

# EDGEWATER SHORELINES

#### Mayor

Michael Thomas

#### District I

Councilwoman Christine Power

#### District 2

Election April 2, 2019

#### **District 3**

Councilwoman Megan O'Keefe

#### District 4

Councilman Gary Conroy

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## CITY COUNCIL

### MIEIETTINGS

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
104 N. RIVERSIDE DRIVE

April I May 6

June 3



MEMORIAL DAY May 27, 2019

**REMEMBER & HONOR** 

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF EDGEWATER

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2019



The City of Edgewater held several workshops to interview candidates to fill the Interim City Manager position. Glenn A. Irby, a Florida native was chosen to fill the position. A Special Meeting was held on February 11, 2019 to discuss the Interim City Manager

<u>Glenn A. Irby</u> the Interim City Manager Agreement with Mr. Irby and he began his work with the City of Edgewater on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Mr. Irby's local government tenure began in law enforcement. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting from the University of Central Florida, he began work for the City of Tavares as an accountant, eventually being promoted to Finance Director and Assistant City Administrator in his 13 year tenure.

In 1999, he was elected Mayor of the City of Minneola and held this office for two years while working in Tavares as Assistant City Administrator and Finance Director and pursuing his Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) with Troy University. He then worked for the City of Mascotte for two years, followed by two years with the Lake County Sheriff overseeing internal business operations as a civilian. From 2006 to 2015 he was appointed City Manager of Umatilla and he served as Administrator for the City of Apopka prior to coming to Edgewater.

Mr. Irby and his wife reside in Umatilla (Lake County) and have four children ranging in age from 10 to 40. His hobbies include fishing, gardening and trips to North Georgia, Tennessee and Carolina mountains.

EDGEWATER WELCOMES
NEW BUSINESS
OWNERS & STOREFRONTS



ACC MD

1001 S. Ridgewood Ave, B

ACET RECYCLING

200 N. Flagler Ave.

**AZURE LOTUS** 

931 S. Ridgewood Ave. #B6

BATABN PROPERTY PRESERVATION 1804 Hibiscus Drive #1

CARPETS PLUS COLORTILE 1826 S. Ridgewood Ave.

COASTAL LANDSCAPES NURSERY 3121 Eels Grove Road

COASTAL MICROGREENS
3121 Eels Grove Road

GENTLEMAN'S DRAW EDGEWATER 2980 S. Ridgewood Ave

JUMPY PLACE FUN FACTORY 3042 S. Ridgewood Ave, J

**LEAN ENGINEERING** 2532 Hibiscus Drive

**L&M THRIFT SHOP** 2102 S. Ridgewood Ave. #4-5

MAC SMOKE & VAPE 2120 S. Ridgewood Ave, #1

THE HEMP HUT
I Pelican Drive B

**VOLUSIA EYE ASSOCIATES** 602 W. Indian River Blvd.

**ZLS AMMO & GUNS** 2111 S. Ridgewood Ave.

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#### **FLOOD FACTS**



No home is completely safe from potential flooding. Just one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage. Flooding can be an emotionally and financially devastating event. Consider these flood facts:

- Everyone lives in a flood zone. It is just a question of whether you live in a low, moderate or high risk area.
- Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.
- A car can easily be carried away by just two feet of floodwater.
- Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage.
- You are eligible to purchase flood insurance if you are a renter, homeowner, or business owner and your property is located in a NFIP-participating community.
   Edgewater participates in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- ♦ It may take 30-60 days after purchase for a policy to take effect, so it is important to buy insurance before a storm approaches.
- Even though flood insurance is not federally required, anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods.
   People outside of mapped high-risk flood areas file nearly 25% of all insurance claims.
- ◆ Edgewater participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) and residents can qualify for an insurance premium discount.

More information about floods & flood insurance can be found at: WWW.FLOODSMART.GOV.

## GETREADYTOVOTE



## VOLUSIA COUNTY RESIDENTS VOTE IN MAY ON HALF CENT SALES TAX

Volusia County approved an ordinance on February 5, 2019, to allow residents to vote in a **referendum special election to be held on May 21, 2019**. The election will be via mail-in ballot that will be sent to all registered voters in Volusia County.

If approved by a majority of Volusia County voters, this ordinance will levy a one half cent local infrastructure sales tax for twenty years.

Every dollar collected will stay in Volusia County to be used specifically for roads, sidewalks, bridges, water quality, stormwater and flood control.

The ordinance requires a citizen's oversight committee with a resident from each municipality, including an Edgewater resident.

An estimated 40% of sales tax will be paid by non-residents/ tourists. When a tourist buys \$100 of souvenirs, 50 cents will be collected for infrastructure.

Remember: Food, medicine and mortgage payments are not taxed.

#### WHAT WOULD THE SALES TAX DO FOR EDGEWATER?

The proposed sales tax would increase Edgewater's revenue to an estimated \$1.2 million per year for the next 20 years. Limited funding has been available annually for infrastructure in Edgewater's general fund budget due to the great recession and two hurricanes.

## FUNDS FROM THE SALES TAX WOULD BE USED FOR PROJECTS INCLUDING THOSE LISTED BELOW



- Water Quality Cleaner water and flood control enhancements with Stormwater projects, canal rehabilitation and reclaimed water line extensions.
- **Better Roads** Reduce the number of unpaved roads, improve shoulders on existing roads.
- **Sidewalks** More sidewalks and ADA improvements to existing sidewalks.
- **Grants** Allow Edgewater to leverage these funds in order to qualify for more grants, thus more projects.





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#### PROTECT FLORIDA'S WATER FROM "POO"LLUTION



When it rains, pet waste left on the ground gets washed into storm drains and stormwater drainage ditches which flow straight into the Indian River Lagoon...without being treated! YUCK!

Decaying waste carries diseases, uses up oxygen and sometimes releases ammonia. It also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth, making water unsafe for swimming or drinking. Since bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health, picking up after your pet being is the responsible, healthy and neighborly thing to do for you and the environment. Remember to clean up pet waste in your own yard too.

WHAT TO DO WITH PET WASTE? The preferred method of pet waste disposal is to scoop it, bag it and put it in the garbage. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as pet waste. An alternative is to flush waste only (NO BAGS) down the toilet. If you have City water then the water from your toilet goes to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant where all pollutants are removed. If you have a septic system, then do not flush pet waste down the toilet. Flushing pet waste can potentially exceed the design capacity of the septic system. NEVER FLUSH CAT LITTER!

#### REASONS TO USE RECLAIMED WATER

- Reclaimed water provides for a more economic means of irrigation.
- Reclaimed water has a low salt content, which will not harm plants and it has a low iron content, which will not stain walkways and buildings.
- Reclaimed water usage reduces the demand on potable and groundwater.
- Reclaimed water recharges the shallow surficial aquifer with fresh water.
- Reclaimed water usage reduces the quantity of effluent discharged into the Indian River.



### RECLAIMED WATER USE CONSERVES DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES AND REDUCES DISCHARGES OF DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TO SURFACE WATERS.

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater effluent that is treated to advanced wastewater treatment standards at our treatment Plant. This water is subjected to strict water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and is continuously monitored and analyzed by our Licensed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Lab Administrator to insure continued quality and compliance with regulations.

Reclaimed water is currently available in the Florida Shores area of the City of Edgewater. The service is limited by the extent of our reclaimed water distribution system, which is a completely separate system of underground piping from the pipes carrying potable water.

For More Information or to Connect to Reclaimed Water

Please Contact the Department of Environmental Services at (386) 424-2400 ext. 4007 or PublicWorks@cityofedgewater.org.

#### **NEVER MISS ANOTHER** COLLECTION DAY

Download the Recycle Coach App

Complete Information & Schedules Personalized Collection & Event Calendars **Custom Collection Reminders** What Goes Where? **Collection Requirements Emergency & Non-Emergency Notifications** 

Report a Problem & Education



#### CONTAIN YARD WASTE



Our Refuse Department works hard to keep up with items and yard waste placed by the road. We encourage residents to bag or contain yard waste as much as possible.

Picking up individual piles of sticks and other small vegetative items is time consuming and slows down the operation. However, if you can put those items in a container that can be picked up and emptied into garbage trucks, it greatly improves our ability to provide timely service.

We commit to picking up all bagged and contained yard waste every Wednesday (excluding holiday weeks), while uncontainable piles of vegetative debris are picked up on a continual route. So remember, if you can contain it, we can grab it...every Wednesday.





#### FREE HEALTH TALKS

The City of Edgewater has teamed up with Florida Health Care Plans and will be conducting monthly health talks on an array of interesting topics. Presentations will be held in Council Chambers at 104 N. Riverside Drive, from 6:00-7:00 pm, on the dates below. Talks are open to the public, so all are welcome.



#### March 12, 2019

Colon Cancer Awareness

April 2, 2019

Skin Cancer Awareness

May 14, 2019

Understanding

Depression & Anxiety

June 11, 2019

Are Women at Increased Risk For Heart Disease?

Dates and times are subject to change.

## EDE

- 4/13 Easter Eggstravaganza Hawks Park
  - 10am-12pm
- 5/18 Health Hootenanny Whistle Stop Park 9am-2pm
- 6/1 School's Out Party Y.M.C.A. 10am-2pm
- 7/4 4th of July Celebration
  Menard-May & Kennedy Parks
  6-10pm

#### WHAT NOT TO FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET

We all use the toilet every day, and not just for human waste. It can be tempting to flush nearly anything down the toilet. It's like a black hole, just dump, flush and it's gone. But to do this risks costly plumbing repairs, toxic environmental pollution and damage to city wastewater treatment centers. It can even clog the pump system needed to return wastewater to the treatment plant.

Baby wipes, adult wipes and household cleaning wipes are all becoming increasingly popular these days. They are also increasingly causing clogs and backups in sewage pipes across the country and recently, right here in Edgewater. Although some brands still say they are flushable, guidelines

### The Dirty Dozen

These items should never be flushed down the toile

When these items are flushed down the toilet they can cause problems in our homes, wastewater treatment network and the environment



Please put these items in the bin and not down the toilet

are being revised so that all wet wipes will soon have a noticeable DO NOT FLUSH symbol on the packaging. If you use wet wipes, throw them away in the trash can.

Save on expensive plumbing repairs, avoid polluting the environment and help prevent sewage backups by remembering items that you must never, EVER, flush down the toilet, including:

- ♦ Wet wipes/Baby wipes/Cleaning wipes
- Paper Towels
- ♦ Q-Tips or Cotton Balls
- Rubber gloves or medical related items
- Infant or adult diapers or pads
- Dental Floss
- ♦ Cooking Oil or Food
- Dog waste in bags
- Medicine / Pills



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#### REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Household REFUSE Holiday Schedule

| HOLIDAY OBSERVED<br>IS AS FOLLOWS:   | If regular days are  MONDAY & THURSDAY  Pickups will be made on: | If regular days are  TUESDAY & FRIDAY  Pickups will be made on: |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Memorial Day<br>Monday, May 27       | TUESDAY & THURSDAY   | WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  |
| Independence Day<br>Thursday, July 4 | MONDAY & WEDNESDAY   | TUESDAY & FRIDAY  |

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BAG OR CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

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ALL REFUSE & RECYCLING MUST BE AT CURBSIDE BY 7:00 a.m.

If you have questions about the schedule please contact the Department of Environmental Services, Sanitation Division at (386) 424-2400 x4007