

Edgewood Exclusive

CITY OF EDGEWOOD

FALL/WINTER 2015

Message from Mayor Bagshaw



The long hot summer is finally over and with the arrival of fall, the weekly Farmers Market has reopened in Bagshaw Park adjacent to City Hall. The Market is open every Thursday (excluding Holidays) from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Also with fall begins the Special Events season for the City. **Be sure to mark your calendar and save these dates...**



3rd Annual Light Up Edgewood

November 19th

Join us as we kick off this year's Holiday Season by lighting up Bagshaw Park, the Police Department and our "live" Arizona Cypress Christmas tree. We expect a little Florida chill in the air and will enjoy the cold snap by lighting the fire pit and appreciating good company in the park.

SANTA's Arrival in Edgewood via Helicopter

December 10th (ETA 6:30 PM)

That's right! Rudolph has agreed to allow Reindeer Pilot Dan Drummond to fly Santa into Edgewood this year in his Helicopter Sleigh. Come one! Come all ! Come young and old! Join me in cheering "Santa and Reindeer Dan" as they land and help give them a hearty "WELCOME TO EDGEWOOD HELLO!!!

There will be steel drums, a guitar and some voice talent to entertain you Florida-style while you enjoy the Farmers Market — holiday gifts, food trucks, a bounce house and slide for the kids, face painting and all the fun you can imagine. Bring your family and meet your friends and neighbors for a festive evening in Edgewood !

The 10th Annual Toys for Tots Collection begins Monday November 23rd Donation boxes, for new unwrapped toys, will be located in both City Hall and the Police Department. For more details on collection and the event, go to page 5.

THURSDAY NIGHT EVENTS AT BAGSHAW PARK:

Edgewood Farmers Market
5:30 to 8:30 pm
(excluding holidays)

3rd Annual Light Up Edgewood
November 19th 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Santa arrives by helicopter
December 10th ETA 6:30 pm

Farmers Market will be closed from
December 18th to January 14th so
our vendors may enjoy the holidays

Spring Classic Car Show
Tentative Date: April 14, 2016

AS THE YEAR ENDS, I would like to join the City Staff and our Police Department in wishing you the Best of Holidays and a prosperous New Year! I look forward to visiting with you at one of our events.

Follow us on Facebook " The Edgewood District" Better yet join Nextdoor.com Get connected to the City!

All events are weather permitting and can be subject to change.



Santa Claus Arrives By Helicopter In Edgewood



PET AND
FAMILY
PHOTOS
WITH SANTA

FOOD
TRUCKS

STEEL
DRUM
BAND

ETA 6:30 pm Thursday, December 10th

Bagshaw Park at Edgewood City Hall
405 Larue Avenue

Bring an unwrapped toy for

TOYS FOR TOTS



Shop the Farmers Market
for gifts, breads, fresh
eggs, produce and more



City Council Update

Quiet Zone Update

As you may know, City Council voted several months ago to use reserve funds (savings) to match FL DOT funds to install Quiet Zones for Edgewood's three railroad crossings. We have paid the funds and **FL DOT informed us that work will begin for all Quiet Zones along SunRail after the design to build contract is executed in March, 2016.** No estimated date of completion was given for Edgewood's crossings. I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything.



John Dowless,
Council President

I-4 Ultimate, Construction and Traffic

There's no question that I-4 is under construction. Want to know what is being done? Avoid traffic? Find out if certain exits are closed? Find a better commute route? If so, visit www.i4ultimate.com. There's a video with interviews of DOT officials, renderings and explanations of what's to come. You can also get commute options, project information, live traffic feeds and traffic congestion reports.

Edgewood Improvement Update

Last year, Edgewood hired the non-profit research organization, Urban Land Institute to offer a roadmap to improve our stretch of Orange Avenue so that Edgewood's "front door" will look as good as our "back door," meaning our residential neighborhoods.

The first step in ULI's report, which is available to the public, called for a "market analysis study." I am happy to report that the City Council voted in September to hire Florida Economic Advisors, LLC to conduct the study.



Hansel /Orange Ave. median

This will help identify economic strengths, weaknesses and ultimately help guide the city to feasible and affordable options for improvement and redevelopment.

The next step will involve citizen input. Stay tuned if you want to help Edgewood be the best community it can be.

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A Word From Chief Francisco

To Friends, Neighbors and Businesses,

It is hard to believe that fall is here and winter will be knocking on our door very soon.

As the holidays approach, please remember: do not leave items in your vehicle within plain view. Lock items in the trunk or place them on the floor-board in an attempt to conceal them. Most importantly, lock your doors and double check to ensure they are locked at all times.

As part of our Operation Safe Holiday, we have partnered with Waste Management and the Belle Isle Police Department in an effort to combat the normal increase in residential burglaries in and around the Holiday Season.

We will place a recycling container here at City Hall which will be available from December 21st through January 7th. The purpose of this container is for the citizens of Edgewood to dispose of Christmas gift boxes in this dumpster and to keep these boxes out of the sight of criminals.

We do not want the criminals to know that inside your residence is a brand new TV, DVD player, computer equipment or any item of value. Please help us fight

Edgewood has been designated as the 3rd safest suburb in Orlando Metro (per localniche.com)

if you
SEE
something
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crime by taking all your gift boxes to the City Hall recycle dumpster!

There have been several incidents where a resident observed some odd activity but felt like they shouldn't dial 911 to report it. We are encouraging everyone to report ANY type of odd or suspicious activity by dialing 911.

As always, if you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

For additional information please visit our City website, Edgewood-fl.gov and you will find additional resources under the Police tab.

Feel free to come by and visit your Police Department at any time Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Your calls and questions are welcome at any time at 407-851-2820.

Be safe and have a great holiday,

Chief Chris Francisco



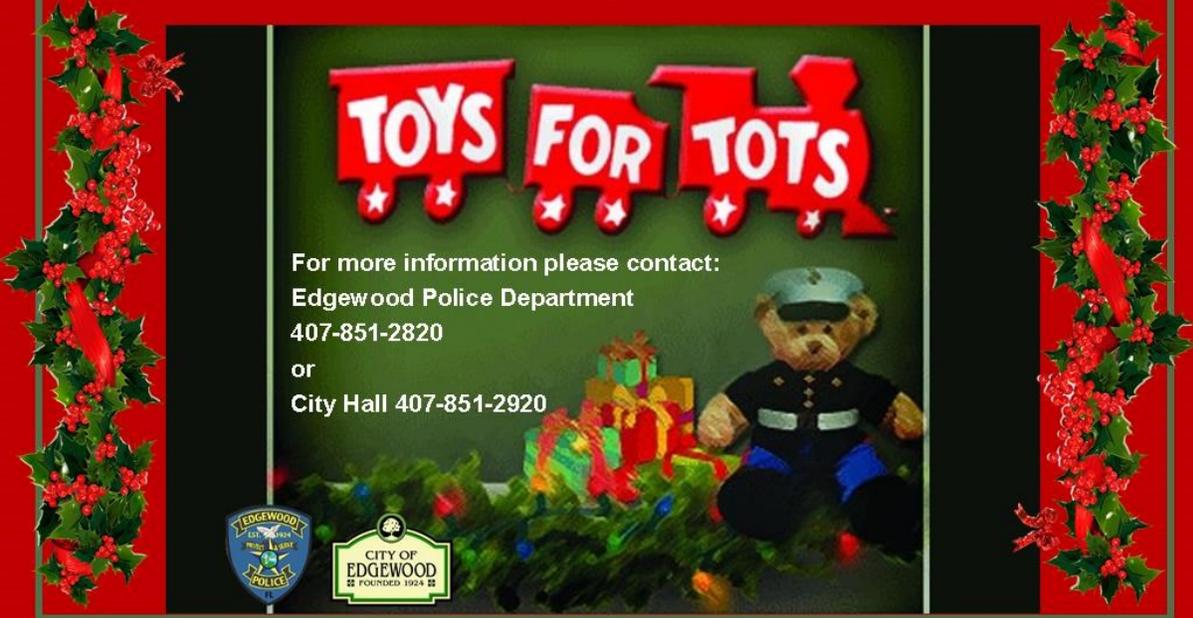
Officer Lafan takes some time to show this little guy our cars.

City of Edgewood 10th Annual Toys For Tots Drive

Make A Child Smile This Holiday Season

Saturday, December 12, 2015
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bagshaw Park at Edgewood City Hall
405 Larue Avenue

Fun For All Ages!
Horse rides Bounce House
Face Painting **FREE Hot Dogs**
Police and Orange County Rescue
vehicles on display



Kind Words from Our Residents

From time to time, we receive letters from Edgewood residents and businesses. I would like to share the following letter, not to toot our own horn, but to let you know that the goal of the Edgewood Police Dept. is to protect your lives and property.

Dear Edgewood Police Department,

My family has lived on _____ Drive for 13 years. Soon we are making a move to Tennessee. We just wanted to take the time to say, 'Thank you,' for keeping us safe and making our community a better place to live. As recently as yesterday your department responded to a suspicious person in our neighborhood. The response time was great and the personnel kind and professional. We will miss our small community and efficient police department.

God bless! The Parkers



"Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." Blaise Pascal

From the Desk of the City Clerk



Bea L. Meeks,
MMC, CPM

Florida voter turnout in the last Presidential Preference Primary was 41% according to the Florida Division of Elections

Municipal Election

As you know from the summer newsletter, the City of Edgewood's Municipal election is on March 15, 2016. The offices opened are those held by Council Members Dan Drummond, Pam Henley and Michael Hendrix. The following is the qualifying schedule:



DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Last day to resign to run for City Council seat (if applicable pursuant to Florida Status 99.012) at least 10 days before qualifying
Friday, December 4, 2015	Qualifying begins at 9 am EST (City Hall closes at Noon on Fridays)
Friday, December 18, 2015	Qualifying ends at 12 Noon
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 (due to the 29th day falling on a holiday)	Last day to register with Orange County Supervisor of Elections in order to vote in March 15, 2016 election [must be registered 29 days before election]

Presidential Preference Primary

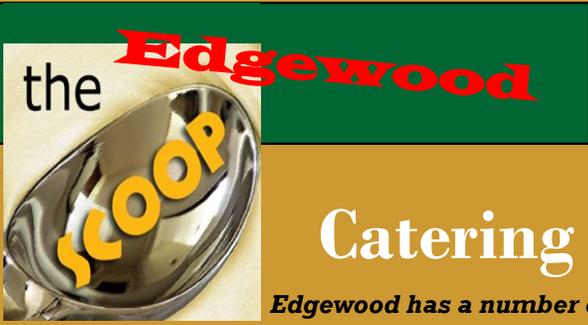


Alleman Drive median

City Council approved **Ordinance 2015-04** in their June 16, 2015 regular City Council Meeting. This allows the City's election to be held with the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary on March 15, 2016.

The City of Edgewood has learned that certain agencies within Orange County still identified Edgewood's Magnolia Street as Main Street. To clear up the discrepancy in the street name, City Council adopted **Ordinance 2015-05** to formally change the name of Main Street to Magnolia Street.

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



Catering For the Holidays

Edgewood has a number of restaurants and caterers that will make your season fun, fabulous and (almost) pain free.

Call one of our catering pros to help make your function a special occasion—whether it's for football, hosting the in-laws or a formal affair.

Catering In Edgewood — Call before your next party!

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Friendly Confines (407) 852-4800 (Pickup only)

Julie's Waterfront (407) 240-2557

Plus Catering (407) 438-2900

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Vanbarry's (407) 704-8881



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Holiday Reminders

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Ralph Hansel supervises the building of his neighbor's boat dock.

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**Did You Get these alerts from the City of Edgewood?
If not, what did you miss?**

By Ray Bagshaw, Edgewood Mayor

- ◆ **WASTE PICK UP** Due to the large amount of residential trash today, Waste Management will be picking up ...
- ◆ **SPECIAL EVENTS** Trick or Treat @ The Edgewood Farmers Market ...
- ◆ **SAFETY ALERT** Residential Burglaries—In the last few weeks Belle Isle has seen an increase in residential burglaries. The suspect is ...



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- Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings are a significant source of storm water pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains and pipes, causing flooding.
- Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds.
- Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload the ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.



Back Yard Wisdom

Yard debris, including grass clippings and leaves, are a significant source of storm water pollution.

1. **Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels** where they can blow or wash into the lakes or canals. Use yard collection bags or your bins for curbside

yard waste recycling.

2. **Do not blow leaves or glass clippings off your property** into streets, streams, ponds or drainage swales.
3. **Recycle grass clippings and their**

nutrients on your lawn. Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn.

4. **Compost leaves and grass clippings along with yard waste.** Select a location

Other Things You Can Do



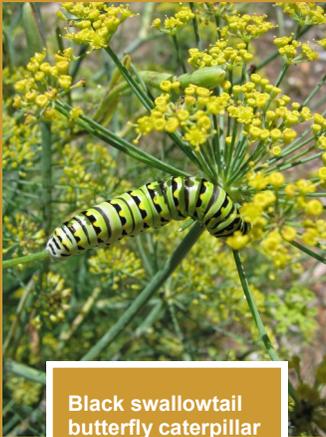
Stormwater runoff picks up debris, yard waste, and other pollutants

- Fertilize wisely
- Use chemicals responsibly
- Minimize stormwater runoff by not over-watering your lawn
- Maintain your septic system
- Use native and Florida-friendly plants which require less water and fertilizer to thrive
- Pick-up pet waste
- Repair automobile leaks

Information excerpted from St. Johns Water Management District website at www.floridaswater.com

Gardening Around Town

The Garden Corner



Black swallowtail butterfly caterpillar on dill

The most satisfying plants in our garden provide much more than blossom color or interesting foliage. Easy to grow fresh herbs are flavor enhancers and regularly find their way into our meals and beverages.

Grow herbs in a location easy to access from the kitchen so they are just a snip away. Provide well-drained soil and a sunny spot with four to six hours of direct sunlight. Do not be stingy on the water since they thrive in moist (not soggy) soil. Never use pesticides since these plants are for eating and for wildlife.

Containers lend themselves well to the growing of herbs. Choose containers which make strong accents in the garden and place them singly or in clusters to attract the eye. Terra cotta containers and a quality well-draining potting mix without the pests and diseases found in the ground ensure good growth. The raised elevation of the containers makes care and harvesting easier on the back. Cold sensitive herbs can be protected in place or temporarily moved to a warmer setting.

Portability also allows them to be moved to follow the sun through the seasons.

Herbs have other attractive characteristics besides their edibility. The fragrant foliage makes tending them a scented treat. A handful of them make good wildlife plants. Blossoms, which are also edible, attract pollinators while parsley, fennel, and dill provide food for black swallowtail butterfly larva.

Herbs are an easy recipe for a successful bite-size edible garden. When we stroll through the garden with a colander and garden snips before dinner, it always culminates in a flavorful and satisfying culinary experience. Our fresh herbs have inspired new recipes such as herbed pizzas and pasta dishes as well as our signature drink, the Hortus Oasis Herbtini. Raise a glass to a stroll in the garden, a few snips, and a very locally grown culinary adventure.

A Sampling of Tasty Herbs

Dill – This annual is easy to grow from seed. For us it is a fresh addition to chicken salad or grilled salmon.

Basil – An annual that is easy to grow from seed and readily reseeds itself in the garden. Look for Thai, sweet/Italian, lemon, spicy globe and purple-leaved varieties. The many flowers attract pollinators.

Thyme – Will last about a year and many cultivars can be grown from seed. However lemon thyme must be propagated from cuttings so look for a pot at the nursery. The mauve-colored flowers attract bees and butterflies.

Parsley – Ours usually last about two years. Select the curly for garnishes and the Italian flat leaf for cooking.

Oregano – Makes a low spreading groundcover that only needs protection from a hard frost.

Fennel – Bronze cultivars are attractive and the delicate leaves are used like dill. Green leaved fennel produces swollen stems that are sliced and added to soups. If left to flower there are attractive yellow blooms.

Rosemary – There are upright and spreading cultivars with white, lavender, or pink blossoms.



Thai basil blooms profusely

Hortus Oasis, Inc. (FL26000315)

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Bicycling In Edgewood

When it comes to the number of bicycle deaths, Florida ranks No. 1 in the country. A report released in August by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that Florida has the highest rate of bicycling deaths of any state in the United States.

Know Florida's Bicycle Law:

- Drivers overtaking a bicycle must pass at a distance of at least three feet.
- A bicyclist is entitled to the full use of a left turn lane.
- Riders or passengers under 16 years of age must wear helmets.
- Use between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with white lamp on front and red reflector and lamp on rear; additional lighting is permitted.
- Rider on sidewalk or crosswalk must observe the duties applicable to pedestrians; Must give an audible signal before overtaking pedestrians.
- Riders may not wear a headset, headphones or other listening devices, other than hearing aids or a headset in conjunction with a cell phone that only provides sounds through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard.

Motorists should:

- Take into consideration bicyclists' vulnerability.
- Adjust the attitude. Motorists tend to think of cyclists as "in their way," but cyclists are just as entitled to the roadway as drivers are.
- Consider the benefits of bicycling. One cyclist is one less car on the road.
- **Accept that bicyclists are here to stay.** Bicycling is on the rise, as more people take it up for exercise and to reduce commuting costs.

About Bike/Walk Central Florida

Bike/Walk Central Florida, a 501(c)(3) formed in 2010, promotes walkable and bikeable communities through raising public awareness and advocating for safe, active transportation, and recreation by:

- Educating walkers, cyclists, motorists and transit riders about Florida's road laws, their rights, responsibilities, and courteous behaviors;
- Supporting transportation corridor planning and design using Complete Streets principles;
- Encouraging the development and maintenance of trails
- Promoting a built environment that supports physical, environmental and economic health, provides for safe transportation choices, and encourages interaction among citizens of all ages, incomes and abilities.

For More information about Bike/Walk Central Florida go to <http://bikewalkcentralflorida.org/>

Contributed by Edgewood resident
Susan Fortini

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To reduce the number of bicyclists who are hit and injured in the state, it's important for all motorists and bicyclists to share the road.



Welcome to The Edgewood District ...

Halifax Health - Hospice, Orlando Office Opens Its Doors and Arms with a Heartfelt Dedication

Mayor Ray Bagshaw and Chief of Police Chris Francisco kicked off the early morning gathering by extending a warm City of Edgewood welcome to a full house of invited guests and staff.

The event, appropriately called an Ecumenical Blessing held on August 13, was highly successful. "It was quite comforting and uplifting to observe eighteen spiritual faith leaders come together, joining hands and offering up a simple blessing," stated Jon Marc Creighton, Regional Director, Halifax Health - Hospice.

The focus that morning was not only to dedicate their new office space located at 5210 S. Orange Avenue, but more importantly to seek and deliver spiritual protection for the trained nurses, caregivers, social workers, chaplains and supportive staff who venture out, day and night, to serve others.

Halifax Health - Hospice has been providing quality end-of-life care for over 36 years in Volusia and Flagler counties. They have a proven track record for sustaining high standards, especially when it comes to measuring dignified comfort and compassion. Some of the unique programs that



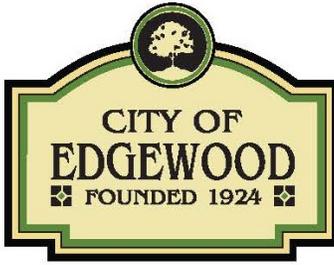
Halifax Health - Hospice offers include Bereavement and Traumatic Loss Programs, Camp BeginAgain Children's Grief Centers, Hearts and Hooves and four distinct Care Centers.

Recently, the State Agency For Healthcare Administration awarded Halifax Health - Hospice with a Certificate of Need for Orange and Osceola counties. This operational license is issued to a provider based upon statistical data identifying that there is a need for additional hospice services. In early June of this year, Halifax Health - Hospice began serving patients and families in this region.



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To learn more about Halifax Health - Hospice, please contact
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City of Edgewood Monthly Meeting Schedule

- ◆ **City Council**
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- The following meetings are scheduled when applicable. Check website to confirm dates.**
- ◆ **Planning and Zoning**
2nd Mondays at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Code Enforcement**
2nd Wednesdays at 9:00 am
- ◆ **Red Light Hearings**
4th Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

For more information see the city's calendar at www.edgewood-fl.gov

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