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THE EDGEWATER SHORELINES

Animal Shelter Grand Opening

The Edgewater Animal Shelter, 605 Mango Tree Drive, will hold a gala grand opening on Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 10 am - 3 pm, and residents are invited to come out and view the new facility.

Four years after residents voted to fund it, the new shelter is open for business. The shelter has space to hold 20 dogs and 70 cats. The new Shelter has 'get acquainted' rooms for those who want to handle a pet before making the decision to adopt.

The Edgewater Animal Shelter accepts animals from

within the city limits of Edgewater. Strays are held for five (5) days before they are placed up for adoption. Shelter animals are tested for disease, wormed and vaccinated. The adoption fee of \$80 includes current rabies vaccination and spay or neuter.

Families who are considering adoption, and have other pets at home, are encouraged to bring their pet(s) to the shelter for a meeting between the animals before making a final decision. Also, families with children are encouraged to bring the whole



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family for a visit with the animal before making a final decision about adoption.

The Edgewater Animal Shelter operates Mon-Sat., 9 am-4pm. The Shelter can be reached by phone at (386)

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- Edgewater Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers. See page 3 for more information.
- Edgewater has a new nursery. Check out Sun Splash at 2021 S. Ridgewood Ave.
- Drivers must 'move over' to the passing lane or slow to 20 mph if police/emergency personnel are stopped on the side of the road. See page 2 for more information.

Sun Splash Nursery Opens in Edgewater

When it comes to all things plant-related, Florida native Sonny Yambor can honestly say, 'been there, done that'. That includes opening Sun Splash Nursery at 2021 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater. Yambor opened his first nurs-

ery in 1992. By 1995, it had grown into a residential/commercial, full-service nursery providing landscape design, installation and irrigation.

Wanting to provide a more personal touch to his work,

Sonny downsized his operation in 2002 and committed himself completely to plant production and residential design, installation and care.

His eight acre, full production

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Emergency Personnel More Visible and Reminder to 'Move Over'

Edgewater Fire-Rescue personnel are just a little bit safer on the roads today thanks to a new regulation that recently went into effect and another that is being brought to the forefront again.

In November of 2008, the Federal Highway Administration implemented a new worker visibility rule (23CFR 634). The purpose of this regulation is to decrease the likelihood of worker fatalities or injuries caused by motor vehicles as well as construction vehicles and equipment while working within the right of way on Federal-aid highways. High visibility safety apparel such as personal protective safety clothing that are easily recognized in both daytime and nighttime hours are now required for workers on foot in the right of way on Federal-aid highways. These workers not only in-

clude construction workers, survey and utility crews but also law enforcement and fire personnel conducting emergency operations. Edgewater Fire-Rescue has placed approximately 35 compliant safety vests on all the department's response vehicles. The vests are bright yellow in color with contrasting reflective striping. The vests are also equipped with "break away" Velcro tabs at the shoulders and sides in the event a firefighter gets entangled in something and must quickly remove the vest.

Florida's "Move over" law requires drivers to move over away from stopped emergency vehicles where ever possible or to slow down to 20 mph below the posted speed limit or to five mph when the speed limit is 20 mph or less. Drivers are also required to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle or wrecker when

driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle or wrecker, except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer. Governor Jeb Bush signed the "Move Over Act", passed during the 2002 session of the Florida Legislature, on May 1, 2002.

Acting Chief Stephen Cousins advises that "Drivers must remain aware of their surroundings by avoiding distractions like loud music and cell phone usage. Distracted drivers take longer to move over for emergency vehicles and run the risk of not seeing workers, including our firefighters, in the high visibility vests.

Information Prepared by: Lt. Jill Danigel, Fire Marshal

Animal Shelter Needs Litter and Food

The Edgewater Animal Shelter is always in need of clay, dust-free kitty litter. Thirty or more felines are housed at the shelter daily, so the need for litter is great. The shelter is also in need of donations of dry kitten, cat and dog food. Donations can be brought to the shelter at 605 Mango Tree Dr., during regular business hours, 9 am - 4pm, Monday through Saturday.

There are many wonderful animals looking for loving, forever homes now available for adoption. The \$80 adoption fee includes the rabies shot and alteration. If you are interested in adopting a new family member, please come to the shelter during regular business hours.

Automatic External Defibrillator New Fixture at Hawks Park

When the kids, parents, spectators, officials and coaches arrive on Saturday, March 21st, they will have a new member on their team. Inside the concession stand at Hawks Park, a brand new Zoll Automatic External Defibrillator sits ready. The AED, as it is known, was purchased using Volusia County Emergency Medical Trust Fund grant money. The bulk of those grant monies are derived from moving violation tickets written by Volusia County law enforcement agencies. During games, the concession stand is staffed by Edgewater Fire-Rescue Association members, all of who are trained in First Aid, CPR and the use

of the AED. Little League officials are also trained in CPR, including the use of the AED, and First Aid.

Early CPR can help a cardiac arrest victim, but an electrical shock (defibrillation) is needed to correct the problem. The sooner the shock is administered, the greater the victim's chance of survival. Each minute defibrillation is delayed reduces the victim's chance of survival by about 10 percent. Each year, at least 164 thousand Americans experience sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) outside of a hospital. CPR and early defibrillation with an automated external defibrillator (AED)

more than doubles a victim's chance of survival.

Captain Steve Cousins, Acting Fire Chief, advises "I hope we will never have to take the AED out of its case for anything other than maintenance and training but I have security of knowing it is there for our citizens and visitors in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest."

Information Prepared by:
Lt. Jill Danigel

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nursery is located on Ingham Road in New Smyrna Beach. In his 3000 sq. ft., professional greenhouse, he produces all the plants that he sells at Sun Splash Nursery in Edgewater.

The benefit to growing the plants locally is that they are already adapted to the Central Florida climate. Yambor states that plants sold in most retail outlets are brought up from South Florida, where

the climate is much more tropical.

Sun Splash is a one-stop nursery that provides plants, trees, shrubs, landscape design and installation, lawn maintenance, irrigation, pest control, tree moving and sod laying. Yambor is a hands-on boss who says, "There's no job in my company that I didn't do first. I train all my employees. Our irrigation people install with a nursery mind."

Yambor said his intent in opening Sun

Splash Nursery in Edgewater is to provide the public with the best quality product at the best price. "Great pricing, great variety and education, education, education."

I want to carry all the items my customers are interested in and have a need for. I'm gonna earn their business and give them a lotta bang for their buck. We are truly full-service."

Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers

If you love animals and want to help give them a better life, please consider volunteering at the Edgewater Animal Shelter. There are many opportunities; some more glamorous than others. A volunteer can do as many, or as few, hours and days a week as they want.

If you're an early riser, you might like the 7 am-10 am shift, feeding animals and cleaning kennels. Volunteers are needed

seven (7) days a week for this position. It's a 'dirty job' but very rewarding.

If your skills are organizational or secretarial, the shelter needs a receptionist from 9 am-4 pm. This position can be broken into two (2) shifts; 9 am-12:30 pm and 12:30 pm - 4 pm.

Other services include janitorial, light grounds maintenance, volunteer coordina-

tor and event organizing.

If you are interested in sharing your time, and love, at the shelter, please contact Christi Moeller at (386) 424-2442 or email Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org

Edgewater Animal Shelter is located at 605 Mango Tree Dr., with hours of operation 9 am-4 pm, Mon-Sat.

FREE Casual Gardening Series Continues

Bromeliads will be the topic of April's Casual Gardening Series seminar at Menard Park, 413 S. Riverside Dr. Join Master Gardener Steve Probst on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 10 am, as he explores the beauty and mystery of these members of the pineapple family.

Bromeliads are epiphytic plants that derive their nutrients from the air and rain. Many bromeliads adapt well to indoor climates and make excellent houseplants.

Hardier genera can also be used for landscaping throughout most of Florida.

Known for their differing sizes, shapes and colors, bromeliads are desired for both their foliage and flowers. Their exotic shape makes them the perfect 'tropical' addition to the Florida landscape.

May will bring to close the Casual Gardening Series, provided in conjunction

with the IFAS Master Gardener's Program. The topic of the May program is Garden Crafts for Children, to be held on Tues., May 19, 2009, 10 am, Menard Park. If weather is inclement, the program will be held at the Community Center, 102 N. Riverside Dr.

Pre-registration is not required, but is requested. Please call Edgewater Leisure Services at (386) 424-2485 to register or email cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org.

KENNEDY PARK AND BOAT RAMP CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION

The Leisure Services Department of the City of Edgewater announces that Kennedy Park and Kennedy Park Boat Ramps, located at 101 Riverside Drive (across from City Hall), will be closed beginning March 2, 2009, for approximately two (2) months, due to construction .

The improvements include storm water upgrades, parking, restroom facility and pavilion. These improvements will enhance accessibility and usability of the park.

Shelter Animals Available For Adoption



Pepe' (left) and Creamsicle (right) were abandoned together at a local veterinarian's office. They are independent, adult males and both are neutered. It would be wonderful if they could find a home where they could live together again.



Petey (left) is an energetic, neutered Chow/Ridgeback mix. He is less than a year old and had his rabies shot. All he needs is an owner with as much energy as him!

Samson (right) is a neutered, mature man. Samson loves to snuggle and play in the sun. He has a gentle soul and needs a good home.

If you would like to provide a forever home for these, or any of our other animals, please visit the Edgewater Animal Shelter Mon-Sat, 9 am-4pm. We always welcome your calls at 3860424-2442.

