

Spring 2012

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Meeting Times

City Council
3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
2nd Monday of the Month
6:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events:

Farmers market
Every Thursday 4-8 pm
Next to City Hall
Larue and Hansel Ave.

Torch Run April 17th

Message from the Mayor

City Hall Renovations, Spring Cleaning and Edgewood's Farmer's Market

As some of you may have noticed there have been some recent improvements to your City Hall. I would like to recognize the following companies located in Edgewood for their assistance in renovations at City Hall:

- Dew Glass
- J-Tech Prototyping
- Tu Tone Tony's
- Bell Rentals

Also, Gold Key International managed the painting and other repairs needed on the building. Thanks to all of you for being a part of our community and supporting the City.

In addition to maintenance improvements to City Hall there have also been some landscape renovations at City Hall as well. I would also like to draw your attention to our new Bulletin Board. Prior to renovations at City Hall the encased Bulletin Board was mounted to the building by the front entrance doors. We have purchased a new encased Bulletin Board and it is now located at the Island in the City Hall and Police Department Parking Lot. Should you need to know information about Public Meetings or any upcoming events that the City of Edgewood is involved in, I invite you stop by and check it out.



I would like to thank Rich Fawcett, owner of Pro Automotive and also a resident of Edgewood, for his generous donation to the city landscape fund. Plans are to start landscape and irrigation work on the large Island between Hansel Avenue and Orange Avenue. I hope to have it completed within the next couple of months as funds are available.

I just reviewed a report from the Orange County Appraiser's office and the City of Edgewood's property value did not decrease this past year as it did in many other areas of Central Florida. It is important that we maintain our property in such a way that you and your neighbors home values will not decline.

Message from the Mayor *continued from page 1*

Spring cleaning is just around the corner, so remember to properly dispose of any old yard or garden fertilizers or chemicals. Yard waste is picked up on Thursday, and if you have limbs or other items that can be bundled; do so and place them by the curb. Please see our article from Waste Management on Spring Cleaning.

We have received several calls regarding loose dogs running in our neighborhood, and I want to remind you that the City code does not permit this. Also if you are walking your dog, you are responsible to clean up after your pet; not doing so can result in a fine.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market has been a success, and I continue to receive calls from Vendors that want to participate in the Market. Currently there is a waiting list for new vendors. If you are interested in being added to our waiting list, please contact City Hall. Several of our vendors are from the Winter Park Farmer's Market. The buzz is that our Market has a great feel about it because of you, our residents', and how warmly you have received the vendors. We had several families that brought a blanket and enjoyed food from some of the food vendors. It is up to the community to support this event each Thursday evening from 4-8 p.m. so the vendors will continue to come. There will be seasonal vendors added, such as fresh orange juice in the fall. As I visit other Markets, the vendors tell me that they have heard about our local Market and what a great community we have. Upgrades are being made to our vacant lot such as lighting and landscaping. If you have not yet visited our weekly Farmer's Market, I invite you to do so.



I have enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Farmer's Market and hope to meet many more of you soon.

Ray Bagshaw

Mayor Bagshaw

A Word from the Chief

By: Pete Marcus - Chief of Police

Red Light Cameras

As the Chief of Police for the City of Edgewood, both the Police Department staff and I, recognize that traffic safety is one of our major goals in this city. Red light cameras have been erected at the intersection of Holden Avenue and South Orange Avenue, in addition to the intersection of Mary Jess Road and South Orange Avenue. The purpose of the cameras is to try to reduce the number of traffic crashes at these two (2) intersections. It is no secret that the Orange/Holden/Gatlin intersection is extremely problematic. This intersection is confusing to drivers, and at rush hour it becomes very congested. It should come as no surprise to anyone that the majority of the traffic crashes within the City occur at this location. The only way to permanently resolve this issue would be to realign Holden and/or Gatlin to make them into one intersection. This is a very expensive undertaking, and in this economic environment, most likely will not happen. This is why the red light cameras will be so beneficial to the safety of those who travel through Edgewood every day. The cameras will allow us to ticket those people who blatantly run red lights and endanger everyone with their disregard for the law and the safety of others. Our hope is that once this commences the word will get out and people will cease running the lights.

As a side note, right turns on red lights are allowed at intersections under the following conditions: If not specifically prohibited in the intersection (in which case there will be signage saying No Turn On Red) but only after the vehicle comes to a complete stop. However, failing to come to a complete stop before making a right turn on red is a violation, and officers will ticket violators.

Thank you and stay safe.

Chief Pete Marcus

Public Works...Or do They?

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

Our busy Mayor, Ray Bagshaw has taken over many of the responsibilities I use to have, i.e. dead tree removals, landscaping City Hall, supervising repair of City Hall, etc. My thanks to him for these and other things he's been responsible for accomplishing.

Since the "train-to-nowhere" seems to be a thing we have to accept, the right-of-way cleaning and clearing will be a job of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Some of that work has already started with the removal of some rather large trees from the right-of-way. I've been told there are plans to add another set of tracks.

Some of our citizens have homes on the shore of Lake Jessamine; so as Water Advisory Board chairman, I'll also pass along some news regarding that body of water.

A recent \$125,000.00 study of the lake determined that a lot of undesirable contaminants in the Lake are stirred up by the boats pulling wake-boarders. We are attempting to educate them of these problems, and to keep their activities in the deeper waters of the Lake. An alum treatment is also scheduled to improve the water quality and clarity. Buoys have also been placed to warn of shallow areas.

The dredging of the Lisa canal is complete – now we just need the water levels in the lakes to come back up. The Lake Mary- Jess canal cleaning project (running from Orange Avenue) is now awaiting final designs and subsequent bids. It is a work-in-progress, and we'll stay on "top of it".

Again, please let me or the City know if there is a problem with sidewalks, streets, trees, etc., and we will do what we can to correct it.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

By: Chief Pete Marcus

As police officers, we have a bond with the citizens we serve. We also serve as the protectors of those who cannot protect themselves; this includes children, the elderly, and those who have special needs. The Special Olympics provides an opportunity for those individuals to rise above their challenges and show the world what they can do. The connection between police officers and Special Olympics is a natural. Every year law enforcement officers across the country raise money to help defray the costs of sending athletes to the Special Olympics.

The Torch Run is for Special Olympics, and has been an event in Orange County for over twenty (20) years. For the last several years the event has been run within the City of Edgewood, and it is going to be held in our city again this year. On April 17, 2012, for approximately thirty (30) minutes, the streets of Edgewood will be engulfed by law enforcement. Hundreds of officers from all the agencies within Orange County will run a 5K event. The route will start from the Russell Home on Holden Avenue, south on Orange Avenue to the Edgewood Municipal Complex on Larue Avenue, then north on Hansel Avenue, and back to the Russell Home. In addition to the hundreds of runners, there will be officers on motorcycles from every agency in Orange County controlling traffic. The runners solicit monetary pledges as a means of raising money, and all monies collected go towards the Special Olympics. We hope you will come out on the 17th and support law enforcement. If you haven't seen this spectacle before you will be amazed – AND IT IS ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE THE ***SPECIAL OLYMPICS***.

It is Spring Cleaning Time Again!

Provided courtesy of Waste Management

A few helpful hints for the residents of the City of Edgewood!

All materials to be collected should be at the curb no later than 7:00 am on collection days!

The City's collection days are as follows:

- Mondays and Thursdays: Garbage Collection
- Wednesday: Recyclable Collection
- Wednesday: Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste Collection

Leaves: They can be placed in plastic bags or regular garbage cans for collection. Typically all bags or trash cans will be collected on your yard waste collection day, Wednesdays for Edgewood residents. If there are 30 or 40 bags, most would be picked up, and any remaining would be picked up the following week.

Yard Debris

Branches or limbs need to be tied and bundled and should not weigh more than 40lbs in each bundle. Bundles or large branches need to be about 4 feet in length.

Bulk Collection

Bulk items: If you have an old chair or other piece of furniture that two (2) men can pick up and put into a collection vehicle, it will be picked up on your 2nd regular garbage collection day each week.

White goods: An old dryer or other items of white goods, are picked up on the 2nd regular garbage collection day of each week.

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It is a violation of law for Waste Management to pick up old cans of paint, any item with gasoline or oil in them, or any item that has Freon in it, such as a refrigerator or old air conditioner. For more information regarding Hazardous Waste disposal, please see article titled "Spring Cleaning & Household Hazardous Waste" contributed by the city's Consulting Engineer, Art Miller.

For information on recyclable items, please refer to the City's website under Resident FAQ's. We have a link to Waste Management's website and the Do's and Don'ts of recycling. If you need a Recycling sticker to place on your bin, please contact City Hall.

Should you need to have special service because you have large volumes of bulk items requiring claw truck service you may contact Waste Management at 407-843-6959 and ask for the residential route manager for the City of Edgewood or contact Alan Morrison at 407-702-4708 or Jim Swan at 407-973-5226. A supervisor will come to your home, give you a quote for the service, schedule the service, and you can give your check for payment to the driver when he finishes the collection.

Spring Cleaning & Household Hazardous Waste

Contributed by: Art Miller, AR Miller Engineering (Edgewood's Consulting Engineer)



It's that time of year again and, as Spring approaches, many of us are taking the opportunity to tune-up the lawn mower (if you can find it in that garage) or de-cluttering the shed. *It's also a 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.

Another facility is located at **McLeod Road Transfer Station**, 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.***

There are upcoming 2012 community collection events that will be held on April 21, 2012, at Valencia Community College West at 1800 S. Kirkman Rd from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as on July 14, 2012 at Hunter's Creek Middle School at 13400 Town Loop Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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.*



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What is Meant by Hazardous?

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

The following items are accepted at Orange County's Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 5901 Young Pine Road:

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!

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!

Is Edgewood's Mayor Worth What He's Paid?

By: John Dowless, Council President Pro tem

That headline was to get your attention more than anything. But it does beg a question that many in the community don't seem to know. So I thought I would add my "two cents."

This month will complete my first year on the Edgewood City Council. It's truly been an honor and a joy serving the community...well, except for some of the meetings that go until midnight. But even then, I know it's for a purpose, to help make Edgewood an even better community in which to live and work.

Moreover, it's been a privilege serving with the Mayor and my fellow Council members. And for the record, neither the Mayor nor the City Council receives compensation. They are all unpaid positions.

Edgewood's Mayor, however, actually has greater demands on his time. While all the Council members definitely contribute to the city with their talents and time, I have to say that we are unbelievably fortunate to have our current Mayor, Ray Bagshaw.

The job of Edgewood's Mayor is probably more akin to a City Manager in most cities. Ray's duties include proposing the city's budget to the Council, scrutinizing invoices and payments, managing the city's personnel, representing the city on multiple state and county boards, "hassling" DOT for our transportation projects, negotiating the firefighting contract with the county, 911 service costs with the Sheriff, dealing with code enforcement issues, fielding citizens calls and concerns on a daily basis, and multiple other tasks.

If that's not enough, Ray also added more to his own plate because he has a genuine desire to help Edgewood realize its full potential. Because of Ray, Edgewood now has a weekly Farmer's Market that is helping us meet our neighbors and create a stronger sense of community. He has also expressed plans to beautify Edgewood and give us an identity when the thousands of cars pass through our town on Orange Avenue every day.

How does he do that and hold a full time job? He doesn't. That's why Edgewood is so fortunate. Ray is recently retired from Disney and has now "adopted" Edgewood as his new full time job. So when you see our Mayor, please thank him for his time and sacrifice. By the way, thank his wife Bonnie as well. They're a team, and she's been a great "First Lady" for Edgewood! We are truly lucky to have them!

John Dowless
Council President Pro tem

Edgewood Welcomes New Businesses To Our City

By: Mayor Bagshaw, articles contributed by new business owners

Some of you may have noticed some new businesses opening in the City of Edgewood.

Alfonso's Pizza & Sports Bar

One new business that has opened is, Alfonso's Pizza & Sports Bar, located at 4718 South Orange Avenue in Edgewood. After serving the College Park area for ten (10) years and winning many awards for best pizza in the Orlando area, Restaurant Owner Rich Alfonso sold his restaurant a few years ago. He recently started looking for a place to open a pizza and sports bar, and is very excited to become a part of our community.

Stop in and meet Rich and his staff, and welcome them to Edgewood. His goal is to continue serving award winning made from scratch pizza along with many other favorite Italian dishes. They also will be serving American Sports bar dishes.

Owner Rich says, "Our goal is to create a place for friends and families to meet and enjoy great food and service".

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Edgewood Welcomes New Business' To Our City *continued from page 7*

City Garage

Another new business that has recently opened in the city is City Garage.

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Orlando Arms

Another recent business added to our city is Orlando Arms, they are located at the Fort Gatlin Shopping Center, 4737 S. Orange Avenue. Some of the services they provide include: buying and selling consignments, transfers for \$25.00, weekly specials, and concealed weapons class by a NRA certified instructor. They are closed on Sundays and their office hours vary so please call ahead to assure someone will be at the store. You may contact them by phone, 407-240-5900, fax 407-240-5901 or by visiting their website at www.orlandoarms.com.

We thank you for supporting both the new and existing businesses in the City of Edgewood!

Mayor Bagshaw

From The Desk of the City Clerk

By Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk

On February 21, 2012, Judy Beardslee, Lee Chotas and Pamela Henley were sworn in as Council Members, terms to expire in 2014. Council Member Judy Beardslee was selected by Council to continue as the Council President. Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the *City Charter*, upon the start of a new council session, the Council President shall designate areas of **responsibility (not already under the jurisdiction of the mayor)** to be assigned to individual council members. Each council member shall assume responsibility for the assigned area and execute his/her responsibility within the broad guidelines established by the council. The following is a list of duties to be assigned (can be reassigned or modified after assignment):

ASSIGNMENT

Finance & Budget
Code Enforcement
HAINC Liaison
Cypress Grove Liaison
Land Development
Land Development/Master Plan
Public Works

COUNCIL MEMBER

Pamela Henley
John Dowless

Lee Chotas
Judy Beardslee

Neil Powell, D.D.S.

Upon installation of our new council members, our Mayor Ray Bagshaw successfully completed the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials sponsored by the Florida League of Cities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at City Hall (407-851-2920) or bmeeks@Edgewood-fl.gov.

Reminder ...

It's that time of year when you and your family may leave town for an extended weekend or vacation.

Prior to leaving be sure to go to our website to fill out the online Vacation Resident Check Request Form.

You will find the form at:

- www.edgewood-fl.gov
- Departments
- Police Department
- Vacation Residence Check Request
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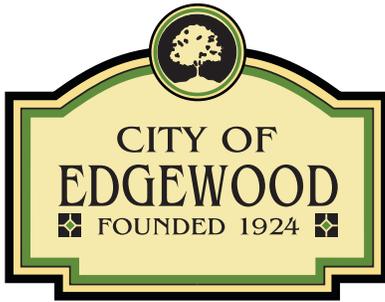
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