

Fall 2013

Edgewood

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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 5-8 p.m.
Next to City Hall
Larue and Hansel Ave.

Message from the Mayor

The City Of Edgewood's new website is now available to view. Check it out and "Discover Edgewood" at www.edgewood-fl.gov. The new site will show that there is a lot more to our City than South Orange Avenue... You will be able to keep up to date on meetings, special events and community happenings that interest you.

Progress continues on the enhancements to the Holden, Gatlin and Orange Avenue intersections. The survey work and design is to be completed by April of next year. The Florida Department of Transportation assures me that it will vastly improve the traffic flow.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all of our residents that the Edgewood Farmers' Market is open every Thursday night from 5-8 pm at the City Hall complex. We have had several new vendors join us this year. The Food Trucks are always ready to serve you some great food. Enjoy the evening with family and friends. Soon the fire pits will be roaring during the fall and winter evenings. Check the events' page on the City website for live entertainment and Karaoke open mic nights. Our Facebook page will also keep you up-to-date on market vendors and food trucks that will be attending. Santa will be coming to the Market on December 12th during the hours of 6 to 9 p.m. This would be a great time for family pictures.

The next newsletter will be in 2014, so City Hall staff, Council and I want to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely YOUR Mayor,



Mayor Bagshaw

A Word from the Chief

By: Pete Marcus, Chief of Police

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We know that some unsavory characters have been taking advantage of the accessibility provided by our canals and lakes. These people use the cover of darkness to gain access to the various properties that are on the water, knowing that most people are not out in their back yards late at night. They sneak onto other people's property for the sole purpose of stealing things. We need you to call us if you see anyone out on the water behind your property during the hours of darkness. If you see someone that looks suspicious please call 9-1-1.

Speaking about stealing stuff – The holiday season is just around the corner. Don't become a crime victim during this time. When shopping, lock your vehicle, don't leave packages in plain sight and be alert for suspicious people. Thieves love this time of year because people tend to let down their guard. Stay alert and don't be a crime victim.

Evening thefts from unlocked vehicles continue to be a problem. Just because your vehicle is parked in your driveway at home does not mean that it is safe. The majority of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked vehicles. Please lock your doors even in your driveway.

And finally - If you have read the City newsletter in the past you have read about the cell phone carried by the officer/s. This phone enables you to speak directly with an officer. If you have a question or concern that is not an emergency, the phone number is **407-467-2435**.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season and don't forget our Toys for Tots annual event. This year's toy drive is scheduled for December 14th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the City of Edgewood Municipal Complex on LaRue. See you there!

Be safe,

Chief Marcus

Upcoming Event with Santa

December 12th

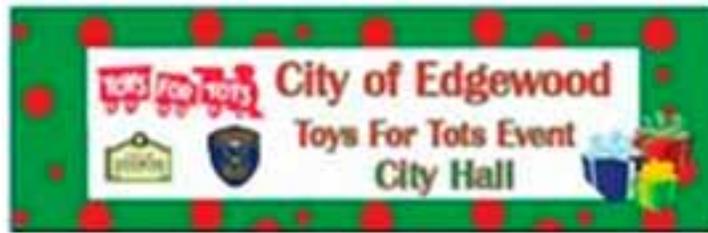
On Thursday, December 12th the City of Edgewood will be having its Farmer's Market and Food Truck event with Santa Clause!

The Farmer's Market runs from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. with the band Good Luck Penny performing 6 to 8 p.m. Santa will also be available 6 to 8 p.m. So bring the kids and your pets out to get a picture with Santa and enjoy the music, food and market vendors.



Toys for Tots

By: Chief Pete Marcus



Toys for Tots is a program run by the [United States Marine Corps Reserve](#), which donates [toys](#) to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for [Christmas](#). The program was founded in 1947 by reservist, [Major William L. Hendricks](#). The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year. The collected toys are distributed to needy children in the community. This program is to "deliver, a message of hope through a new toy at Christmas, to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible and patriotic citizens."

The Edgewood Police Department and City Hall staff will hold its annual Toys for Tots event on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As in years past we will host a free cook-out, serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. We will also have a bounce house, horseback rides, a face painter, and a D.J. for the kids. Also the Orange County Fire Rescue will have equipment on display. There will be food and fun for everyone! Please bring an unwrapped gift with you for placement in the collection containers that will be onsite and picked up by the US Marines.

On behalf of the men and women of your police department please consider this to be your personal invitation to come join us, have some fun, and make the holiday season brighter for a child. The location of the event is the vacant lot immediately to the east of City Hall, on LaRue Avenue. Our goal is to make this year's event the best yet with a record number of toys collected. We hope to see you there! For more information please contact City Hall at 407-851-2920, or refer to the City's website at www.edgewood-fl.gov.

If you are unable to attend the event, you may drop off new unwrapped items beginning the first of December during normal office hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Also you may drop off items on Thursday evenings during the Farmers' Market. A collection box will be located at both City Hall and the Police Department where items can be dropped off.

We look forward to seeing you at the Toys for Tots event, and wish you and yours a safe and joyous Holiday season!

From the Desk of the City Clerk

By: Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO

Municipal Election

The City's General Election is March 11, 2014. The following two-year terms end:

- Council Member Pam Henley
- Council Member Lee Chotas
- Council Member Michael Hendrix (completing the term vacated by former Council Member Judy Beardslee)

The qualifying period begins at 8 a.m. January 13, 2014 through January 24, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. As a result of new legislation, there will be additional financial report(s) to file by the candidates.

DEP Partners With Local Agencies To Implement Lake Mary Jess Stormwater Improvement Project



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Central District was joined by Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Edgewood Mayor Ray Bagshaw, County Commissioner Pete Clark and several other area leaders to celebrate the completion of the Lake Mary Jess Stormwater Improvement Project. Just in time to wrap up National Lakes Appreciation Month, this project will improve water quality in Lake Mary Jess as well as other water bodies downstream, including Lake Conway.

The Lake Mary Jess Drainage and Water Quality Improvement Project was a Community Budget Issue Request item that was awarded \$466,000 by the Legislature back in 2006. The project is designed to treat stormwater from State Road 527 and surrounding commercial development by redirecting it into a new, specially designed treatment facility that captures trash, sediment and pollutants such as phosphorus before discharging downstream to Lake Mary Jess.

"The Department is impressed with the initiative of all those involved in this project," said Jeff Prather, Central District Director. "Protection and restoration of Lake Mary Jess is just one of the benefits that will be realized from these partnerships to improve water quality."

The project is a joint effort involving the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Edgewood, the Lake Mary Jess Advisory Board and the Commerce Center Industrial Park.

"The Lake Mary Jess Stormwater Improvement Project is a shining example of partners working together to improve water quality in Orange County and downstream to water bodies such as Lake Conway and even as far away as the Everglades," said Mayor of Orange County Teresa Jacobs.

Rain and storm events cause runoff carrying sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, oil, heavy metals, bacteria, and other contaminants to enter surface waters, causing adverse effects from increased pollution and sedimentation. Projects such as the Lake Mary Jess Drainage and Water Quality Improvement Project control the problems associated with stormwater runoff, improve water quality and reduce the impacts of flooding.



The Mayor has driven the City at night and noticed many of the business parking lot lights are either burned out or not turned on. Studies have shown that lighting reduced crime in some areas by as much as 20%. Well lit areas also help our officers as they patrol, and will help your patrons feel safer.



Mark your calendar: Thursday, November 21st Edgewood's Farmer's Market will include:

- Food Trucks, produce and vendors
- Live Music with Lucy Iris (check her out on facebook)
- Document Shredding provided by Cintas
- Document Shredding truck, which will shred your old documents on site in your presence
- Come on out 5 to 8 p.m.



Please note that Edgewood City Hall now has revised office hours. As of August 1, 2013 the following are our new hours of operation: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



This year, steps are being taken to plant new trees throughout the City. Recently nine (9) Southern Live Oaks were planted in Edgewood along with some flowering species of trees. We would like to thank Pine Castle Animal Hospital and Pro Automotive for their donation to help purchase these trees.



Once again this past year many of the older Laurel and Water Oaks continued to decline in the City due to age and disease. September was not a good month as several trees fell and blocked some of the streets in the City. If you notice barren limbs in the tops of any of your trees, it would be a good time to ask for an inspection by a certified arborist. Most tree companies will do this as a free service.



The Pinecastle Women's Club is requesting historical information on the cities of Edgewood, Belle Isle and the Pine Castle Community. If you have anything you would like to contribute please contact the Pinecastle Women's Club at (407) 855-8894.

Edgewood Welcomes New Businesses

By: Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant

The City of Edgewood would like to welcome the following new businesses:

- Regional Site Development, LLC – 5511 Hansel Ave
- Belle Pok Day Spa – 4945 S. Orange Ave
- Ruckhouse, LLC – 4061 Forrestal Ave, #4
- Alliance Ink & Toner – 4913 S. Orange Ave
- Orlando Infectious Disease Center – 4401 S. Orange Ave
- 13, Inc. – 4822 S. Orange Ave
- Rabits & Romano Architecture, Inc. – 5127 S. Orange Ave
- Whitfield Consulting – 5025 S. Orange Ave., Ste 209
- Custom Empire, LLC – 5130 S. Orange Ave.
- BK Motorsports, LLC - - 5130 S. Orange Ave.
- Advanced Medical Innovations, LLC – 5528 Force Four Pkwy
- Durable Medical Equipment Specialist – 5671 S. Orange Ave
- Batteries, Inc. – 5671 S. Orange Ave
- Surplus Electronics, LLC – 4714 S. Orange Ave
- The Stable for Automotive Excellence – 5130 S. Orange Ave

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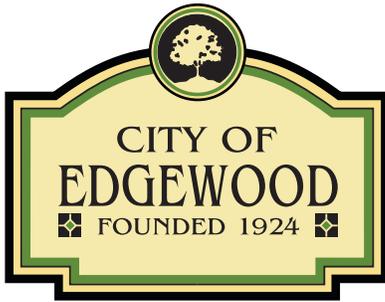


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*This edition of the newsletter
features:*

- *Toys for Tots collection event information*
- *Citizens Issues Survey*
- *Upcoming event November 21st to shred your documents for free at City Hall*
- *Santa comes to Edgewood Farmer's Market on December 12th*

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