



# Edgewater Shorelines

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# Edgewater's Farmers' Market



Every Saturday  
8 am - 2 pm



Located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave.  
(corner of W. Turgot Ave. and US#1- just north of Dustin's BBQ)

### Come Visit Us For:

- \*Local Organic Produce
- \*Fresh Roasted Coffee
- \*Locally Produced Honey
- \*Unique Custom-Made Crafts
- \*Locally Grown Plants
- \*Beautiful Orchids

**\*\*Lunch\*\***

**For Booth Space Contact: Edgewater Leisure Services (386) 424-2485**

## Edgewater Expo 2012 Full of Life March 30th-April 1st

You will not want to miss the annual Edgewater Expo, being held from Kennedy Park (Park Ave & Riverside Dr) to Menard Park along Riverside Drive. It will be a weekend filled with family fun, entertainment, and the opportunity to come face to face with our local businesses and learn about all their services. The activities will start Friday at 6:00pm with a Carnival and Beer Garden along with entertainment. Saturday will consist of the Business Expo from 10:00am-4:00pm over 100 businesses are expected along with a 5K run/walk, carnival, Beer Garden, Photo Contest/Display, entertainment, and Florida Fish & Wildlife Demonstrations. Sunday is carnival day 1:00pm—8:00pm along with product demos and entertainment. Come join the fun for one day or the whole weekend. For vendor registration and more information check it all out at [www.EdgewaterExpo.com](http://www.EdgewaterExpo.com).

## 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.

## Special Municipal Election City Council Seat 4

Due to their being only two qualified candidates for the special election ONLY the GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to fill the remainder of the term for City Council Member Seat 4.

## **Artist of the Month for FEBRUARY**

Michelle Davidson has been chosen as the February Artists' Workshop sponsored Edgewater Artist of the Month. Polymath Michelle Davidson works in dreamy mixed media and is artistically enhancing the presentation of her book about ghosts in Florida, which will be on display along with her art work.

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



**City of Edgewater**



### **Local School Scholarship Fund**

The City Council is proud to announce the City of Edgewater Local Scholarship Fund. This will be funded by residents and business owners in the City of Edgewater. You may donate each month via your water bill, or one-time by simply sending an email to customer service at [customerservice@cityofedgewater.org](mailto:customerservice@cityofedgewater.org). Please include your name, utility account number, donation amount and indicate if this is a one-time donation or a recurring amount.

The scholarship is open to Edgewater student residents graduating high school. To apply for the scholarship please contact your high school counselor and complete the Standard Scholarship Application.

This is a great way for the residents and business owners of our City to work together and help our local students and schools. Thank you in advance for your participation.

For further information please contact the City Clerk at (386) 424-2400 x1101.

## **Animal Shelter News**

The Edgewater Animal Shelter is home to many stray, surrendered and abandoned dogs and cats. We cooperate with animal rescues and other animal welfare organizations to ensure as many placements as possible.

The adoption fee for a canine is \$80 and a feline is \$60. The adoption fee includes everything needed to ensure that all animals are healthy, disease and pest free and sterilized.

The Shelter is always in need of donations of bleach, clay kitty litter, cat/dog food, blankets/towels.

You can drop off your donation at the Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive (just south of Public Works), Monday-Saturday, 10 am—4pm. For additional information please call the shelter at (386) 424-2442.

**SUPPORT YOUR ANIMAL SHELTER**

**WELCOME  
New Store Front  
Business**

Tom's Auto Repair of Volusia County  
1731 Fern Palm Dr #1D

**Please shop local!  
WELCOME TO EDGEWATER!**

## **Electronic Recycling Event April 7th**

In celebration of Earth Day in April the Department of Environmental Services will be partnering with Southards Recycling for the electronic recycling event. Residents will be able to drop off electronics, i.e. computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, CD players, DVD players, rechargeable batteries. NOT ALLOWED: TV's or household appliances i.e. toasters, refrigerators, microwave, washer, dyers, etc.

DATE: April 7th

TIME: 8:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION: 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave (Leisure Service Office & Edgewater Farmers' Market-next door to Dustin's)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Environmental Administrator at (386) 424-2494.

## **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](http://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](mailto:customerservice@cityofedgewater.org).



### Wildfire-Brush Fire Safety

#### Before wildfire threatens.....

- \* Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind.
- \* Select plants that help contain a fire instead of fueling it. For example: Hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus, or fir trees.
- \* Create a safety zone around your home of at least 30 feet.
- \* Remove all debris such as leaves and rubbish from under and around the structure.
- \* Remove all dead branches from trees.
- \* Prune any branches or shrubs within 15 feet of the roof.
- \* Remove vines from the walls of your home.
- \* Dispose of newspaper and rubbish at approved sites regularly.
- \* Store gasoline, oily rags, and other flammable materials in approved safety cans away from the base of the structure and in a safe location.
- \* Stack firewood at least 10 feet away from the home and make sure to clear all combustible materials within 20 feet away.
- \* Make sure that you have got a long enough garden hose that reaches your home and any other structures on your property.

#### When wildfires threatens.....

- \* Listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.
- \* Back your car into the garage or park it out in the open facing the direction of escape. Shut the doors and roll up windows.
- \* Confine pets to one room and make sure that you have plans to carry your pets in case you must evacuate.
- \* Have a plan on where you will stay if you must evacuate.
- \* If you are told to evacuate do it IMMEDIATELY!
- \* Wear sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long sleeved shirt, gloves, and a handkerchief to protect your face.
- \* Tell someone when you leave and where you are going.
- \* Choose a route away from fire hazards and watch for changes in speed and direction of smoke and fire.

Edgewater Fire Department and Edgewater Fire Rescue Association would like to thank the following for being Gold Star Sponsors for Operation Caring at Christmas this year. Thank you to Boston Whaler, Edgewater Letter Carriers Union, McKenna's Place Seafood Sports & Spirits, Neptune Internet & Sweepstakes, Pyramid Park, Terra Mar Village. Without their generosity and all the generous residents who donated or volunteered, this would not have been such a success.

Operation Caring was able to assist 75 families with gifts, gift cards and food for the Christmas holiday. This was made possible by the generosity of our community and we would like to say THANK YOU!

Operation Caring is a year round program to assist local residents in times of crisis. In these economic hard times we would like to thank everyone for assisting.

If you would like to make a donation to the year round fund please contact Edgewater Fire Rescue at (386) 424-2445.

### Babysitting Class

Want to be the best babysitter? Come join the Babysitting Class sponsored by the Edgewater Fire Rescue. You will learn to care for children of all ages, learn CPR and basic first aid. All textbooks and lunch will be included. Parents/guardians must sign a student up for the class.

**DATE:** Friday, March 16th

**TIME:** 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Edgewater Fire Rescue Assoc. Hall  
2628 Hibiscus Dr  
(next to Fire Station 57)

**COST:** \$10 per student

For more information or to sign a student up please call Edgewater Fire Rescue at (386) 424-2445.



## Edgewater Police News

# Bicycle Safety

As warmer weather approaches, bicycle rides become more appealing. Before pulling the trusty two wheeler out of the garage, there are certain aspects of bike riding you may want to cover first!

Did you know that over 90% of bicycling fatalities involve a rider who was not wearing a helmet? Helmets protect the rider in case they fall off of their bicycle and strike their head. It only takes a minor bump to the head to cause a head injury. In the State of Florida, a child under the age of 16 years is required to wear a bicycle helmet while riding their bike. That doesn't mean just sitting on top of the child's head! Bicycle helmets come with chin straps for a reason. It is required that the helmet be strapped onto the child's head for maximum protection! Although there are no laws governing adults and their use of bicycle safety equipment, it is best for all riders to wear a helmet. A helmet not only protects a rider in case they fall, a helmet will also protect the rider if they fall into the path of another vehicle and are struck after falling. All parents have heard the excuses their children give while trying to get out of wearing a helmet. No matter how good of a bicycle rider you are, most riders eventually fall. A simple bicycle crash could cause permanent damage. You only have one brain, protect it.

After pulling the bicycle out of the garage, a few simple maintenance steps will help make your ride smooth and enjoyable. Always check under the seat! You never know what kind of web slinging creature may have made its home under there! Imagine this! You're riding happily down the street when suddenly something crawls up your thigh! You better be wearing that helmet! Make sure your bicycle chain is tight and free of rust. Knowing the right amount of air pressure to have in the tires will help your bicycle perform at its best. I know there are plenty of you out there who have peddled yourselves silly before noticing you had a flat tire! If you plan on riding your bicycle at night, riders are required to have a light permanently affixed to the front and back of the bicycle. This will help motor vehicle operators to see you. Reflective gear will also help with visibility. Remember, although it is required for motor vehicle to give bicyclists 3 feet of space, not all drivers are aware of that law. The more visible you are, the better your chances are of returning home after an evening ride.

As for the clothes you wear while riding, you may want to choose pants that won't get caught up in the bicycle chain as well as clothing that help others see you. Being visible is always to your advantage!

It's good to know the laws in Florida pertaining to the operation of bicycles. Did you know that if your bicycle provides one seat for a single rider, it is a violation of the law to have a second rider anywhere on the bicycle? We often see individuals riding down the road with someone sitting on the bicycle handle bars. This is not only a traffic infraction, it's dangerous for everyone involved. Bicyclists are required to obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles such as stopping at stop signs and traffic signals. Hand signals are needed to alert surrounding drivers of your travel intentions. Many accidents occur when bicycle riders assume they have the right of way. That is not always the case. Regardless of who is right or wrong the bicycle rider will lose if involved in a motor vehicle vs. bicyclist crash. While riding, the State of Florida requires the rider to keep one hand on the handle bars at all times. Street surfaces change abruptly in Florida. The path that was somewhat clean during your first pass could be sandy or wet on your way back through. When riding with your family and / or friends, bicycle riders are permitted to ride two abreast as long as it does not impede the flow of traffic. Remember, bicycles travel at a much slower speed than a motor vehicle. Some motor vehicle drivers are impatient and due to frustration, will attempt to manipulate their way through traffic to get around bicyclists that are slowing them down. Be mindful that the roads have to be shared by all; motor vehicle and human powered vehicles alike. If a bicycle rider has any questions about what laws are to be followed, Florida State statute 316.2065 can answer most of them. Also, your local law enforcement agencies are available to clarify any laws that you do not fully understand.

Bicycling is a great way to relax as well as help you stay in shape. Taking a little time before jumping on and riding off will help keep you and your family safe.

## Edgewater's Wanderer Assist Program

You may ask what is Edgewater's Wanderer Assist Program, it is a FREE service provided by the Edgewater Police Department Citizens Assisting Police (CAPS). The purpose of the program is to quickly and safely find local residents, including special needs children, who may wander away from their home, become confused and/or lose their bearings while away from home.

It is simple to sign your loved one into the program and takes minimal time. Just give CAPS a call, a CAPS representative will make an appointment to come by and get the required identifying information. Clients will receive an ID bracelet so if he/she becomes lost and is unable to communicate. The ID bracelet may assist in getting your loved one home quicker. The photo and identifying information will be part of the Edgewater Police Department files so if your loved one is lost when you call 911 the information will be easily accessible to assist in locating and returning your loved one home safely.

If you would like to sign your family member up or need additional information please contact CAPS Officer Peter Conover (386) 871-4757 or CAPS Officer Art Anderson (386) 523-4027.