



# Edgewater Shorelines

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## Special points of interest:

- \* For the latest news and events go to [www.cityofedgewater.org](http://www.cityofedgewater.org).
- \* Reclaim Water Initiative Connection Fee \$650 with payment plan options. For further information call Tyna Lynn Hilton at 386-424-2494.
- \* Utility billing will no longer send **delinquent reminders**. Payments may be made online, mailed or dropped off at City Hall.

## Water Restrictions

St Johns River Management District have put in place a very conservative water restriction on **well and potable water (city water)** for Eastern Standard time, to one day of watering. Homes with addresses that end in an **odd** number or have no address may water only on **Saturdays**, and homes with addresses that end in an **even** number may only water on **Sundays**. Nonresidential irrigation is allowed only on Tuesdays. Watering is allowed only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** year round.

**Reclaimed water customers** have a less conservative water restriction due to this being re-use water. Homes with addresses that end in an **even** number may water **Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday** and homes with addresses that end in an **odd** number may water **Monday, Wednesday, Saturday**. Watering is allowed only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** year round. If you live in the Florida Shores area and want reclaim water connected contact Tyna Lynn Hilton at 386-424-2494 or email [thilton@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:thilton@cityofedgewater.org).

## Fire Department Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays should be a time of enjoying the season with family, friends and co-workers not having to deal with fires, accidents, etc. so the Edgewater Fire-Rescue offers the following holiday safety tips:

**Trees:** ~When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire resistant". ~When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness, green and needles are hard to pull from branches, trunk will be sticky with resin. ~Heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly so keep the stand filled with water and place tree out of traffic areas and do not block doorways. ~Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory. ~Unplug all lights/decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

**Decorations:** ~Don't use tinsel which is easy for children to swallow. ~Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. ~In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of reach of children and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them. ~Some plants, such as mistletoe (and its berries), holly and poinsettia can be toxic. Keep away from babies, small children and pets.

**Toys:** ~"Think Big" when choosing toys for small children-avoid small parts that could be a choking hazard. ~Look for stuffed animals with eyes, noses or other decorations that are securely sewn on. ~Most toys have an age recommendation on the label; suggest that gift givers look for the appropriate age level for your child.

**Gifts of Safety:** ~Fire extinguisher for home, vehicle or boat. ~Bike helmet-not just for bikes but also for skates, skateboards and scooters. ~Flashlight for home or vehicle. ~Smoke alarm-no home should be without one. ~Earplugs and safety glasses to go with power tool gifts. ~CPR and first aid classes-the gift that could give the gift of life.

## Friends of the Edgewater Library

Friends of the Library will be holding their second community **Yard Sale** on **Saturday, December 5th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Reserve your space today by stopping by the Edgewater Library, **spaces are available outside for \$10 or inside for \$15.**

What's the smartest card in your wallet? It's your library card! If you don't have a card, visit the Edgewater Library and sign up today. Your library is a community hub of activity. In these tough economic times, your library card gives you access to books, computers, homework help, assistance with resumes, job searches, accurate financial information, adult education courses, assistance for new citizens/residents, not to mention CDs, DVDs and much more!

In addition, Friends of the Library helps provide books, equipment, and sponsor library programs for all ages. Basic Computer classes, Casual Gardening, Reiki attunements and instruction, and many Children's programs (story time, book rant, crafts, bedtime play date) are just a few of the programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Edgewater Library invite you to check out your local library at 103 Indian River Boulevard.

Hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—6 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday

The Friends of the Edgewater Library meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Come and join the Friends of the Edgewater Library, we welcome new volunteers.

Call 386-424-2916 for any questions about programs, services, etc.

## "Green" Ideas for the Holidays

The Department of Environmental Services is asking all residents to "go green" this holiday season. This is the season that Americans throw away up to 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than at any other time of the year, but just by incorporating a few of the simple tips offered you can make your holidays green, save money and the environment. By using these tips you can still celebrate the holidays while treating the earth with kindness.

In the excitement of the holiday season, it is easy to disregard the waste reduction habits we use throughout the year. A fun holiday season does not have to be a wasteful season.

The Department encourages you to communicate these green holiday tips with family, friends and co-workers.

**Greening Greeting Cards** ~Look for holiday cards printed on recycled paper. ~Eliminate envelope waste by sending postcards or folding and sealing notes so you can address them on the outside. ~Use last years cards, cut the front off and use as a postcard. If you don't have last years remember this for next year. ~Remember to recycle the cards you receive this year, save for next year for decorative gift tags or postcards.

**Gift Giving ~Homemade gifts**, such as baked goods, photo albums filled with photo memories for the recipient, put together a family recipe book. ~**Gifts of Time** ~This is a wonderful gift for anyone, from the person who "has everything" to the elderly relative or friend who would most appreciate your time. Make your own card/coupon that describes your gift of time such as a candle light dinner, a month of doing their household chore, a monthly lunch date with a relative, friend, or co-worker, babysitting for the mom/dad who needs a break after the holidays. ~**Gifts of Memories** ~Giving someone the chance to try something new or do a favorite activity not tangible but everlasting memories. These types of gifts make memories not waste, tickets to a concert, play, or sporting event. ~Lessons for tennis, cook-

ing, quilting, etc. ~A canoe, boat, train or balloon ride.

**Gifts of Charity** ~This year instead of concentrating on the commercialized holiday focus of getting stuff for everyone. Consider more gifts of charity that touch the hearts and lives of people, donate to a cause in the name of the recipient their favorite maybe the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Boys & Girls Club, Hospice, your local Pet Shelter are just a few. ~Donate to your local food drives. ~Send a package to our men and woman in the Military. ~Sponsor an animal through your local zoo or pet shelter in the name of the recipient. ~Donate to your local schools to the club of an interest and in the name of your recipient. ~Call your local social services agency and anonymously give food, clothing, and money to a particular family in need. ~Set aside a few hours to volunteer in your community. ~Donate a membership to a museum for a needy family in the name of the recipient. ~Remember teenagers when donating to toy drives.

**Green Gifts** ~Give the gift of outdoors: watchable wildlife make great gifts such as a bird feeders, bat houses and butterfly boxes paired with a book on the same subject. ~Rechargeable batteries and chargers. ~Energy Star: look for the Energy Star rating for all new electronic gifts, and your gift will keep giving throughout the year with greater energy efficiency. Recycle your old electronics. ~Rain Barrel ~Compost bin.

**Green Wrapping** ~Instead of traditional wrapping paper try a few of these ideas for wrapping your gifts, old maps, children's artwork, comic section of newspaper, fabric, create your own decorated paper from reused paper or paper bags. ~Buy wrapping paper that is made from recycled paper. If every family wrapped just three gifts this way, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

## New Fire Station 55 funded by \$1.4 Million Dollar Grant

Fire Chief Steve Cousins received the news at 3:13 a.m. on October 2nd from FEMA advising him that the department had been awarded a non matching grant for a little over \$1 million dollars to rebuild Fire Station 55.

The station was built nearly fifty years ago by a group of highly dedicated, motivated and qualified volunteers. They worked their "day jobs" as architects, engineers and local business owners and designed and built the new station on nights and weekends. But through the years the station has suffered from the inevitable ravages of time and a string of rough tropical weather seasons. Despite routine maintenance and lots of tender loving care, the station began to reach the point of replacement. The station was originally designed for training space, meetings and socializing. It was never intended to house round the clock personnel. Living quarters, a kitchen and office space were added through the years. All of these changes as well as the size of the newer fire apparatus resulted in the department outgrowing the station that had served them so well.  
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**\*\*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>
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Thursday, December 24th Friday, December 25th	Monday ONLY	Tuesday ONLY
New Years Holiday Friday, January 1st	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Thursday

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

<b>HOLIDAY OBSERVED:</b>	<b>RECYCLING If regular day is MONDAY Pick up will be:</b>	<b>RECYCLING If regular day is TUESDAY Pick up will be:</b>	<b>RECYCLING If regular day is THURSDAY Pick up will be:</b>	<b>RECYCLING If regular day is FRIDAY Pick up will be:</b>
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 24th Friday, Dec 25th	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
New Years Day Friday, Jan 1st	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

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

**Christmas Parade**

There is still time for your youth group, school, or business to enter the Edgewater Christmas Parade being held on **Saturday, December 12th** at 10:00am. 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 can be

obtained at the Edgewater Leisure Services office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave. Deadline for entry is Dec 10th at 4pm. The parade's route will begin at Air Park & SR 442 (Indian River Blvd) and end at the Florida Shores Plaza. The east bound lane of SR 442 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 SR 442. We hope you will join us in our celebration of this years' upcoming Holiday Season. For further information about the parade please call the Leisure Services Department at 386-424-2485.

*Bring the entire family and join us in this years' celebration of the Holiday Season.*

[www.CityofEdgewater.org](http://www.CityofEdgewater.org)

## Angel Food Helping Community

Angel Food was founded in 1994 to provide food for friends and neighbors who were struggling financially. Today the Angel Food program helps provide food relief to more than 500,000 families each month. Edgewater is fortunate to have a host site for Angel Food right here in the City, located in the Edgewater Plaza The WORD Center, 2102 S. Ridgewood Ave., Suite #25 & #26. The WORD Center helps approximately 250 families each month locally.

Angel Food is a non profit organization, requiring no applications or qualifications to purchase the food boxes. Anyone needing to stretch their grocery dollar is welcome to purchase the food boxes.

Their volume purchasing allows Angel Food to provide boxes of approximately \$60 of food for \$30. Each month a different menu is offered in various "box" choices: Signature box (\$30), Senior/Convenience box (\$28), Allergen Free box (\$25) and special boxes (\$20-\$25 prices vary depending on offering) and Fresh Fruit & Vegetable box (\$22).

All boxes must be paid for at the time of ordering and Angel Food does participate in the US Food Stamp program allowing them to accept food stamps or is known by the EBT. If purchasing a box using food stamps, money orders, or cash these orders must be done at the office.

**Angel Food now offers online ordering using your credit/debit card at the website [www.thewordcenter.org](http://www.thewordcenter.org) and click on Angel Food.**

**Holiday boxes will be available for the Christmas Holiday, these must be pre-ordered.**

For further information on Angel Food, including the current menu, monthly ordering deadlines and distribution dates, visit the Angel Food website at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) or The WORD Center website at [www.thewordcenter.org](http://www.thewordcenter.org) or contact Pastor Vicki Keeps-Smith at 386-423-5355.

## City Offices Closed

City Hall & City Department's will be closed  
Thursday, December 24th &  
Friday, December 25th for Christmas and  
Friday, January 1st for New Years' Day.

**The City wishes our residents a  
Happy Holiday Season.**

## "OPT TO ADOPT" T-SHIRTS

Show your Support for the  
Edgewater Animal Shelter  
Sizes from Youth to Adult

Cost: \$7.50-\$8.50

All proceeds to benefit  
the Shelter

Purchase at the Shelter  
605 Mango Tree Drive  
Monday-Saturday  
10am-4pm

## 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.

## New Fire Station 55 (con't from page 2)

Construction of the new fire station will meet the new, more stringent wind load and electrical requirements. By meeting these new requirements, firefighters will have the ability to remain at this station during most severe weather situations. The station will be equipped to meet new safety standards that were simply not available during the original construction such as venting of exhaust fumes from apparatus and drive through apparatus bays that will eliminate the need for backing up large vehicles. All of Edgewater's firefighters appreciate the history and tradition associated with the department. As the department looks forward to the new station and all it has to offer, it is the intention of all to honor and perhaps incorporate elements from the original construction.

## December Artist of the Month

Edgewater Leisure Services will feature the work of **Jane Rix** a member of the Artist Workshop of New Smyrna Beach. Please stop in to see her artwork it can be seen at the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30.