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Floods: Are You Prepared?

Among natural disasters, a flood is an overachiever. It is the most common natural disaster in the United States and happens in every state. Florida was struck in 1998 and 1999 by many storms and it wasn't the wind that brought the troubles but the flood waters.

Flood waters can be devastating, putting families out of their homes and literally putting whole towns out of business—while wiping out everything people have worked toward their whole lives.

FLOOD FACTS

- Flooding killed more than 10,000 people during the last century.
- Flooding causes more than 90 percent of disaster-related property damage in the United States each year and accounts for more than 75 percent of presidential disaster declarations.
- Natural disasters that include major flooding represent nearly nine of every ten presidential disaster declarations.
- Flood-related property damage costs on average more than \$3.5 billion annually.
- Homes located outside of special flood hazard areas represent 25 to 30 percent of all flood claims paid in the United States, making flood insurance a sound investment for most homeowners.

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS—Follow these tips today to reduce your risk of flood damage.

- Use native plants in landscaping as they resist soil erosion.
- Purchase a NOAA weather radio and track developments when heavy rains occur or threaten.
- Elevate your utilities (e.g. electrical service panel and disconnect(s), air conditioner, water heater, etc.) two or three feet above the base flood elevation.*
- If you have a fuel tank, anchor it to a large concrete slab whose weight can resist the force of floodwaters and flotation.
- Install sewer backflow valves to prevent sewage entry into you home during flooding.*

*Consult a Florida licensed and insured building contractor for projects that affect the structure of your home or its electrical wiring and plumbing.

FLOOD BASIC SAFETY TIPS

- Stay tuned to local news through radio or television for important announcements, bulletins and instructions concerning the storm area, medical aid and other forms of assistance such as food, water and shelter.
- Keep your family emergency kit ready for evacuation.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. If the waters start to rise in your home, retreat to the second floor, the attic and if necessary, the roof. Take dry clothing, a flashlight and a portable radio with you and wait for help.
- Making and using sandbags can be useful in redirecting storm water and debris flows away from your home. Fill sandbags one-half full using sand if available, otherwise use soil. Don't wait til the last minute to prepare-this can take some time to get done.
- Remember the general hurricane tips about safety involving down trees STAY AWAY until you know they are cleared from power lines.

TURN AROUND...DON'T DROWN

More deaths occur due to flooding each year than from any other thunderstorm or hurricane related hazard. Many of these deaths are a result of careless or unsuspecting motorist who attempt to drive through flooded roads. Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and National Weather Service warn anyone who come to a flooded road to "TURN AROUND...DON'T DROWN!"

Never drive through floodwaters or on flooded roads. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Water only two feet can sweep most automobiles.

Information from www.Flash.org, for more information please check out the website.



Artist of the Month for OCT-NOV-DEC

ArtsEtc has been chosen as the Edgewater Artist of the month for October, November, and December. ArtsEtc is a community of artists interested in exploring surface design and fiber arts through education, preservation and exhibition. They have exhibited their art in area galleries, museums and art centers as well as in an invitational to Valley Forge, NY. They share their talents with others through teaching and demonstrating at community events.

There are guest instructors, outside lecturers and self-directed hands-on workshops. Members are involved in printing, weaving, quilting, stamping, sewing, beading, making paper, painting, dyeing, and most other art forms. The group meets monthly at the Harris House studios on Douglas Street in New Smyrna Beach usually on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30am-2:00pm. They work on their own projects or in organized workshops to examine different techniques and arts. Membership is open to all artists, 18 years and older. Dues are \$55 a year and include membership in Atlantic Center for the Arts. For more information, please contact Peggy Imbert at (386) 424-9131.

Stop by to see the artists' work at the Edgewater Museum located at the Leisure Services Office
1108 S. Ridgewood Avenue
Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

NOTICE

The City currently has a subcontractor, SL-serco doing work on water meters. They are changing out certain components and may need to dig up a small area around your water meter box in order to get to the meter. They have a sign on the side of their car stating they are meter reading contractors. They are working on weekends and holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Services at 424-2476 or after hours at 424-2490.

NSB FFA Alumni Christmas Tree Sale

NSB FFA Alumni will begin sales of Christmas trees on November 25th, at Weaver Construction, 121 Wallace Road, New Smyrna Beach. All proceeds will benefit the students at NSB Middle and High School Future Farmers of America; Leadership Training and Scholarships. Sale will continue until the last tree is sold. For more information please call Jeannine at (386)690-2047 or email: nsbffaalumni@yahoo.com.



Edgewater Police News

Operation: Brain Freeze



The Edgewater Police Department is pleased to announce the new sponsor of Operation Brain Freeze, Edgewater Chick-fil-A. The Edgewater Police Department will continue to be on the lookout for children wearing bicycle helmets during the next few months. If a child is found to be wearing a properly fitting helmet, he or she could be eligible to receive a ticket ...**FOR A FREE SMALL MILKSHAKE** from Chick-fil-A. Make sure your child is wearing his or her helmet every time they get on a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or roller skates. The Edgewater Police Officers will be looking for them!!

Being safe has NEVER been so COOL...

A special thanks to Edgewater Chick-fil-A for their support in keeping our community's children safe.

City Proud to Announce NEW Bicycle Path

The City of Edgewater is proud to announce a new bicycle path. The bicycle path has been added to enhance the safety of our children as they commute to school. The new bicycle path can be accessed at 27th Street from Travelers Palm Drive to Mango Tree Drive. The path also runs from Mango Tree Drive and 27th to 30th Street. The bicycle path is clearly marked with pedestrian crossing signs and crosswalks all along 27th Street.

It is important to remember that by state statute any person operating a bicycle has all the rights and duties as any other vehicle on the roadway. Bicycles must yield to oncoming traffic and obey all traffic signs such as stop signs.

Children under the age of sixteen are also required to wear a bicycle helmet. Over the summer Edgewater Police Department distributed one hundred bicycle helmets to children in an effort to promote bicycle safety and education. Children who were found wearing their bicycle helmets were rewarded with a coupon for a free ice cream cone. The coupons were a result of a partnership between Frosty King Creamery and the Edgewater Police Department. To continue this effort and promote bicycle safety it is important for parents to take an active role in educating their children. Please show your children how to safely cross intersections while watching for oncoming traffic. Please ensure your children are provided and wear approved helmets. Drivers are also asked to use caution at intersections or anywhere children are present on bicycles. As a community we need to work together to ensure the safety of our children as they ride their bicycles.

Watering Restrictions Eastern Standard Time Effective November 6, 2011

Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address, and the time of year. The following restrictions apply to private well and potable water (city water). Reclaimed water restrictions are listed in the next box below.

WATERING DAYS:

Homes with odd numbered addresses:

SATURDAY ONLY

Homes with even numbered addresses:

SUNDAY ONLY

Nonresidential Properties:

FRIDAY ONLY

Only water when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Water no more than one hour per zone.

If you should have any questions about watering restrictions please
contact the

Department of Environmental Services at (386) 424-2476.

*Eastern Standard Time is the first Sunday in November until the
second Sunday in March.

Reclaimed Water Restrictions Year Round

ATTENTION EDGEWATER RECLAIMED WATER USERS THREE Days of Watering

Water restrictions are as follows:

- Homes with addresses that end in an **EVEN** number may water **SUNDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY.**
- 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.
- You may use up to 20,000 gallons per month of reclaimed water without any additional charge.

Watering restrictions are still in effect for those using wells, ground water and potable water for irrigation see above.

If you have further questions please contact the
Department of Environmental Services at (386) 424-2476 or (386) 424-2494.

(Limited service area—reclaimed water is not available to all Edgewater residences.)

*****City Council Approved to continue the \$650.00 connection fee
and reduced rates for reclaimed water for another year.*****

America Recycles Day Nov 15th

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together to celebrate America Recycles Day (ARD). Millions of Americans have pledged to increase their recycling habits at home, work and school over the history of ARD. Recycling can be easy and fun for everyone in the family. Take the pledge to increase your recycling habits at home, school and at work for Keep America Beautiful's 2011 America Recycles Day, which takes place on November 15th. This is a great time to get involved and become good environmental stewards by learning more about recycling and then implementing new recycling habits.

Here are some tips and activities you and your family can do as America Recycles Day approaches and all year!

1. **Get to know what is recyclable** in Edgewater and recycle everything you can. Find out what can be recycled that does not go in your bin.
2. **Reuse.** It's like recycling, only better. When you have something you think you are done with think again about how it can be reused. Be creative—the only limit is your imagination!

3. **Know your numbers.** Plastic items have a number in the middle of the recycling symbol (three arrows going in a circle) Edgewater accepts "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6".
4. **Can it!** Aluminum and steel cans are valuable metals to recycle—they can be recycled infinitely with no loss of quality.
5. **Look beyond the daily paper.** Paper and cardboard are America's most recycled materials. Remember to recycle your junk mail, school papers, office papers, magazines, catalogs, phone books and **all of your cardboard boxes** (MUST be flattened).

For further information go to
www.americarecyclesday.org or contact
Edgewater Environmental Services at
(386) 424-2494 or
email: thilton@cityofedgewater.org.

Information provided from www.americarecyclesday.org

City of Edgewater Scholarship Fund

Edgewater City Council is proud to announce the City of Edgewater Local School Scholarship Fund. This will be funded by the residents of the City of Edgewater.

You may choose a one-time donation or have a recurring amount added to your utility bill each month. This is a great way for the residents and the City of Edgewater to work together and help our local students and schools. We would like to say Thank You in advance to all that participate.

To sign up send an email to
customerservice@cityofedgewater.org.
Include your name, account number,
donation amount and
indicate if this is a one-time or recurring
amount.
If you need further information please
contact the
City Clerk at (386) 424-2400 x1101.

GO GREEN Receive Your Utility Bills via E-Mail

GO GREEN and have your Utility Bill delivered to you by E-notification via your email provider. As the property owner you may choose this option, you will receive an email copy of your bill in place of a paper bill. As the landlord or property manager, the paper bill will be mailed to the tenant at the service address and the email copy will be sent to you. You may cancel or change the way you receive your bill at any time.

To sign up go to **GO GREEN** at www.cityofedgewater.org fill in requested information, account number and email address is required.

If you have questions please contact Utility Billing at
(386) 424-2400, option 2 or email
customerservice@cityofedgewater.org.

WELCOME New Store Front Businesses

The City of Edgewater is pleased to announce the following as new store front businesses. Please shop local!

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary-2111 S Ridgewood Avenue
Edgewater House of Prayer-1402 S Ridgewood Avenue
Outdoor Mower Supply-109 Mango Tree Drive
Pelican Cove West Rec Center-299 Falcon Avenue
Poochypoo Small Dog Rescue Thrift-2111 S Ridgewood Avenue
Stokers Billiards and Grille-1517 S Ridgewood Avenue

WELCOME TO EDGEWATER!

STOP "POO"LLUTION SCOOP THE POOP



"My owner scoops my poop, Does yours?"

ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER?

Do you pick up your pet waste? Remember cleaning up pet waste is a great way to be a responsible pet owner. Cleaning up pet waste is good for your health, environment and required by City Code! Seriously, when it rains pet waste left on the ground, gets washed into storm drains and stormwater drainage ditches which flow to our local waterways...without being treated! YUCK! Bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health. So not only is picking up after your pet being responsible and neighborly, it's the healthy thing to do for you and the environment! Remember to clean up pet waste in your own yard as well!

What YOU Can Do

How can you get rid of pet waste and help keep our waterways clean?

*Scoop it up in an eco friendly bag and dispose in garbage.

*Scoop it up and dispose in your toilet unbagged-this option sends it to the wastewater treatment plant to be treated.

If you have any questions please contact
Department of Environmental Services at
(386) 424-2476 or (386) 424-2494

Low Cost Pet Shot Clinic

**Sponsored by:
Edgewater Animal Shelter and
Dr. Ginger Bryant, Glencoe Animal Hospital**

Date: November 5, 2011

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Location: Edgewater Animal Shelter
605 Mango Tree Drive

Did you know that Florida Law requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated against the rabies virus?

Rabies shots will be provided for only \$10.

Vaccines to protect pet from communicable diseases will also be offered. Animals will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis and forms distribution will end promptly at 12:00pm, so please plan accordingly. Heartgard Plus and Frontline Plus will be sold at drastic discounts, while supplies last. Dog owners must have their canines tested at this clinic to be eligible to buy Heartguard Plus.

The Edgewater Animal Shelter
10:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Saturday.

If you have any questions please feel free to
contact the shelter at (386) 424-2442.

**SAVE MONEY AND
HELP YOUR LOCAL
ANIMAL SHELTER!!**

