

The Edgewater ShoreLines

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Council Proclaims Water Conservation

Edgewater's City Council proclaimed April "Water Conservation Month". Central Florida's growth is causing a greater demand for safe drinking water. Conservation is an important resource to ensure water for future generations.

The following are ways you can save water, and money, in your home:

- Repair leaking faucets and toilets
- Install water-saver flush valves in toilets

- Install water-saver shower heads
- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly

Did you know:

- A leak the size of a pinhead can waste 360,000 gallons of water a year.

- A leaking toilet can use 90,000 gallons of water in 30 days
- A pool cover prevents about 1,000 gallons of water per month from evaporating.
- One trip through the car wash uses 150 gallons of drinking water
- Using a broom to clean the sidewalk instead of a hose saves 150 gallons of water

Source for "Leak Facts":
American Leak Detection

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Did You Know:

- Keep rescue equipment by the pool and be sure a portable phone is poolside with emergency numbers posted. **CPR** (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) saves lives. Call the Fire Dept., 424-2445, for the next training session.
- An average tree absorbs 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year and releases enough oxygen each day to supply a family of four. Source: Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association
- Hawks Park, founded in 1865 by Dr. John M. Hawks, is present-day Edgewater. Displays on Dr. Hawks and Edgewater's history can be found at the Edgewater Historical Museum, 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave.

Edgewater Animal Shelter

Located at 501 Public Safety Dr, the Edgewater Animal Shelter is responsible for the day-to-day care of stray animals picked up by Edgewater's Animal Control Officers. For the first quarter of 2008, ending March 31, the shelter took in 52 cats and 72 dogs. Of those 124 animals, 32 cats were adopted or returned to their owners and 63 dogs were adopted or returned to their owners.

The City of Edgewater requires all dogs and cats residing within the city

limits to have a rabies shot and to be licensed. The annual license fee for sterilized animals is \$12 and unsterilized animals \$22. With proof of three (3) years rabies vaccination, pet owner's may purchase a three (3) year license at a cost of \$27 for a sterilized animal and \$52 for an unsterilized animal. One- and three-year licenses may be purchased at City Hall, 104 N. Riverside Dr. One-year licenses may also be purchased at the Edgewater Animal Shelter.

Every attempt is made to find a stray animal's rightful owner. After five (5) days, all healthy animals are available for adoption. The adoption fee is \$80, dogs and cats, which includes spay or neuter and vaccinations.

Many loving animals are available for adoption at the Shelter. Some will be 'spotlighted' each month in the newsletter (page 3 this issue). For information on adopting an animal, visit the shelter, 8 am-4 pm, 7 days a week, or call 424-2456.

News from Edgewater’s Non-Profit Organizations

- The Edgewater Fire Rescue Assoc., in conjunction with the Edgewater Fire Dept., is sponsoring a food drive the week of June 2–6, 2008, to benefit Gifts of Love food bank. Please bring non-perishable food, diapers, baby food and baby formula to Fire Station 55, 1605 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater.
- The Edgewater Fire Rescue Assoc. is teaming with SEV YMCA to host the Annual Family Fun 5K Walk/Run on July 4th. If you want to participate, or need further information, please call the YMCA at 409-9622.
- The Edgewater Fire Rescue Assoc. is offering the American Safety & Health Institute’s Children and Babysitting Safety Program on June 12, 2008, 9a-2:30p. The \$10 fee includes a guide, completion card and lunch. Registrants must be 12 yrs or older. Call 424-2445 to register and/or additional information.
- If your registered non-profit is planning an event or fund-raiser to benefit the community, and you would like it to appear in the City Newsletter, contact Christi Moeller, Editor, at 424-2487, 8a-4:30p, M-F, or email cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org. All information must be received at least two (2) months prior to the event.

The ‘Board’ Room

Economic Development Board
8:00 am, Community Center
June 4, 2008

Planning and Zoning Board
6:30 pm, Community Center
June 11, 2008

Citizen Code Enforcement Board
2:00 pm, Community Center
June 12, 2008

The dates given are for boards that meet monthly. Many advisory boards meet three to four times a year and some meet even less. All advisory board meetings are posted in City Hall and on the city’s website at cityofedgewater.org. Citizens interested in serving on an advisory board may contact City Clerk Bonnie Wenzel at 424-2400, ext. 1101, for additional information.

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Holiday Refuse/Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

REFUSE

If regular days are Mon. & Thurs., pick-up will be on Tues. & Thurs.

If regular days are Tues. & Fri., pick-up will be on Wed. & Fri.

RECYCLING

Only Mon. and Tues. pick-ups are

affected. If regular day is Mon., pick-up will be Tues. If regular day is Tues., pick-up will be Wed.

Independence Day, Friday, July 4

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Only Thurs. and Fri. pick-ups are affected. If regular day is Thurs, pick-up will be Wed. If regular day is Friday, pick-up will be Thurs.

Edgewater Environmental Services, Sanitation Division, may be contacted at 424-2476, Mon - Fri, 7:00a-4:30p.

Desperately Seeking a Loving Home (424-2456)



'Kiwi' is a sweet, 1 yr. old, female, Walker Hound mix. She is low-maintenance and would do well in any home requiring a quiet companion.



'Buzz' is a BIG (14 lbs), 2 yr. old boy. He is neutered, loves everyone and has a fantastic personality. Both he and Kiwi are available for adoption.

City Ordinance Sec. 5-12 (a) states:
 No owner of any animal shall cause or allow such animal to defecate on any public or private property other than that of the owner unless such owner immediately removes and disposes of all feces deposited by such animal by the following methods:

- (1) Collection of the feces by appropriate implement and placement in a container; and
- (2) Removal of such container to the property of the owner and disposition thereafter in a manner consistent with applicable laws.

BACKYARD POOL: Always Supervise Children, Safety Commission Warns (CPSC Document #5097)

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 350 children under five years of age drown each year in swimming pools, many in residential pools. The Commission estimates that another 2,600 children under age five are treated in hospital emergency rooms each year following submersion incidents. Some of these submersions result in permanent brain damage.

Nationally, drowning is a leading cause of death to children under five.

The key to preventing these tragedies is to have layers of protection. This includes placing barriers around your pool to prevent access, using pool alarms, closely supervising your child and being prepared in case of an emergency. (Go to www.cpsc.gov to read entire document.)

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT A DROWNING. WATCH YOUR CHILD CLOSELY AT ALL TIMES. MAKE SURE DOORS LEADING TO THE POOL AREA ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED. YOUNG CHILDREN CAN QUICKLY SLIP AWAY AND INTO THE POOL.

City Historical Museum and Art Exhibit Room (1108 S. Ridgewood Ave.)

Dr. John Milton Hawks, physician and surgeon, purchased a Spanish Land Grant in 1865; a 500-acre tract he named Hawks Park. When he formed The Hawks Park Company in 1871, Dr. Hawks began promoting the property as a "New England Village on the East Coast of Florida". The Company hired a surveyor and the property was divided into 493,

100'x200', lots and 50' wide streets. Ads were placed in newspapers in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York to attract investors. The earliest known map shows the Bayview House, where visitors could board, and 130 acres of orange groves. Orange grower William Hart began the first school in 1879, the Village Improvement

Assoc. and the Hawks Park Literary Club were established in 1884, and by 1887, Hawks Park had 41 houses, 115 permanent residents and 180 acres orange groves. The railroad was extended to Hawks Park in the early 1890's. On Oct. 24, 1924, by an act of the Florida State Legislature, Hawks Park officially became the City of Edgewater .

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We're on the Web
www.CityofEdgewater.org

Planting landscape buffers can reduce the flow of sediments and pollutants into nearby bodies of water. As surface water runoff moves through the vegetation buffer, sediments and pollutants are filtered out. In general, the wider the plant buffer the greater the pollutant removing capacity.

Sources: Florida Department of State, 2000.

University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension.

Landscaping can add between 7 and 15 percent to a home's value.

Source: The Gallup Organization.

The Benefits of Plants and Landscaping *Marc S. Frank (FNGLA website)*

According to the National Gardening Association, 85 million (79 percent of) U.S. households participated in some form of gardening activity in the year 2002. American consumers spent a total of \$39.6 billion on their lawns and gardens in 2002. That was an increase of \$1.9 billion or 5% over 2001. Over the past 5 years, total lawn and garden sales have increased at a compound annual growth rate of 8%.

Source: <http://www.nationalgardening.com/RSRCH/feature.asp>

Economic Benefits

Landscaping can add as much as 14% to the resale value of a building and speed its sale by as much as 6 weeks.

Source: "Economic Benefits of Landscape", Associated Landscape Contractors of America.

Health and Psycho-social Benefits

You can burn as many calories in 45 minutes of gardening as in 30 minutes of aerobics. One hour of weeding burns 300 calories (the same as walking or bicycling at a moderate pace), and

manual push mowing of the lawn burns 500 calories per hour (the same rate as playing tennis).

Source: Taylor, M.K. 1990. "The Healthy Gardener". Flower & Garden March/April: 46-47.

Environmental Benefits

Trees, shrubs, turf, and groundcovers trap and filter dust and other pollutants out of rainwater. Plants benefit from the nutrients in this particulate matter and prevent it from becoming a source of water pollution.

Source: Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association

In one study, women 50 and older who gardened at least once a week had higher bone density than those who jogged, walked, swam or did aerobics.

Source: "Gardening: It's Good For You!", National Gardening Association



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