



EDGEWATER SHORELINES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
104 N. RIVERSIDE DRIVE
6:00 P.M.

January 11, 2021

February 1, 2021

March 1, 2020



AM 1230 AND 1490

CLEARLY THE GREAT VOICE OF VOLUSIA COUNTY

EDGEWATER RADIO

Tune in to WSBB on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. to learn more about Edgewater.

KENNEDY PARK REOPENS

The George R. Kennedy Park Improvement Project was completed October 17, 2020 and the boat ramp and fishing pier are open once again.



2021 PET LICENSE

REMEMBER TO RENEW

Your Pet License at the Edgewater Animal Shelter

Location: 605 Mango Tree Drive
Edgewater, FL 32132

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone: (386) 957-3994



Proof of Rabies Vaccination is Required



EDGEWATER WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS OWNERS & STOREFRONTS



A&B OUTDOORS
1814 Fern Palm Drive

ALTERNATE HANDS
927 S. Ridgewood Ave, A7

BMR 94
1730 Hibiscus Drive

CLAY WARRENS COMICS & MORE
1511 S. Ridgewood Ave.

COMPLETE HEALTH RESEARCH
346 N. Ridgewood Ave, B

C'S WAFFLES
1401 S. Ridgewood Ave, I

DAVID G. HAMILTON, PLLC
501 N. Ridgewood Ave, B

DEW IT RIGHT CONSTRUCTION
2146 S. Riverside Drive, 13

E-Z PACKING & SHIPPING
2120 S. Ridgewood Ave, 2A

FLORIDA CANNA
810 W. Indian River Blvd.

HEALING WELL
927 S. Ridgewood Ave, A7

LAUBSTER'S CATERING
2102 S. Ridgewood Ave, 2I

NEW SMYRNA BEACH COMMUNITY YOUTH CHEER ASSOC.
3042 S. Ridgewood Ave, K

NSB CELLULAR REPAIR
1001 S. Ridgewood Ave, A

RACK 'N ROLL MARINE
500 Pullman Road, C

ROYAL SUSHI GRILL & THAI
1816 S. Ridgewood Ave

RUMBLE HOUSE
1722 Hibiscus Drive

TERRA-SCAPE ENTERPRISES
333 W. Marion Ave, 19

WAYPOINT MEDICAL NORTH
2140 S. Riverside Drive, 24



RECLAIMED WATER FACTS

Reclaimed or reuse water is highly treated wastewater effluent, disinfected to a high degree, making it useable to safely irrigate medians, ball fields and residential lawns. It must meet strict water quality requirements, established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Reclaimed water is safe, meeting most drinking water standards. It is safe for human contact, though it is NOT intended for use as drinking water!

APPROVED RECLAIMED WATER USES

Reclaimed water may be used safely for irrigation of lawn, flower gardens, trees and shrubs or to wash a vehicle or boat.

UNAPPROVED RECLAIMED WATER USES

Reclaimed water should NOT be used inside the home or garage, for drinking, human or pet consumption, food preparation, clothes washing, bathing, showering, pet washing, toilet flushing, filling swimming pools or spas. Children should not play in reclaimed water and no pipes should be connected to your reclaimed water pipes.

USE RECLAIMED WATER RESPONSIBLY

- Educate household and guests about appropriate use of reclaimed water.
- Protect reclaimed water from being used by others for unapproved uses.
- Prevent reclaimed water being transported off your property by any means.
- Prevent any connections of reclaimed water to potable (drinking) water lines.
- NEVER connect above ground spigots or water cooled air conditioners to reclaimed water.
- Disconnect existing irrigation systems on potable water before connecting to reclaimed.
- Make sure existing irrigation wells that are interconnected with reclaimed water system are disconnected or fitted with a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) back-flow prevention device.
- Avoid spraying reclaimed water on streets, sidewalks, neighboring property and forming puddles of it on the ground.



HOUSEHOLD LEAKS ARE MORE THAN A DROP IN THE BUCKET

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates the average American home loses more than 27 gallons of water a day to leaks, that's like losing more than a tank of gas every day. Leaks don't just waste water, they can also damage your home and garden.

Fortunately, it's easy to be a leak detective. Here are some simple steps to follow. Check your water bill for an unusual increase in water usage or monthly charge. This can be a sign your home has a leak.

Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the tank at the back of your toilet, wait 10 minutes and then check to see if the color appears in the bowl. If it does, you most likely have a worn toilet flapper. Turn off the water to the toilet and replace the old flapper with the same type or a universal model, which can usually be found at your local hardware store. When in doubt, contact a professional plumber for help.

Examine all of your faucets and showerheads for leaks. That little drip might not seem like much, but a faucet leaking one drip per second can waste close to 60 gallons of water a week, enough to do nearly 15 loads of dishes in your dishwasher. A leaky faucet or showerhead can often be fixed by tightening the connection or by replacing the washer or gasket, which can become worn over time. When in doubt, contact a professional plumber for help.

Walk your yard and look for unusual wet or soggy spots. These can be a sign that there is a broken sprinkler pipe or loose connection. Try to check your sprinklers once a month for problems like broken or clogged sprinkler heads and make sure to repair any problems you find. When in doubt, contact a landscape irrigation professional.

More information available is at BeWaterSmart.info.



Reclaimed Water Use Conserves Drinking Water Supplies and Reduces Discharge of Wastewater to Surface Waters

For more information or to connect to Reclaimed Water, please contact the Department of Environmental Services at PublicWorks@cityofedgewater.org or (386) 424-2400 ext. 4007

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

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). The official website of NFIP is www.floodsmart.gov.

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 before you secure the flood insurance you need.

Over time, Edgewater 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 drainage ditches, catch basins and culverts that comprise the stormwater drainage system. 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 by calling (386) 424-2400 ext. 4007. If you wish to report a violation of the City's stream dumping regulations, contact the Police Department at (386) 424-2425.

The Development Services Department is the City's primary source of information regarding Flood Insurance Rate Maps. If you have questions regarding Flood Insurance Rate Maps, you may write, stop by or call the Building Department (P.O. Box 100, Edgewater 32132; 104 N. Riverside Drive; 386-424-2400 ext. 1511). Online go to www.FEMA.gov, Navigation / Flood Hazard Mapping.

The City's Building Official is available to answer public inquiries regarding flood elevations of existing properties, 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 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. All 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, including required elevations of living floor areas, flood-proofing of certain construction, limitation on placement of fill and restriction 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 improvement to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's fair 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 elevating the living area of the building above the 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 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 more older non-conforming structures will be elevated to the base flood elevation and protected from potential flood damage.

The City of Edgewater's permitting review process may seem cumbersome, but is necessary for the entire City to participate in the NFIP, making flood insurance available to any resident who wishes to protect their property from flood damage. Development that occurs without City permits threaten the City's continued participation in the NFIP and the ability for residents to obtain flood insurance. If you see development occurring without a permit, protect your rights and contact the City immediately. The Building Department maintains copies of elevation certificates for many structures within the flood hazard areas. **FREE** copies of elevation certificates are readily available to the public.



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS

Stormwater is the water from rain and irrigation which flows over ground or pavement without soaking into the ground.

The stormwater drainage system includes roadside swales, ditches, retention ponds, gutters, inlets, catch basins and underground pipes that collect stormwater and carry it away from streets, parking lots and yards.

Stormwater can flow into lakes, ponds and the Indian River Lagoon. Our waterways are part of the stormwater drainage system too.



DID YOU KNOW that anything that is washed into the stormwater drainage system ends up in our waterways? Unlike wastewater from kitchens and bathrooms, stormwater is not treated before it enters these precious waters. So, remember, when it rains, it drains!

PROTECT OUR 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.



**RULE #1
ALWAYS
PICK UP #2**

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. Remember to clean up pet waste in your own yard too.

The preferred disposal method for pet waste is to scoop it, bag it and put it in the garbage. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as pet waste. If you have City water, you may also choose to flush it (waste only - no bags) down the toilet. It is not recommended to flush pet waste if you have a **septic system**. And remember never flush cat litter down the toilet.

In recent years, the source of water pollution from industrial waste has been greatly reduced. It is hard to believe, but approximately 60% of water pollution comes from things like runoff coming from washing cars, fertilizer from farms, gardens and lawns and PET WASTE.

Small sources add up to a big pollution problem and we can do small things to eliminate the problem and clean up our waterways. It starts by realizing that our sewers and storm water systems are separate. What goes into storm drains flows directly into the Indian River Lagoon.

HOLIDAY REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Household REFUSE Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	<i>REFUSE</i> If regular days are MONDAY & THURSDAY Pickup will be made on:	<i>REFUSE</i> If regular days are TUESDAY & FRIDAY Pickup will be made on:
Christmas Friday, December 25	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Thursday
New Year's Friday, January 1	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Thursday
President's Day Monday, February 15	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BAG OR CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

Household RECYCLING Holiday Schedule

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

Please Note: There WILL NOT be pickup of Contained Yard Waste During These Holiday Weeks

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SANITATION DIVISION AT (386) 424-2400 x4007