



Edgewater Shorelines

DECEMBER 2011

The Official Newsletter for
The City of Edgewater

Mayor Michael Thomas
District 1 Councilman Justin Kennedy
District 2 Councilwoman Gigi Bennington
District 3 Councilman Mike Ignasiak
District 4 Councilman Ted Cooper

City Hall
104 N. Riverside Drive
Edgewater, FL 32132
Phone: 386-424-2400
Fax: 386-424-2410
www.CityofEdgewater.org

Inside this issue:

Artist of the Month	2
Beware	2
Police Department Operation Brain Freeze	2
Wanderer Program	2
Notice to Residents	2
Refuse-Recycling Holiday Schedule	3
How Can WE Make Things Better- Workshop	3
City Scholarship Fund	3
Welcome New Store Front Businesses	4
Go Green-Utility Bill	4
Special Municipal Elec- tion	4
Stop "Poo"llution Scoop the Poop	4

*The City Officials, Staff and Employees of the
City of Edgewater wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

City Offices Holiday Schedule

Christmas

Closed Monday, December 26th

New Year's

Closed Monday, January 2nd

Martin Luther King Day

Closed Monday, January 16th

With Great Sadness the City Announces the Passing of City Councilman Theodore "Ted" Cooper



It is with great sadness the City of Edgewater announces the passing of City Councilman Theodore "Ted" Cooper. Councilman Cooper passed away at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach Wednesday, November 30 after a sudden illness.

A memorial service was held for District 4 Council Representative Theodore "Ted" Cooper on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 2PM at the Edgewater Alliance Church. Councilman Cooper was born on February 21, 1950, to Harry and Alice Cooper of Schenectady, New York. He was an Army Veteran who served his country in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Cooper was elected to the Edgewater City Council in 2007. During his tenure, he also served as 1st Vice Chair of the Volusia County Transportation Planning Organization and on several other committees within that organization-Executive Committee, Budget

and Personnel Committee and the Legislative Issue Committee. He was also an alternate on the Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance. Additionally, he served on the boards of the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA, Water Alliance Volusia and the Regional Communications Center.

Prior to his service on the City Council, Mr. Cooper worked in the restaurant, newspaper and senior care industries. He was a member of several organizations including the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks #1557, Fraternal Order of Eagles #4242 and the Loyal Order of Moose #1835. His interests included motorcycles, gardening and caring for seniors.

Councilman Cooper is survived by his longtime girlfriend, Barbara Kowall, daughter Dawne Thorne (Troy) of Illinois, grandson Matthew Thorne, sister Sandy Siebert of California, brother Tommy of New York and Ms. Kowall's daughter Michelle Abbey (Chad) and grandsons, Chase and Chance of Oklahoma. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings Harry, Billy and Irene. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Edgewater Animal Shelter, 605 Mango Tree Drive, Edgewater, FL 32132.

**Remember
to shop local!**

Artist of the Month for DECEMBER

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.

BEWARE

The Department of Environmental Services has received notice of a company by the name of Environmental Quality Assurance mailing out postcards again throughout Edgewater. This company is not affiliated with the City. We have had complaints of residents being pressured into buying the filter systems and then further pressure comes to buy the high priced filter cartridges.

The Department of Environmental Services would like to assure the residents that the City water does not require any type of filtering system in your home.

You can check out all the City Water Quality reports on the City website.

If you should have any questions concerning your water please contact the Water Plant Superintendent at (386) 424-2490.



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.

Wanderer Program

Start the New Year by registering your special needs family member with the Wanderer Program.

The Wanderer Program is a **FREE** service provided by the Edgewater Police Department Citizens Assisting Police (CAPS). The program is designed to help families with special needs adults and children who might wander off and become lost.

The idea behind the Wanderer Program is to position critical identifying information with emergency services so that the lost loved one may be found and returned home quickly and safely.

If you would like to sign your family member up or need additional information please contact Citizens Assisting Police at (386) 871-4757.

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.

Refuse & Recycling Holiday Schedule

REFUSE				
Holiday Observed:	Household Garbage: If regular days are MONDAY & THURSDAY Pickup will be made on:		Household Garbage: If regular days are TUESDAY & FRIDAY Pickup will be made on:	
New Years Day Monday, Jan 2nd	TUESDAY & THURSDAY		WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	
Martin Luther King Jr Day Monday, Jan 16th	TUESDAY & THURSDAY		WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	
RECYCLING				
Holiday Observed	Recycling If your regular day is MONDAY Pickup will be made on:	Recycling If your regular day is TUESDAY Pickup will be made on:	Recycling If your regular day is THURSDAY Pickup will be made on:	Recycling If your regular day is FRIDAY Pickup will be made on:
New Years Day Monday, Jan 2nd	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Martin Luther King Jr Day Monday, Jan 16th	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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 any pickup of bagged or contained grass, leaves, or pine needles during the holiday week.</p>				

"How Can WE Make Things Better"

City of Edgewater Economic Development Board presents a workshop on "How Can WE Make Things Better". The workshop is open to all City of Edgewater businesses and is intended to discuss opportunities for a better business future in Edgewater. Phil Ehlinger of Volusia County Department of Economic Development will be the guest speaker and share his vision on the economic outlook for Volusia County. We also want to hear from businesses in how we can help make things better for them in the future. All participants can register for a chance to win a free one year membership to the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce.

DATE: January 10, 2012
 LOCATION: City of Edgewater Council Chambers
 (104 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater)
 TIME: 6:00PM—9:00PM
 COST: FREE

For additional information, please call Tabitha Russell at (386) 424-2400 option 1 extension 1502 or email TRussell@CityofEdgewater.org.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact City Clerk Bonnie Wenzel, 104 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater, Florida, telephone number 386-424-2400 x 1101, 5 days prior to the meeting date. If you are hearing or voice impaired, contact the relay operator at 1-800-955-8771.

City of Edgewater Scholarship Fund

Make it a NEW YEAR Resolution to help the Edgewater local school 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.

WELCOME
New Store Front
Businesses

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

Viking Pure, LLC-501 Pullman Road
Vitalizer, LLC-501 Pullman Road

WELCOME TO EDGEWATER!

Special Municipal Election City of Edgewater

Notice is hereby provided to the electorate that a **SPECIAL ELECTION** has been scheduled to fill the City Council Member Seat 4 pursuant to City Charter Section 3.09.

QUALIFYING: The qualifying period opens at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and closes at 12:00 noon Friday, January 6, 2012. Qualifying papers may be obtained in the Office of the City Clerk from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 386-424-2400 ext. 1101 with any questions.

ELECTION: A Primary Election is scheduled for City Council Member Seat 4 on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and a General Election is scheduled for City Council Member Seat 4 on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

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 and fill in the 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.

Make 2012 the year you spend some time volunteering!



**“My owner scoops my
poop, Does yours?”**

STOP "POO"LLUTION—SCOOP THE POOP

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, the 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