (8) week season runs from Sept. 26-Nov. 14. Practices are held during the week and games are played on Saturday (4 year olds play on Friday afternoons). The fee is \$15 for family members, \$25 for youth members and \$45 for non-members. Register at the YMCA, 148 W. Turgot Ave.

Parents' Night Out gives parents an opportunity to get their social lives back on track on the last Friday night of each month from 7 pm-11pm. Children will enjoy a fun evening of games, movies, pizza, music and more at the YMCA. All this for only \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Mark your calendars for the last Friday of each month and know that your children are safe while you're enjoying some 'kid-free' time.

For additional programs and general information about Southeast Volusia Family YMCA, on the worldwide web go to: www.DaytonaYMCA.org and click on 'Southeast Volusia' below 'Locate Your Branch'.

Come support the YMCA and enjoy a Pancake Breakfast at the same time. The 2nd Saturday of each month, 8 am-noon, the Southeast Volusia Ambassador Club cooks up a terrific pancake breakfast, including sausage and seconds, for only \$5 per plate to raise funds for the Partner's With Youth program. For additional information call the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA at (386) 409-9622.

Take a break from cooking and come to the YMCA on the 4th Wednesday of each month for a Spaghetti Dinner that includes meatballs, garlic bread, desert and your choice of tea or water. Hosted by the Southeast Volusia Ambassador Club, proceeds benefit the Partner's With Youth program. Dinners are served from 5 pm-7 pm, and are \$5 per plate. The YMCA is located at 148 W. Turgot Ave., Edgewater.