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THE EDGEWATER SHORELINES

Shoreline Owners Can Help Restore Natural Habitat

As a landowner on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) you are invited to take part in an effort to restore natural habitat on the privately owned shoreline along the river. The Marine Discovery Center (MDC) invites you to help us make a difference.

Did you know?

- Invasive species, such as Brazilian pepper, displace native plants and have a negative impact

on the unique Florida ecosystem.

- When you use fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides on your lawn, runoff during periods of rain or from irrigation can enter the river directly from your yard or via a storm-water drain. Excess nutrients from fertilizer can cause harmful algal blooms that deplete the water or oxygen, while



Sunset over the beautiful Indian River Lagoon.

herbicides and pesticides can harm wildlife.

- One oyster can filter 60

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Edgewater's Fourth of July Event Schedule

It's not too early to start making your plans for the 4th of July. The annual event, a tradition in the community for over 50 years, was nearly a victim of the economy. Thanks to the generous support of the local business community and residents enough money was raised to "save the fireworks".

The day will begin with a 5K walk/run, co-sponsored by the Southeast Volusia YMCA,

along South Riverside Drive. At 9:00 AM there will be a dedication ceremony at the recently upgraded George R. Kennedy Park. The park is named after Edgewater Fire Chief George Kennedy who perished on the 4th of July, in 1986, while launching the annual fireworks display. There will be live entertainment, food, kids games and local vendors at Menard-May Park and George R. Kennedy Park beginning at 4:00 PM.

The day will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show by Zambelli Fireworks that is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser.

Mark Saturday, July 4th on your calendar and come spend it with your family, friends and neighbors in Edgewater!!

For more event informa-

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Did you know:

- **July 4th falls on Saturday in 2009**
- **The City of Edgewater has ordinances regulating pet owners; see page 2 for information**
- **The city needs volunteers to serve on advisory boards; see page 3 for information**

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tion or to inquire about vendor space, please call 424-2445.

9:00 am Park dedication ceremony @ George R. Kennedy Park

4:00 pm Live music, food, kid's games, vendors @ Menard-May Park

Dusk Fireworks display @ George R. Kennedy Park

Fourth of July Schedule of Events

7:00 am 5K Walk/Run @ City Hall



4th of July Safety Tips

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. But fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. Use only "fireworks" on the State of Florida's approved Sparkler list, which can be found online at www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm/sparklerindex.htm.

Here are some important tips to remember:

- Obey local laws. Do not use fireworks that are not legal in the State of Florida.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from structures, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Keep a bucket of water in case of a malfunction or fire.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives. They can kill you. Report any illegal explosives to the Police or Fire-Rescue Departments

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Top Five Animal Ordinance Violations

The most common city ordinance violations:

1. **Running at Large 5-14;** No owner shall permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care and control, any animal to run at large off the premises of the owner. Upon finding an animal at large, an animal control officer may issue a warning or in his discretion, a citation for such violation or, alternatively, if the owner cannot be identified and located with reasonable effort, such animal may be seized and impounded. (In our case the animal goes to the Edgewater Animal Shelter).
2. **Vaccinations of dogs and cats (Current Rabies) 5-30;** Annually every

person who owns any dog or cat over the age of four (4) months within the city shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

3. **Current City License 5-31;** Every person who owns a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months within the city shall annually obtain an Edgewater animal license for such animal. Such license shall be valid for not more than one year from the date of issuance. Application for such license shall be made by the owner within ten (10) days after acquiring any dog or cat over four (4) months of age or within ten (10) days after a dog or cat becomes four (4) months of age.

4. **Tags attached to collar required 5-33;**

The City metallic license tag and rabies tag shall be attached to the collar or harness of the animal which shall be worn at all times

5. **Public nuisance 5-17 (Barking Dog)** Any dog that barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or barks intermittently for one-half (1/2) hour or more. However, a dog shall not be deemed a "barking dog" for the purpose of this chapter if at the time the dog is barking or making any other noise a person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the dog is situated or for any other legitimate cause such as the dog is being teased or provoked.

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gallons of water per day. Healthy oyster beds help maintain a clean river, but many oyster beds in our area have been lost due to increased boat wake.

- Native plants are better adapted to the humidity, high temperatures and nutrient poor soils in Florida and often require less irrigation and fertilizer/pesticides than exotic species.
- Many studies following events such as Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia have shown that communities buffered by mangrove wetlands were strikingly less damaged than those areas without mangroves. Mangroves provide important habitat for a variety of invertebrates and fish and can provide substantial protection against hurricanes for those who live on the

water. Mangroves planted waterward of a seawall can increase the life of the structure by bearing the brunt of the storm.

How to get involved:

- The Community Stewardship Program seeks to educate shoreline landowners and engage them to restore their private shorelines. If you don't own shoreline property, you can still participate as a volunteer. MDC volunteers are available to assist shoreline landowners with various tasks, such as removing Brazilian pepper, planting native vegetation and oyster restoration. Please contact Stephanie Wolfe at (386) 428-4828 or email stephanie@marinediscoverycenter.org Public workshops will be held throughout the year. Please visit our website www.marinediscoverycenter.org to

view the calendar for workshop dates. We also wish to meet with individual landowners at their property to conduct a shoreline audit, to educate and to make recommendations on shoreline restoration. Please contact Stephanie Wolfe to schedule an appointment for a shoreline audit.

- You will learn: how to identify invasive species, what herbicides are best to remove certain invasive plants, how to identify the different types of mangroves and how to plant them, what native plants would be suitable for your yard, the details of oyster restoration, the effects of polluted runoff and much more!
- Information submitted by the Marine Discovery Center, 162 North Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169, (386) 428-4828.

City Needs Citizens to Serve on Volunteer Boards

The City of Edgewater is currently seeking anyone interested in serving on a City Board or Committee. Applications can be obtained on the City's website at www.cityofedgewater.org, by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 386-424-2400 or at City Hall, 104 N. Riverside Drive. The Boards currently with vacancies are: Construction Code Enforcement Construction Regulation Economic Development

*The **Citizen Code Enforcement Board** consists of seven members, with three-year terms. The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Board members must be City residents for at least one year prior to appointment, unless no qualified candidate applies for membership. Members may not be City employees or serve on other City Boards or Committees.*

The Board functions shall include, but not be limited to: having the authority to hear and decide alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances, including but not limited to: All areas of jurisdiction set forth in Chapters 162, 489 and 553 F.S.; Chapter 10, Article II – Noise; Chapter 10,

Article III – Cleanliness and Sanitation of Premises; Chapter 10, Article IV – Sewage Disposal; Chapter 11 – Occupational License; Chapter 12, Article II – Garage Sales; Chapter 12, Article III – Alarm Systems; Chapter 15 – Streets and Sidewalks; Chapter 21 – Land Development Code.

*The **Citizen Construction Regulation Board** consists of seven members, with three-year terms. Five members shall be representative of the following: Florida licensed general contractor; Florida licenses architect or structural engineer; Florida licensed property or casualty agent; Florida certified fire inspector or firefighter and a citizen at large. The remaining two members shall be chosen from the following Florida licensed contractors: electrical, plumbing and air conditioning. The architect shall be other than a landscape architect.*

The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Board members must be City residents for at least one year prior to appointment, unless no qualified candidate applies for membership. Members may not be City

employees or serve on other City Boards or Committees.

The Board functions shall include, but not be limited to: review the building, fire and other related technical code and policies; hear appeals of a decision or action of the Building Official or Fire Chief; provide recommendations to the City Council on building and construction related matters; exercise disciplinary control and oversight over locally licensed contractors.

*The **Economic Development Board** consists of nine members, with three-year terms. The Board meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Board members shall be a resident of the City, work within the City, or own or represent property or a business within the City of Edgewater. Members may not be City employees or serve on other City Boards or Committees.*

The purpose of the Board shall be to formulate plans for use and development of property for industrial development; promote the City as a prospective site for industry and provide support for existing businesses.

Shelter Animals Available For Adoption

If you would like to provide a forever home for these, or any of our other wonderful animals, please visit the **Edgewater Animal Shelter**, Mon-Sat, 9 am-4 pm, at 605 mango Tree Dr. We always welcome your calls at 386-424-2442.

This is just a sampling of all the many sweet, little kitties available for adoption at the Edgewater Animal Shelter. Please consider giving these babies a chance at a normal life and adopt one today. The \$60 fee includes sterilization and rabies vaccination. Due to their young age, all will have to be brought back to the Shelter for these services at a later date.

