



Edgewater Shorelines

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Special points of interest:

* For the latest news and events go to
www.cityofedgewater.org.

Hurricane Season June 1st—November 30th BE Prepared!



With the start of hurricane season, we should be prepared. During this season everyone should have an emergency kit ready. Your family kit should have a three (3) day supply of non-perishable food and water on hand-plan for one gallon of water per person per day for your basic needs.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUPPLY LIST: Be sure to gather the following items for your family's basic comfort and well-being in case of evacuation.

- *Cash-Bank and ATM's may not be working
- *Water/Non-Perishable food
- *Radio-battery powered
- *Blankets, pillows, etc.
- *Clothing: rain gear and sturdy shoes/boots
- *First Aid Kit
- *Prescription drugs
- *Toiletries-hygiene items, moisture wipes
- *Flashlights and batteries
- *Extra set of keys
- *Special items for babies/elderly

*Waterproof container w/ important papers: insurance papers, medical records, birth certificates, etc.

*Pet care items-food, water, immunization records, bedding

*Toys, books, and games

*Keep vehicle full of gas

For more information about emergency preparedness check out www.flash.org and www.Ready.gov.

BROWN GRASS + RECLAIMED WATER = GREEN GRASS

This would be a great time to connect to reclaimed water. It's the time of year we all start working to turn our brown yards into luxurious green lawns. Be green by hooking up to reclaimed water. Using reclaimed water helps conserve potable water while offering a safe, environmentally responsible alternative to using potable water for your irrigation needs. Reclaimed water provides a three day a week water restriction. The City offers a 12 month payment plan with a \$200 deposit. The cost of connection is \$650.

For questions or to have reclaimed water connected call Edgewater Environmental Services at (386) 424-2476 or (386) 424-2494.
(Reclaimed water is not available to all Edgewater residences)

TREE TRIMMING

Being prepared for hurricane season does include your yard, which promotes tree trimming. The City encourages residents to take responsibility for being prepared for hurricanes.

Tree trimming being done by the **OWNER/RESIDENT WILL BE** picked up by the City's Refuse Department. Once the homeowner/resident has completed the tree trimming the resident **MUST** pile the debris **in front of their home**, not on an empty lot, next door, across the street, in retention ponds, or at intersections of street. Piling your debris in these locations is considered illegal dumping.

The City will **NOT** pick up tree trimmings or tree removal debris done by any **CONTRACTOR**. As the homeowner/resident make sure your contractor is disposing of the tree debris. If you contract with tree trimming or tree removal services, the contractor is responsible for disposing of all the debris. If the contractor leaves any debris, you as the homeowner/resident will be responsible for all disposal costs. When contracting for tree trimming or tree removal services make sure your contractor is aware of this City policy.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please call the Department of Environmental Services at (386) 424-2476.

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.

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 ensure 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 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 contractor, 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 Development Services Department. Through this process, the City ensures development is taking place according to flood regulations. Regulations include required elevations of living floor areas, flood-proofing of certain construction, limitation on 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 ensures 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 for all of 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.

THANK YOU!! Electronic Recycling A Huge Success!

The Environmental Services Department would like to thank the following who helped make the 2nd Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling Event a huge success:

- *YOU the residents.
- ***Great Lakes/Almet** for DONATING the trailer.
- ***Edgewater Boys & Girls Club** for volunteers and sponsoring the Energy Star light bulb exchange program.
- ***Leisure Services Department** for the use of their parking lot.

Through the efforts of everyone we were able to recycle a 75 yard trailer full of electronics which consisted of the following:

- *110 computers/monitor/printers
- *40 TV's
- *66 cell phones
- *35 telephones
- *42 DVD/VHS Sound systems

- *11 Misc large electronic devices
- *209 rechargeable batteries
- *160 ink cartridges
- *205 Misc small electronics devices

Watch your newsletter. We hope to do another electronic recycling event in OCT/NOV.

Beautification Award

The City of Edgewater Recreation/Cultural Services Board is happy to announce the reinstatement of the Beautification Awards. The original program rules will apply to residential beautification awards:

- Residential landscaping must be attractive and well maintained.
- Landscaping is to be maintained by the resident. (Please no new contractor landscaping)
- Awards will be given four (4) times yearly, in conjunction with the Board meetings.
- Residents may nominate any resident in the targeted zone, which they feel to be "outstanding" and worthy of the award.
- There will be two (2) zones, Zone 1 will be all residences north of Indian River Boulevard and Zone 2 will be all residences south of Indian River Boulevard.

Our first award will be given in Zone 1.

Deadline for nominations will be July 2nd.

The Board will choose the winner at the July 8th meeting and the winner will be notified by phone.

You may email your choices for Zone 1 to Bkwall@cityofedgewater.org or if you prefer, you may mail your nominations on the form below to:

City of Edgewater
 Leisure Services Dept.
 P.O. Box 100
 Edgewater, FL 32132

Name of Resident _____

Resident Address _____

Nominated by: (optional) _____



Edgewater Police Department Wanderer Program Expanding

The Wanderer Program is proud to announce the expansion of the program to now include **Special Needs Children/Adults**. If you have a child/adult with special needs, this program can provide security, safety and serenity for your family. This is a **FREE** and uncomplicated service provided by the Citizens Assisting Police (CAP). To enroll your Special Needs child/adult, call the office at (386) 409-4791 for further information.

"Doing Business in Southeast Volusia"

Have you heard about the new "Lunch and Learns" sponsored by the City of Edgewater and the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce? If not then plan to join. This is a great opportunity to network with neighboring business partners, enjoy guest speakers, and have lunch (available on site for \$5 or less). This **FREE** (admission is your business card) event is held the third Wednesday of every month at the Elks Lodge #1557, 840 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. Open to all Edgewater Businesses.

If you already know about the "Lunch and Learns" then plan to bring a business associate with you to the next one.

Please RSVP to the Chamber at info@sevchamber.com or (386) 428-2449.

Back to School Clothing Giveaway

Edgewater Public School and the American Legion Post #285 will be sponsoring the 2nd annual Back to School Clothing Giveaway for our local schools (Elementary, Middle, and High).

During these economic hard times this is a great way for you our community to help local families get their children, our future generation, prepared for the next year of learning. Edgewater Public and the American Legion Post #285 would like to thank the community for a successful event last year and in advance for their continued support of the Back to School Clothing Giveaway. Edgewater Public School has held this event for the past six (6) years with the American Legion joining the efforts and giving the ability of expanding to local schools last year.

With the help of the community, last year they were able to purchase over \$3500 of new clothing, along with donations of re-useable clothing. They assisted over 250 local families with back to school clothing. If you have new or clean, re-usable clothing, shoes, jackets, etc. please help with this year's giveaway. Your clothing or monetary donations may be dropped off at Edgewater Public School Front Office, 9a.m.-1p.m., Monday-Thursday (office closed Fridays). Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase new clothing, undergarments, and shoes. Checks should be made out to Edgewater Public School. Details such as date, time and location of the clothing giveaway will be available at the individual back to school events: Meet the Teacher, Student Class Schedule Pickup, etc. The Clothing Giveaway event is usually held the Saturday before school starts so make sure to look for information at your school.

Support the Clothing Giveaway by joining the 2nd Annual 4th of July Picnic sponsored by the American Legion Post #285 with all proceeds benefiting the Back to School Clothing Giveaway. Tickets (\$6 lunch—pulled pork sandwich and two sides) can be purchased at the American Legion Post #285. This will be a great afternoon for the family to enjoy; there will be lots of fun and games so bring the entire family.

JUNE 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 to see the artwork at the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

City Offices Closed
 City Hall & City Departments
 will be closed
 Monday, July 5th in observance of
 Independence Day



Edgewater Police Department Citizens Assisting Police (CAP)

Do you have a few hours to give to your community? There are 168 hours in a week...Why not spend a few hours with Citizens Assisting Police (CAP). Good men and women are needed to join in making a difference in our community. No experience needed, just a commitment to your community. For additional information please contact the CAP office at (386) 409-4791. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

Happenings:

- *July 4th—5K Run, Fireworks, George Kennedy Memorial Dedication
- *July 5th—City Holiday/Observance of Independence Day-City Hall and City Offices will be closed.
- *July 14th—Lunch and Learns (see page 3)

Animal Shelter News

Microchip ID
 IDENTIFICATION FOR LIFE

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\$35 IS ALL IT COSTS TO CHIP AND REGISTER YOUR PET PLUS RECEIVE A FULL YEAR OF MEMBER SERVICES*

INCLUDING 24/7 EMERGENCY HOTLINE, MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR LOST PETS, RAPID LOST PET ALERTS AND MORE. CALL THE SHELTER TODAY, (386) 424-2442, TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT!

*Free for first year following activation. After the first year, you may choose to continue the services on an annual fee basis, or do nothing and they will be dropped. Either way your pet is still protected and his chip will still be tracked in the 24/7, national microchip data recovery base, for life.

REFUSE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY OBSERVED:	HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are MONDAY & THURSDAY Pickups will be made on:	HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are TUESDAY & FRIDAY Pickups will be made on:
Independence Day—OBSERVED Monday, July 5th	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday

RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY OBSERVED:	RECYCLING If regular day is MONDAY Pick up will be:	RECYCLING If regular day is TUESDAY Pick up will be:	RECYCLING If regular day is THURSDAY Pick up will be:	RECYCLING If regular day is FRIDAY Pick up will be:
Independence Day— OBSERVED Monday, July 5th	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

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

There will NOT be pickup of bagged or contained grass, leaves, or pine needles on Wednesday of holiday week.