



# Edgewater Shorelines

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The Official Newsletter for  
The City of Edgewater

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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES

### “INCREASE RECLAIM CUSTOMER INITIATIVE RESOLUTION”

At the City Council Meeting of September 28, 2009, the City Council approved Resolution #2009-R-24 enacting the “Increase Reclaim Customer Initiative”. In an effort to encourage residents to utilize the reclaimed water system and reduce effluent discharge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant into the Indian River Lagoon the resolution authorizes the abatement of reclaimed water impact fees, adjusts the connection fee and reduces the reclaimed water rates.

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### NOW IS THE TIME TO CONNECT TO RECLAIMED WATER!!

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	<u>Previous Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Impact Fee	\$603.29	\$ 0.00	(\$603.29)
Connection Fee	<u>\$556.96</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>	<u>\$ 93.04</u>
<b>Total Connection Fees</b>	<b>\$1,160.25</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>(\$510.25)</b>

	<u>Previous Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Base Rate 0-20k gal.	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$0.00
20,000 – 30,000 gals.	\$0.60/k	\$0.31/k	(\$0.29/k)
> 30,000 gals.	\$1.20/k	\$0.42/k	(\$0.78/k)

**\*\*A 12-month payment plan for the Connection Fee can be arranged with a minimum \$200 down payment.**

### REASONS TO USE RECLAIMED WATER

- \*Reclaimed water provides for a more economic means of irrigation.
- \*Reclaimed water has a low salt content, which will not harm plants.
- \*Reclaimed water has a low iron content, which will not stain walkways and buildings.
- \*Reclaimed water usage reduces the demand on potable and groundwater sources.
- \*Reclaimed water recharges the shallow surficial aquifer with fresh water.
- \*Reclaimed water usage reduces the quantity of effluent discharged into the Indian River.

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater effluent that is treated to advanced wastewater treatment standards at our Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. This water has been subjected to strict water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This product is continuously monitored and analyzed by our Licensed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Lab Administrator to insure continued quality and compliance with regulations.

Reclaimed water is currently available in the Florida Shores area of the City of Edgewater. The service is limited by the extent of our reclaimed water distribution system, which is a completely separate system of underground piping from the pipes carrying potable water.

To have reclaimed water installed please contact Tyna Lynn Hilton, Environmental Administrator, at 386-424-2494, or email [THilton@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:THilton@cityofedgewater.org).

#### Special points of interest:

- \* For the latest news and events go to [www.CityofEdgewater.org](http://www.CityofEdgewater.org).
- \* Utility billing will no longer send **delinquent reminders**. Payments may be made online, mailed or dropped off at City Hall.

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT 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](http://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 management 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 Department at 386-424-2476. If you wish to report a violation of the City's stream dumping regulations, contact the Edgewater Police Department at 386-424-2425.

The Edgewater Development Services Department 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 Insurance Rate Maps. Online go to [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) map service center. The City's Building Official is available to answer public inquiries regarding flood elevations of existing properties, names of contractors knowledgeable in flood retrofitting techniques, advice on how to select a qualified con-

tractor, review of retrofitting plans and on-site visits to advise owners of appropriate protection measures. The Environmental Services Department 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 Department. 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 all 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.

## Community Assistance Programs

### WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Florida is receiving \$175 million for its Weatherization Assistance Program from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This funding will help residents make energy-efficient improvements to their homes in order to reduce the monthly energy burden on low-income households. Improvements include replacing or repairing water heaters, windows and doors, or installing insulation, repair or replacing inefficient heating and cooling units. To get more information and apply for assistance The Florida Department of Community Affairs has a website for the Weatherization Assistance Program: <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fhcd/wap/index.cfm>.

### FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER TAX CREDIT

The American recovery And Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit, up to a \$8,000 tax credit that would be available to first-time home buyers for the purchase of a principal residence on or after Jan 1, 2009 and before Dec 1, 2009. For more information relating to eligibility, implementation, and related forms go to the Internal Revenue Service website outlining this tax credit: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204671,00.html>

**\*\*REFUSE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE\*\***

<b>HOLIDAY OBSERVED :</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are MONDAY &amp; THURSDAY Pickups will be made on:</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are TUESDAY &amp; FRIDAY Pickups will be made on:</b>
Thanksgiving Day and Day After Thursday & Friday November 26th & November 27th	Monday ONLY	Tuesday ONLY

**\*\*RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE\*\***

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Thanksgiving Day & Day After Thursday & Friday Nov 26th & Nov 27th	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY

Bagged or contained grass, leaves or pine needles will be picked up on Wednesday.

*If you should have any questions about the holiday schedule please feel free to contact the Department of Environmental Services at 386-424-2476.*

**FLU SHOTS**

Beginning Tuesday, September 1st, Edgewater Fire-Rescue will be offering flu shots at both fire stations (Station 55 – 1605 South Ridgewood Ave. and Station 57 – 2628 Hibiscus Drive). Department paramedics will be administering the shots Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Department personnel will remain subject to emergency calls during these times so there may a delay when there is not a paramedic available to administer the flu shots. The cost per shot is \$25, payable via cash or check. Once again this year, Edgewater Fire-Rescue is also able to accept Medicare Part B as payment. Each patient must provide their Medicare card and picture ID in order to process the Medicare payment. The influenza vaccine currently being offered by the department is the common or “seasonal” flu vaccine which the National Center for Disease Control recommends once a year. There are no plans at this time for the de-

partment to administer the H1N1 or “swine flu” vaccine as it is still under development. Fire Chief Steve Cousins advises that “I want to reassure our residents that should the vaccine for the H1N1/swine flu become available every effort will be made to provide it as dictated by local, state or may be federal health officials.”

*November  
Artist of the Month*

Edgewater Leisure Services will feature the work of a member of the Artist Workshop of New Smyrna Beach. Please stop in at the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

**AMERICA RECYLES DAY  
Recycle Your Electronics**

Edgewater’s Department of Environmental Services will be sponsoring a FREE electronics recycling drop off event on **Saturday, November 14th**, in celebration of America Recycles Day. Residents may drop off their old electronics at 1108 S. Ridgewood from 8am-2pm. We regret that we will **NOT** be able to accept any TV’s or white goods (washers, dryers, microwaves, refrigerators, etc). Students from the local schools will be asking residents to sign a recycling pledge card for the America Recycles Day pledge card contest sponsored by Florida Department of Environmental Protection and sponsors. The Florida school with the highest number of pledge cards collected will receive prizes. Please support your local school by signing a pledge card when you come and recycle your electronics. If you would like to sign a pledge card prior or if you have any questions please contact Tyna Lynn Hilton at 386-424-2494 or email [thilton@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:thilton@cityofedgewater.org).

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## Low Cost Rabies Clinic

The Edgewater Animal Shelter, in conjunction with Dr. Ginger Bryant, is pleased to announce it will hold a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic on

**Saturday, November 7, 2009, 10am-2pm**

at the Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive, Edgewater.

Florida law, 828.30(1), states "all dogs, cats, ferrets 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian against rabies".

The **cost** of the rabies vaccination for dogs or cats is **only \$10** and protects your pet for one year. You may also have your dog tested for canine heartworm for \$15. **Residents participating in the clinic** will also be able to purchase Heartgard Plus and Frontline Plus at substantial discounts.

For additional information stop by the Edgewater Animal Shelter Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, or call 386-424-2442.

## NEW Dog Parks

Edgewater now has four (4) designated animal parks. On September 14th the City Council signed Resolution #2009-R-15 to allow leashed canines into four (4) City parks. Pet owners/walkers will notice new pet waste receptacles at the park entrances and along Riverside Riverwalk. The ordinance does allow the leashed canines into the park but NOT on the fishing piers or in the beaches, all owners MUST pick up and dispose of the waste properly in accordance with the City ordinances/resolutions.

### **New Dog Parks are the following:**

Highland Shores Park, 335 N. Riverside Dr.

George R Kennedy Memorial Park, 103 N. Riverside Dr.

Menard-May Park, 413 S. Riverside Dr.

Veterans Park, 1181 S. Riverside Dr.

## REMINDER TIME CHANGES

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on November 1st.

Remember to reset your irrigation timer.

This is also a great time to change your smoke alarm batteries. If you need assistance with your smoke alarm call Edgewater Fire-Rescue at 386-424-2445.

## City Offices Closed

City Hall & City Department's will be closed on Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

*The City wishes our residents a Happy Thanksgiving.*

## Animal Shelter Benefit Raffle (Gas BBQ Grill) Drawing Dec 18th

Tickets are available for a donation of \$5 ea or 3 for \$10. Available at the Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive or the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave. For more information contact Christi Moeller at 424-2485 or email: [Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:Cmoeller@cityofedgewater.org)

## Christmas Parade

Edgewater's Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 10:00am**. It will begin at Air Park and SR 442 (Indian River Blvd) and end at the Florida Shores Plaza. The east bound lane of SR442 will be closed during the parade and traffic will not be permitted to cross the road. If you live in Florida Shores please be prepared to use alternate routes around SR442. All entries should be based on originality for judging, no central theme. 1st & 2nd Place Awards will be given for the following categories: "Youth Groups", "Schools", and "Businesses". Entry forms and parade rules/regulations can be obtained at the Edgewater Leisure Services office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave. For further information please call 386-424-2485.

*We hope you will join us in our celebration of this year's upcoming Holiday Season.*