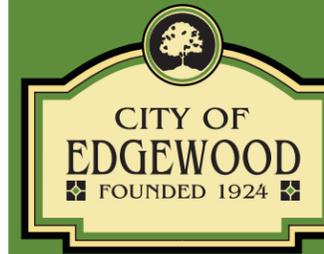


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Tuesday,  
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### **Budget Hearings Edgewood City Hall**

**First Public Hearing  
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Tuesday,  
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**Second and Final  
Public Hearing  
Regular Council  
Meeting**  
September 20, 2011  
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## **Mayor's Budget Message**

*Mayor Ray Bagshaw - Fiscal Year 2011-2012*

The City's budget is the blueprint for financial and policy decisions implemented during each fiscal year. The budget is the single most important document we have for establishing control over the direction of operations and plans for the future. It lays the groundwork for what will be our community's goals and accomplishments to ensure appropriate management and future viability.

Appropriate management of revenue, combined with accurate forecasting of our city's needs will allow for necessary expenses to continue current operations, along with planning for capital improvements such as street repaving and sidewalk repairs.

The administration's goals are to meet the needs of the residents while managing the funds in a prudent manner, and furnishing quality public service to the residents of Edgewood.

Prior to Budget Hearings, the city of Edgewood will begin budget workshops to project and plan the next fiscal year (2011/2012). The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend all workshops and all budget hearings.

## **Edgewood Welcomes New Council Member**

### ***John Dowless***

*By Council President, Judy Beardslee*

March 2011, Edgewood welcomed a new addition to the Edgewood City Council, John Dowless. Councilman Dowless is President and Founder of Millennium Consulting, a public relations and marketing firm based in Orlando, FL.

John graduated from Auburn University with a Business Degree in Economics and from the American Campaign Academy in Washington, DC.

As a native Floridian, John comes to us with more than 20 years of experience in Florida elections that includes two presidential campaigns, a US Senate race and multiple state legislative, county and municipal elections. In between campaign cycles, John works with various corporate

## Edgewood Welcomes New Council Member - *Continued from page 1*

clients to build community support on local, state and federal issues and projects.

John's experience also includes extensive prior appointments to a variety of different county boards and committees and continues to support several charitable organizations including House of Hope, the Central Florida Employment Council, BETA Center and Quest.

We are very fortunate to have John as a member of the Edgewood City Council. Please join me in welcoming him.

You can contact John at [jdowless@edgewood-fl.gov](mailto:jdowless@edgewood-fl.gov).

## Recycling In Edgewood

*By Council President, Judy Beardslee*

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, our Planning and Zoning Chairwoman, Regina Dunay and I had the privilege of participating in a tour, hosted by the Orange County Landfill and Recycling Center's Program Coordinator, Ray Bilodeau. The tour lasted approximately three hours which included a tour of the landfill itself, and the operation of the Recycling Program. The collection and sorting process is impressive!

During this tour, we learned that Edgewood recycles approximately 20 tons of materials on a monthly basis. With a little more than 800 single-family residential homes, that averages about 50 pounds per month per home!

### There are a number of benefits to recycling which include:

- Recycling protects and expands US manufacturing jobs and increases US competitiveness
- Recycling reduces the need for land-filling and incineration
- Recycling prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials
- Recycling saves energy
- Recycling decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contributed to global climate change
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals
- Recycling helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Recycling helps reduce overall **COSTS** associated with our waste collection program – the cost of depositing recyclables is much less than regular landfill charges.



### Collection Day for Recyclables in Edgewood

Your Recyclable pick-up day in Edgewood is every **Wednesday**. Most residents have the green and orange recycle bins that used to be furnished by the city. Several years ago, as a cost savings measure, the city began offering decals for residents to apply to their own container(s) indicating recyclables were inside. These decals are still available at City Hall for anyone who needs them.

Previously, we were asked to sort our recyclables. However, we are currently using a Single Stream Recycling Program where your recyclables are sorted at the Recycling Center. Although there may be a change in the sorting requirements in the future, you are currently not required to sort your recyclables.

### Items You Can Recycle

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass bottles and jars

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2. If you are lucky enough to still have some citrus trees, you should feed them this month with a fertilizer especially for them. Use #1 per inch of the trunk measured a foot from the ground.
3. Azaleas should be cut back before September 15<sup>th</sup> if you want to have blooms next spring.
4. Now is a great time to divide your iris, grasses, bromeliads, spaths, morea, etc. Use a good potting soil and water daily the first two weeks, then as needed. Use some of the divisions in large pots along with some annuals and your porch or patio will perk right up. Coleus, begonias, lantana, torenia, dianthus, and impatiens work great for this.
5. Try verbena or ivy to hang over the edge of the container. Marigolds and dusty miller, red or blue salvia also are great contrasting color for the yard or containers.
6. Keep your eyes peeled for sod webworms in your lawn and treat with an organic insecticide. A granule works longer than liquid.

Don't be a complete couch potato this summer. Work early in the AM or late in the afternoon and stay hydrated. Plants, grass and people need plenty of water in this heat, but obey the watering rules.

## Planning And Zoning

*By Council President, Judy Beardslee*

Edgewood's Planning and Zoning Board is required by the City's Charter and is comprised of appointed individuals who volunteer their time to serve an extremely important purpose. The Board reviews detailed building plans which affect the development, re-development and use of land within the City. Each application submitted, along with input from professional consultants such as our City Engineer, Art Miller and our City Planner, Ellen Hardgrove, must be reviewed thoroughly. The Board is charged with the responsibility of applying our current zoning and codes to each request and considers recommendations from the consultants. The decision of the Board is rendered at each public hearing and a recommendation is made to the City Council, where the final decision will be made. The Planning and Zoning Board meets on the second Monday of the month, as needed, at 6:30 PM at Edgewood City Hall.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to the individuals who volunteer their time to serve the City in this important role:

Board Members  
Regina Dunay, Chairperson  
Frank Aguilar  
Phil Crisler  
Susan Lomas  
Debbie Younglove

## Recycling In Edgewood - continued from page 2

- Drink boxes, milk and juice cartons
- Empty aerosol cans
- Plastic Containers with a #1 or #2 symbol on the bottom
- Plastic bottles with a neck and #3 - #7 on the bottom
- Newspapers
- Pasteboard (i.e., cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- Brown paper bags – ask for these at your grocery store! (Recycle plastic grocery bags there, too)
- Flattened corrugated cardboard boxes ( 3' x 3' pieces) – No pizza boxes (the oil contaminates the cardboard and can damage the County's sorting equipment)
- Phone books
- Magazines and catalogues

### Items You Can Recycle (continued)

- Junk mail (unopened and opened envelopes)
- Office paper (does not include shredded paper)

***Never add Styrofoam or Plastic Bags to your recycle bins – your local grocer may have a program for these products!***

There are a variety of different items that can be disposed of at the Orange County Landfill such as:

- Old televisions • Old computer equipment
- Paint Cans – (oil based paints have to be disposed of as hazardous materials)
- Tires • Appliances
- Propane Tanks • Pesticides
- Old Cell Phones • Batteries
- Household Cleaners • Pesticides
- Other hazardous waste

Please remember, the Recycling Trucks come every Wednesday and can arrive as early at 6 AM. Check with the Orange County Landfill by going online at [www.orangecountyfl.net](http://www.orangecountyfl.net) and clicking on the recycling tab, or call them at 407-836-6601 for more information about hazardous waste collection, solid waste program, and the recycling program.

Compost is available at the Orange County Landfill and the Transfer Stations – check the website at [www.orangecountyfl.net](http://www.orangecountyfl.net) for information.

## Household Hazardous Waste

*By City Engineer, Art Miller*

It's time to remind everyone that many items (such as paint, used oil, pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) being thrown out do not belong in your regular trash and garbage pickup because they are considered hazardous waste. These items, if placed in the landfill, can leak out over time and contaminate the source of our drinking water, the underground aquifer. They also pose a significant threat to our surrounding lake system if dumped into storm drains.

These items can be taken to Orange County's Hazardous Waste Facility located at 5901 Young Pine Road. This facility accepts drop-offs at no charge (accepts electronic waste as well) Monday - Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Household Hazardous Waste - Continued from page 3

Another facility **McLeod Road Transfer Station** located at 5000 L.B. McLeod Road. This facility accepts drop-offs at no charge (does not accept electronic waste) Wednesday and Saturdays only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **There is an attendant at both facilities to help unload.**



We're also in the Central Florida "leaf season". Please be reminded (or your lawn service) not to blow leaves into the street or storm drains as they end up in our lakes. All leaves should be collected for curbside pick-up or for composting on your property. Help keep our lakes clean!!



\*Reminder about the new Fertilizer Ordinance in Orange County there is no fertilizing of lawns from June 1st to September 30th. Please follow the instructions on the fertilizer product's packaging to protect our environment and lakes.\*



## What is meant by Hazardous?

**Hazardous material labels usually contain the words: pesticide, warning, caustic, poison, acid, danger and flammable.**

### Items that are accepted:

- Banned and unwanted pesticides
- Oil based paint
- Paint/Spray Paint Cans
- Paint thinner and stripper
- Varnishes and stains
- Household cleaning fluids
- Chemical drain cleaners
- Auto and furniture polish
- Solvents and flammable liquids
- Old Fertilizer
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Pool chemicals
- Photography chemicals
- Chemistry sets
- Brake fluid and antifreeze
- Unknown chemicals
- Batteries
- Waste oil
- Mercury lamps and devices
- Propane tanks up to 100 pounds



**DISPOSING OF THESE MATERIALS IN ANY OTHER WAY (burying in the ground, pouring down the sink, or down the storm drains) CAN POSE A THREAT TO OUR DRINKING WATER.**

**92% of Florida's drinking water comes from groundwater.**

**If not properly disposed of, these chemicals can harm humans, animals and the environment!**

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## Edgewood Welcomes - Tommy Addison's Restaurant - Continued from page 8

The feeling of the past reflects true today as you dine at Tommy Addison's. You somehow forget you are a guest, and start feeling like you're family.

The commitment to deliver quality, value and attentive service every time you visit Tommy Addison's is quite apparent. With a wonderful array of menu choices for both lunch and dinner, combined with outstanding libation choices, you will not leave unsatisfied. Best of all you'll be pleasantly surprised when you find how gentle the check is on your wallet!

I'd be happy to make some menu recommendations, but I'd have to list the entire menu. See for yourself, stop by for lunch or dinner – you'll be glad you did.

## Public Information

**By Kathy Salerno, Florida Department of Financial Services Division of Consumer Services**

The Department of Financial Services has several Consumer Outreach and Education Coordinators located across the state representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater. CFO Atwater regulates all types of insurance including: auto, health, life insurance and annuities, long-term care, small business owner's, Medicare supplement and home owners insurance. In addition to regulating insurance, the CFO serves as the State Fire Marshal.

The role of the Outreach Coordinators is to represent the Department and CFO Atwater in the community delivering presentations and answering questions that the consumer may have. The coordinators can speak to any group, organization, club, school, etc to inform them of topics covered by the Department of Financial Services. Presentation topics include financial literacy, being money smart, identity theft, homeowners insurance, disaster preparedness, Safeguard Our Seniors, and most other forms of insurance. To schedule a presentation in your area, call Kathy Salerno at 407-276-4658 or e-mail at [Kathy.Salerno@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:Kathy.Salerno@myfloridacfo.com).

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## Garden News

**By Earline Crossley, Edgewood resident**

Some of you may recognize my name from the past as co-owner or Crossley's Nursery. We are back home in Edgewood and enjoying retirement and actually getting to work in our own yard. It is in transition like we are, and summer is HOT, but there are some things that still need to be taken care of or you will have a real mess when cooler weather gets here.

1. If you are planning a fall vegetable garden, you should start preparing the area now by cleaning the area and then covering with plastic until it is time to plant. This will kill nematodes and weeds. You can sow your pepper and tomato seeds now. In August you can start planting collards, beans, corn, cukes, onion, eggplant and squash as well as your seedlings.

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## Honorable Retirement

By Chief Peter Marcus

After a forty year career in law enforcement, one of Edgewood's finest, Officer Don Melville, retired. While the bulk of his career was with agencies other than Edgewood, Officer Melville brought his wisdom and experience to our community. Don was a great officer and he will be missed. To honor Officer Melville, and all officers, Mayor Bagshaw declared June 24, 2011 City of Edgewood Police Officers Appreciation Day. The Proclamation was presented to the Police Department at the City Council meeting on June 21st.

Prior to the meeting a cook-out was held at the Edgewood Municipal Complex to honor Officer Melville, which was open to the public. A Significant number of citizens attended and enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, face painting and getting to know the Edgewood Officers. This event was the start of what will become a future annual event.

Remember – if you see something that seems out of place to you in your neighborhood call us. You can call the officer directly at 407-467-2435. If there is an emergency call 9-1-1.

Have a safe summer.

## Edgewood Welcomes - Tommy Addison's Restaurant

By Council President, Judy Beardslee

Edgewood has a tradition of great places to eat and with the addition of Tommy Addison's that tradition continues. Tommy Addison's opened its doors a few months ago, on the hill just as you enter Edgewood from the north on Orange Avenue. In my experience, the service is impeccable, and the food is...terrific!

Whether you want to have a business meeting where the food and atmosphere will certainly impress your client, celebrate a special occasion with friends and family, or spend some quiet time with that special someone – you will find Tommy Addison's is the place to be.

Proprietor, Thomas Addison Geis wanted the restaurant to be a reflection of the past so he drew on the experiences of his family.

His Great Grandfather, John Addison was an architect who helped rebuild Chicago after the Fire of 1871. He believed in the traditions of the American family meal. Family, friends and neighbors gathered around a table to eat, enjoy each other's company, perhaps even to momentarily forget the hard times that can be experienced in everyday life.

His grandfather raised a family and managed a business after World War One and during the Great Depression where everyone learned the value of a dollar. He built equipment for Railroad Kitchens and Club cars and built Training Kitchen Schools for the US Army as the United States geared up for World War II.

Tommy took this foundation and combined it with his considerable background as a restaurateur to bring us Tommy Addison's.

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## Household Hazardous Waste - Continued from page 4

### Items not accepted:

Gas cylinders  
Biologically active material  
Radioactive material  
Explosive and ammunition



### Suggestions before taking items to the facility:

- 1) Label the material, if you don't know what it is, label it "unknown".
- 2) Do NOT mix different or unknown materials together!!
- 3) If containers are leaking pack them in a larger container with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter to soak up leaks. If the material is strong in smell make sure your vehicle is well ventilated on the way to the facility (even if the material is in the trunk).
- 4) Use boxes with dividers for easy packaging and transport.
- 5) If the material is still usable, use it up!

## Illicit Discharges and Citizen Reports

By Art Miller, City Engineer

The following is a list of allowed discharges into the City's stormwater collection system. Any other discharges are considered illicit discharges and are not allowed – a violation of City Code. Please report any suspected illicit discharges immediately to the Police Department at 407-851-2820. Please help us keep our water and lakes clean!

*Allowed Discharges: The following is a list of substances allowed to discharge into the City's storm sewer system provided they are not identified as a source of pollutants to any receiving waterbody:*

- a. water line flushing;
- b. landscape irrigation;
- c. diverted stream flows;
- d. rising ground waters;
- e. uncontaminated groundwater infiltration to separate storm sewers;
- f. uncontaminated pumped ground water;
- g. discharges from potable water sources;
- h. foundation drains;
- i. air conditioning condensate;
- j. irrigation water;
- k. springs;
- l. water from crawl space pumps;
- m. footing drains;

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## Illicit Discharges and Citizen Reports - *Continued from page5*

- n. lawn watering;
- o. individual residential car washing;
- p. flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- q. dechlorinated swimming pool discharges;
- r. street wash waters;
- s. discharges or flows from emergency fire fighting activities.
- t. reclaimed water line flushing authorized pursuant to a permit issued under authority of Rule 62-610, F.A.C.
- u. flows from uncontaminated roof drains.

*All other non-storm substances discharged into the City's storm sewer system are to be considered illicit discharges that would pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public and are hereby prohibited. Any unauthorized or illicit discharges will be subject to enforcement as set forth in the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances or as otherwise specified by law.*

As stated, any other substance discharging into the City's storm sewer system is a violation of the code. This would include chlorinated swimming pool discharges, oil, gas, **leaves** or other debris. The City has placed markers that state "**Do Not Dump - Drains to Lake**" on all inlets and catch basins as a reminder that these substances do not just disappear "down the drain" - they end up in one of our lakes. Please also remind your lawn care providers of this requirement and help reduce the amount of pollution leaving your property. Again, please report any suspected illicit discharges immediately to the Police Department at 407-851-2820.

## Public Works...Or do They?

*By Dr. Neil Powell, D.D.S. - Council Member*

A few weeks ago, severe winds in our city toppled some large oak trees and broke off limbs of others. Fortunately, we suffered no great financial damage in Edgewood – except for the cost of having the downed trees and limbs removed- a lot of which was paid by the city. So keep in mind: if you have a laurel or water oak, they are susceptible to insect damage, which destroys the internal trunk of the tree, thus weakening it. An arborist can inspect your tree, and give you some advice as to your potential damage or dangers. Call City Hall for the name of a company the city has used; or the name of a tree trimming company that can also advise you.

Those of us in the city who live on the shore of Lake Jessamine may have noticed a growth of something floating on the surface. Orange County Environmental Protection Department says it is bladderwort and that it is a seasonal growth. Their solution, ignore it – a typical governmental approach to a problem! It can be sprayed to kill it – and let it sink to the bottom of the lake, making more muck. But that's not their problem – it's yours!

Some of you may have noticed that CSX has recently mowed their railroad right-of-way. By law they are only required to do it twice a year; but over the past few years I've developed a friendly relationship with the CSX manager in Jacksonville and he now has a crew doing it three times a year. A polite relationship sometimes helps!

Do keep us informed of potholes or scabs in our streets, so we can try to make repairs. We know several streets need major repairs; but until the economy improves and city revenues improve (remember our tax millage rate), it'll be awhile before all needs are met.

## Proof that Not All Elected Officials Are Politicians

As the newest member of the City Council with only four months of "being behind the scenes," I must tell my Edgewood neighbors that we are fortunate to have the leaders we have. Edgewood's elected officials are positively not "politicians," but rather true servant leaders. What do I base that on? Read on...

As you may know, Edgewood has the second lowest property tax rate in Orange County. Edgewood's 2010 millage rate at 3.95 falls below Orlando's 5.65, Belle Isle's 4.40 and even unincorporated Orange County's 4.43. Even with the lower rate, Edgewood still provides a top notch police department with an incredible response rate, as well as a unique online "Vacation Residence Check Request." So now when you're vacationing, you can have the peace of mind knowing that our patrols will keep a watchful eye on your home and in your neighborhood and walk your premises while you're gone!

How Edgewood is able to provide that among other essential services while keeping taxes low can be easily attributed to your Mayor and City Council. They do the job for free - and it's much more than the once a month council meeting!

We are incredibly fortunate to have recently retired Ray Bagshaw serve as our Mayor. His first two weeks on the job included directing traffic at midnight and helping residents trapped on their street due to downed power lines. He was also working full days directing tree trimming and debris clean up following two very bad thunderstorms. The Mayor also handles all the executive duties of the city overseeing our Police Chief, City Clerk, Code Enforcement and anything else that arises. In essence, Ray serves as our City Manager working 30-40 hours per week with no compensation. Many cities of our size pay their managers around \$75,000 a year. Ray does it because he cares!

I'm equally as impressed with the sacrifice of time and expertise by my fellow Council members. It's not uncommon to see Councilman Dr. Neil Powell checking street drains, the rail road tracks and even shoveling rocks at a railroad crossing that needs attention. During this last year when Edgewood was faced with the sudden loss of city staff, Councilman Dr. Malcolm Henley stepped in and successfully corrected or identified management and bookkeeping issues, putting in six to seven hours a day for months. Council President Judy Beardslee is generously loaning her 25 years in banking to help bring about and implement necessary internal controls while putting in multiple hours per week on budgeting and finance. Councilman Jim Bozeman serves as our liaison with Cypress Grove Park. Though a county park, it definitely impacts our quality of life.

As a resident of Edgewood, I would like to publicly thank the City Council and Mayor for their sacrifice of time and resources. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude. As the "rookie on the team", my hope is that my tenure will simply result in making Edgewood a little better than when I began.

John Dowless, Council Member