

# Edgewood Exclusive

CITY OF EDGEWOOD

SPRING/SUMMER 2018

## A Message from Mayor Bagshaw

Hurricane safety tips: Learn what to do before, during and after a hurricane.



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Bea Meeks, MMC, CPM

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Virginia Renteria

### **City Hall**

407-851-2920  
Monday thru Thursday  
8 am to 4 pm  
Friday 8 am to noon  
*Excluding Holidays*

### **Police Department**

Chief John Freeburg  
407-851-2820  
(non emergency)  
Monday thru Friday  
8 am to 4 pm  
*Excluding Holidays*

### **911 Emergency**

Hurricane season has begun. The City, along with the Police Department, has been preparing for hurricane season. All retention ponds have been checked. City stormwater inlets/outlets have been vacuumed and water jetted to ensure there is no blockage.

### **Basic Preparedness Tips**

- Know where to go.
- Put together a disaster supply kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate.
- Have adequate supplies. You may lose power and water for several days.
- Make a family emergency communication plan.
- Join [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) and check the City website at [www.edgewood-fl.gov](http://www.edgewood-fl.gov) for updates.

### **Preparing Your Home**

- Hurricane winds can cause trees and branches to fall. Before hurricane season trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
- Reduce property damage by securing windows and doors, including the garage doors.
- Purchase a portable generator or install a generator for use during power outages. Remember to keep generators and other alternate power/heat sources outside, at least 20 feet away from windows and doors. Protect from moisture, and NEVER try to power the house wiring by plugging a generator into a wall outlet.

### **Budget Time:**

Please check our website at [www.edgewood-fl.gov](http://www.edgewood-fl.gov) in mid-July to stay informed regarding budget information and workshops. The public is encouraged to attend and have input during this process.

*Ray Bagshaw*

# From the Desk of the City Clerk



Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk  
MMC, CPM, CBTO

### Primary and General Election

Edgewood City Hall serves as Precinct 330A for the August 28, 2018 Primary Election and the November 6, 2018 General Election. To be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, you must be a registered voter 29 days before the election. For a list of all candidates in the 2018 election, visit the Orange County Supervisor of Elections website at <http://www.ocfelections.com/ocfelections.asp>.

### Code Changes

In case you missed the Council meeting or the published notices, there have been some changes made to the City Code. I am providing you with an abbreviated explanation of each Code change. For a full reading of the Ordinance, please visit [https://library.municode.com/fl/edgewood/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/edgewood/codes/code_of_ordinances).

**Ordinance Number 2017-03** amended Chapter 62, Article II, "Stopping, Standing, and Parking" increased civil penalties for certain parking violations and increased the delinquent fee penalty assessed when an individual fails to respond to a parking violation Notice.

**Ordinance Number 2018-05** amended Chapter 134 "Zoning", amended the list of permitted uses in C-1 District. This Ordinance added the definition of "Bar", to include establishments where food is an accessory to the service of alcoholic beverages. In short, the City now allows stand-alone bars.

**Ordinance Number 2018-06** created Section 10-10 in the Code to allow "dog friendly dining".

## City of Edgewood Monthly Meeting Schedule

**City Council**  
3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

**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

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# A Word From Your Edgewood Police Department

## CAMERA INFORMATION PROGRAM

Over the past several years, the Edgewood Police Department has had tremendous success solving crimes with the help of video provided to the Department. These videos have been taken from security cameras at homes and businesses throughout our City. Consequently, with these videos we were able to identify suspects in burglaries, thefts, and a homicide-the first in Edgewood in over 15 years.

We would like to encourage everyone, to not only secure their premises with alarm systems, but consider adding cameras as an integral part of your security system. The Edgewood Police Department is in the process of gathering information regarding the locations of cameras in our City. This would only be used to help solve crimes and enhance crime prevention. The Security Camera Information (on the City of Edgewood website) lets you provide information regarding cameras that you would like us to know about. By completing this form our investigators will be able to better pinpoint what camera (s) may be of assistance if a crime occurs in your area. Then, the investigator will contact you to see if you are willing to review your system and share any pertinent video with us. Please check out the City's website at [www.edgewood-fl.gov](http://www.edgewood-fl.gov) for additional information on the Edgewood Police Department.



*Edgewood Police Chief  
John Freeburg*



## EDGEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT EXCHANGE ZONE

The Edgewood Police Department occasionally responds to reports of crimes and thefts stemming from the in-person sale of internet items from sites such as Craigslist and Offerup. These sales are often arranged through the internet, and members of the public would benefit from conducting their exchange in a well-lit, public parking lot, that is video monitored.

**The Edgewood Police Department is now offering the public parking lot as an EXCHANGE ZONE.** Members of the community can meet in this location with potential sellers or purchasers of goods from an internet site. The parking lot is well-lit and is under video surveillance. The Edgewood Police Department's visitor parking lot can also be used for other interactions such as child custody exchanges. We have designated an area for these exchanges with a sign posted in the parking lot. We encourage that in-person exchanges be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, when the department is open.

**Whether you utilize the department's parking lot or another location, I recommend you:**

1. Bring a cell phone in case of an emergency
2. Notify friends or family of the intention to meet to conduct an exchange
3. Bring another person with you
4. Meet in a well-lit, public area
5. Do not invite strangers to your home or agree to meet at a stranger's home
6. You do not conduct an exchange with someone who refuses to meet at the Police Department or other open public area.

The Edgewood Police Department makes no guarantees, assurances, or promises as to the safety or security of any in-person transactions that may take place on the department's premises but our hope is that by following these recommendations and using EXCHANGES ZONES you will reduce your chances of being the victim of a crime.

# Perennials for Season-long Boom



By Robert Bowden,  
Executive Director at Leu  
Gardens

Warm weather is peaking around the corner in Central Florida. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could grow flowering plants that would bloom all summer and be easy to maintain? Surprisingly enough there is a long list of such plans but it seems many are underused. Flowering perennials, unlike annuals that require lots of time and effort, are the "brute of the garden". Most types of perennial can be planted in the garden and once established, need little upkeep. One more thing – perennials are permanent. So, instead of forking over money year after year for colorful annuals, perennials can live in the garden for decades with no added cost. It almost sounds too good to be true!

Take **Bear's Breeches (Acanthus Spinose)** for instance. Not a common plant in Florida gardens, but it should be. It is a clump-forming, shade loving perennial which is grown as much for its attractive foliage as for its architecturally bold flower spikes. It features pure white, snapdragon-like flowers with reddish-purple bracts and arranged in vertical rows on flower



Tractor Seat Plant

spikes that grow to 30" tall spring to fall. The leaves are glossy green, spiny and thistle-like.

Usually grown indoors as houseplants, begonias are wonderful additions to any garden. **The Water Lily Begonia (Begonia Nelumbifolia)** grows year-round in Central Florida and has 8" diameter leaves that resemble the leaves of a water lily. The large clumps of foliage can grow to 18" tall. The flowers are white and the blooms ap-

pear year round 6-8" above the clump. It prefers deep to part shade and they are very easy to propagate from leaf or stem cuttings.

**Gaura (Gaura Lindheimer)** is a good choice for a long-flowering plant for a sunny border. Its stems have spoon-shaped leaves (to 3" long) accompanied by pinkish buds along



Gaura

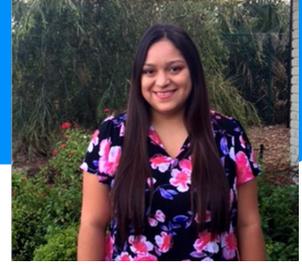
wiry, erect, wand-like stems open to white flowers which slowly face to pink. It can be considered a "see-through" plant since it has the flowers arranged on airy stems. It loves a hot, dry location. Their thin flower stems tend to become leggy and flop, so remove spent flower spikes to prolong the bloom period.

One of the best perennials for Central Florida landscapes is sometimes called the **Tractor Seat Plant (Farfugium japonicum "Gigantea")** because its large shiny leaves remind you of an old steel tractor seat. Introduced to Florida by Leu Gardens fifteen years ago, Farfugium has adapted well to Florida's climate and poor soils. Its best ornamental

feature may be the foliage which consists of huge, long-stalked, glossy leather, kidney-shaped, dark green leaves (12" or more across) that form a basal clump to 2' tall. Leaves are evergreen in warm winter climates but will die to the ground when temperatures fall to 20 degrees F. The leaves are evergreen in Central Florida. Daisy-like, yellow flowers (1-2" across) bloom in tall (30"), loose clusters that rise above the foliage in late summer to fall. They prefer full to part shade.

# Code Corner

## Keeping Edgewood Beautiful



Code Enforcement Officer  
Virginia Renteria

**My goal as the Code Enforcement Officer is to keep Edgewood a beautiful and desirable place to live by adhering to the city's municipal ordinances.**

### Business Tax Receipts (BTR)

If you decide to close your business within the City of Edgewood a letter must be submitted to City Hall to inform us of your departure. Closed businesses will also need to remove any type of signage within 30 days from the day the business has vacated in order to avoid Code Enforcement proceedings.

A Business Tax Receipt is required if you have a corporation or fictitious name using an address in Edgewood's commercial or residential districts.

### Trees

If a tree needs to be taken down from a residential or commercial property, a City of Edgewood Tree Removal Permit is required. Applications need to include an arborist report for trees that are sickly or dead. Tree that are cut without the proper permit are subject to fees.



### Grass

Rainy season has arrived. Please stay on top of cutting and trimming your grass.

### Boats/Trailers

Boats and Trailers are not allowed to be parked in driveways or in the street. Any recreational equipment may be parked on residential premises for no more than 24 hours during any given week while loading, unloading, or cleaning.

Boats and Trailers can be parked in the back of the home or the side of the home as long as they are covered (ex. Such as using tarp or tall enough shrubs/plants) and cannot be seen from the road.

### Parking on Grass

Parking is prohibited on any lawns, yards, landscaped areas or sidewalks, commercially or residentially. A vehicle may be temporarily parked anywhere on a residential premises while loading, unloading or cleaning.

### Sandwich Signs

Any type of loose sign that is not properly permitted with the City of Edgewood must be permanently removed. Sandwich signs are defined as any portable sign "that is not permanently affixed to or planted in the ground or permanently affixed to a permanent structure utilizing standard construction procedures and materials that will not deteriorate." The City's new sign code has prohibited these types of signs, and all of them must be removed.



# Recycling Notice

The recycling industry including Waste Management is experiencing high level of contamination of household and lawn waste in the recycling. This is coming at a time when the requirements for quality (clean recycling) are increasing due to new policies in China. These policies have banned 24 types of materials and include strict quality standards.

**When non-recyclable items (contamination end up in your recycling loads, they have the potential to turn the entire load into trash and increase processing costs resulting in contamination and/or additional service charges**

Please join us in the battle against contamination and make sure when your recycling loads are delivered to one of Waste Management's transfer stations or a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) they are free of contaminants and follow the recycling do's and don'ts. *For additional tools on recycling right and the do's and don'ts of recycling, visit [www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com](http://www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com).*

Recycling Do's	Recycling Don'ts
<p><b>Do recycle all empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboards.</b></p> <p><b>Do keep foods and liquids out of recycling</b></p> <p><b>Do keep plastic bags out of recycling.</b></p>	<b>Don't</b> bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and file get tangled in the machinery.
	<b>Don't</b> include food-soiled items – they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.
	<b>Don't</b> add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics – they can cause injury to our workers.
	<b>Don't</b> toss in items that could be caught or entangled such as rubber hoses and wires – they can shut down an entire recycling center!
	<b>Don't</b> include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.

## How to Safely Dispose of Broken Glass

The Bureau of Labor Statistics rates garbage collecting as the fifth-most-dangerous job in America, behind roofers, airplane pilots, fishermen, and loggers. By following the guidelines below, you can make their lives safer and avoid injury yourself,

1. Place the glass onto the cloth and wrap it securely so that it is covered.
2. Gently break into smaller pieces.
3. Lift and put it into your box.
4. If the box is big and there is a large gap, then put more cloth on top of the wrapped glass to keep it secure.
5. Close the box and seal with strong tape.
6. On the large white piece of paper, write the words "Danger. Broken glass in box" in red.
7. Attach danger sign to the box with tape.
8. Place on a high shelf until garbage collection day.
9. Make a reminder for yourself beside your garbage bin so you don't forget to place the box of glass inside the bin for collection.



# Know Your Watering Days



Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address, and the time of year.

When you reset your clocks for Daylight Savings Time, did you remember to reset

Homes with odd numbered or no addresses	Homes with even numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday

- **Daylight saving time: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November**
- Eastern Standard Time: First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March (Year long Daylight saving time has not yet been federally approved).
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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Brazas Chicken	(407) 582-0506	Pick-up only
Friendly Confines	(407) 852-4800	Pick-up and Uber Eats
Hong Fu	(407) 857-0168	Pick-up /delivery
Lance's Red Hots	(772) 224-7658	Pick-up/delivery (Uber Eats)
Le Coq Au Vin	(407) 851-6980	Full catering
McGinnty's Irish Pub	(407) 704-8828	Pick-up and Uber Eats
Pizza Hut	(407) 856-6212	Pick-up/delivery
Plus Catering	(407) 438-2900	Full catering
Raptors Delivery & Catering	(407) 463-9228	Full catering
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Sharon's Homestyle Cookin'	(407) 856-9565	Pick-up only
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# Welcome Edgewood's New Businesses

When opening a new business within the City of Edgewood, please contact Virginia Renteria at City Hall at 407-851-2920.

Permitting applications and other information required to legally operate within the City of Edgewood are available on the city's website at [www.edgewood-fl.gov/documents](http://www.edgewood-fl.gov/documents).



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One Blue Real Estate School	5671 S. Orange Ave	(321)333-5222
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Dixi's Food Store	4710 S. Orange Ave	(941)822-4406
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Business Card — \$30

### For more information contact:

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# City of Edgewood News Buzz

## Bea Meeks, Edgewood's City Clerk is

in the spotlight as she received the Home Rule Hero Award for the third year in a row! The Florida League of Cities recently recognized 89 city officials with 2018 Home Rule Hero Awards. These local government officials earned this prestigious award for their tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2018 legislative session.

### Before and After

#### Gold Key Roofing



#### Orange Avenue Beautification

Some Edgewood businesses are working hard to improve appearances along Orange/Hansel Avenue and we've noticed!

Thank you for helping improve the aesthetics as the City moves forward with even greater improvements.

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## Residential Curbside Waste Pick-Up Schedule

Monday—household and yard waste\*

Wednesday—recycled goods

Thursday—household waste and large bulk items

Please call City Hall at 407.851.2920 to schedule pick up for your large bulk items.

\*For the safety of our employees, please ensure loose materials such as pine needles, leaves, small twigs, palm fronds and tree/shrub trimmings are containerized in reusable garbage cans, 40-gallon or less.

**Please do not bag yard waste.**

Branches and limbs must be bundled and tied and can be no longer than 4 feet in length, 24 inches in diameter, less than 50 pounds in weight, separated from other solid waste and must be stacked uniformly within 5 feet of your curb.

## Aquatic grasses are a vital part of the water world

### News from the St. Johns River Water Management District

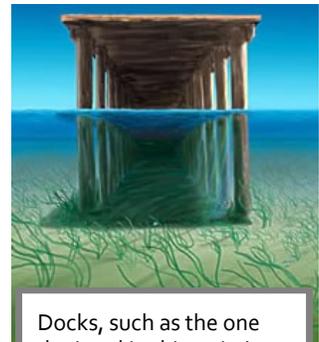
Life in most waterways depends on the survival of underwater grasses, which have been imperiled by pollution, lack of sunlight, dredging and development. The temptation may be strong to make the shorelines of rivers, such as the St. Johns River, feel more like a sandy-bottomed lake. Underwater grasses feel squishy underfoot, and one might be a bit jumpy if a stringy plant brushes an ankle or leg.

But when underwater grasses are removed or destroyed, a vital life-giving element of a waterway is taken away. A closer look underwater reveals a thriving micro-community.

The 310-mile-long St. Johns River is home to many plant species and marine animals — manatees, many types of fish, crabs, shrimp and other shellfish, river otters, waterfowl, and alligators and other reptiles.

Underwater plants here and in other waterways are food for some animals and nurseries for others. They act as surfaces for organisms — snails, algae and insects — to hold on to.

Submersed vegetation is also necessary because it adds dissolved oxygen to the water so aquatic animals can breathe. Without aquatic plants, the St. Johns River would not be as full of life as it is today.



Docks, such as the one depicted in this artist's rendering, block sunlight from reaching grasses below the water. Less aquatic grass means less food and habitat for aquatic animals and fish, such as the juvenile fish at right in the illustration.

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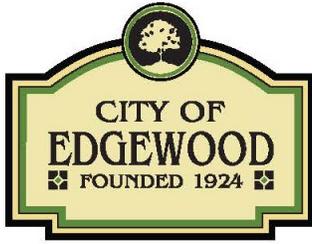


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# Edgewood Eats!

3rd Fridays of the month



## FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY



### Coming Events at City Hall in Bagshaw Park 2018

Date:	Time:	Special Highlights:
June 15	6 to 9 pm	Bluegrass band, car show & cruise, waterslide and Orlando Strong tribute by Cornerstone Charter Academy
<b>Summer Break</b>		
Sept 21	6 to 9 pm	Entertainment in the park, bounce house, car show and cruise
Oct 19	6 to 9 pm	Trick or Treat in Bagshaw Park, costume parade bounce house
Nov 16	6 to 9 pm	Light Up Edgewood — holiday lights car show, bounce house
Dec 15	6 to 9 pm	Santa flies in by helicopter to City Hall