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CITY OF EDGEWOOD SUMMER 2015

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EVENTS AT BAGSHAW PARK:

Food Truck Extravaganza
1st Saturday of each month
6 to 9 pm

Edgewood Farmers' Market
Reopens in October

Cruisin' in the Edgewood District Car Show
10/15/2015 6 to 9 pm

Trick or Treat
Thursday, October 29th
6 to 9 pm

Santa arrives by helicopter
Thursday, December 10th
at 6:30 pm

Toys For Tots
Saturday, December 12th

Annual Budget Message

From The Mayor's Office FY 2015/16

Edgewood's city budget is the blueprint for financial and policy decisions implemented during each fiscal year. As 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.

We are very fortunate to be debt free. Management of revenue, combined with accurate forecasting of our city's needs is very important. We must manage the city's finances to assure we do not fall into the unfortunate situation many other cities are facing today.

I invite you, as residents of Edgewood, to attend at least one of our budget workshops as we begin the process of planning the next fiscal year (2015/2016)) budget. Workshops will be posted on the city's website at www.edgewood-fl.gov.

Help plan the future of your city by becoming involved.

Ray Bagshaw

Presidential Preference Primary

By Bea Meeks, City Clerk

City Council has 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 16, 2016.

The terms of Council Members Dan Drummond, Mike Hendrix and Pam Henley will be open for re-election. The qualifying dates will be posted on the City's website on or before December 1, 2015.

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

A Word From Chief Francisco

To friends, neighbors and businesses,

It is hard to believe that summer hurricane season is here. The best way to protect your family against potential disasters and emergency situations is to be prepared.

Pre-Storm Family Emergency Plan and Suggestions:

•Assemble a disaster supply kit (on page 3)

•Take pictures or videos of your home contents for insurance purposes and store at an alternate location

•Discuss with your family:

- •Determine location of "safe room" (interior room)
- •Know the location & route to the closest shelter
- •Where you will meet if separated
- • Identify your out-of-town contact person
- •Where your disaster supply kit is located
- •Location of gas and water shut-off valves

•Plan for your pets (see left sidebar)

•Get cash (without power, credit cards are unusable)

•Fill up the gas tank in your vehicle

•Listen to emergency announcements and follow directions

What to Do After a Storm:

- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Listen to emergency announcements.
- Once phone is available, call your out-of-town contact or other family members to let them know you are ok.
- Wait for "all clear" to know it is safe to return home, if you are evacuated.
- Check for damage in your home and take photos.
- Contact your insurance provider to report any damages.
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.
- Repair or block access to anything in your home that is damaged and could cause injuries.

… Don't forget to check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.

Preparing Your Pets Before and After a Storm:

Before a storm:

- Contact emergency shelters to find out if they accept pets.
- Make sure vaccinations are up-to-date with adequate documentation.

After the storm:

- Confine your pets during the clean-up period.
- Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home.
- If pets cannot be found, contact :

Orange County Animal Services AND post on NextDoor.com or LostPets.com

Your Disaster Kit—What Do You Need?

Below are suggestions for your disaster supply kit:

Essentials:

- **Battery-operated radio**
- **Flashlight**
- **Extra batteries**
- **Do not include candles**, which cause more fires after a disaster than anything else
- **Water**—3 gallons per person stored in a food-grade, plastic container and additional water for sanitation
- **Food** (Minimum three-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation and little or no water
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Non-Prescription Drugs**
- **Prescription Drugs**—Have at least a month's supply of all prescription medication
- **Tools & Supplies** (don't forget toilet paper)

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

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING! Don't become a CRIME VICTIM! Call 911!

Edgewood has had some vehicle burglaries during the past few months. Don't hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious individuals you see in your neighborhoods. Let the operator know the location of the suspicious person along with a detailed description.

98% of auto burglaries occur to unlocked cars

Please feel free to come by and visit your Police Department Monday -Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Your calls and questions are also welcomed, 407-851-2820.

School is out for the summer and the safety of our children is of great concern. Please watch the posted speeds. The Police Department has experienced an increase of speed complaints within various neighborhoods.

Identity theft is very prevalent in today's technological society.

- Remember to keep all credit cards, that have a chip, in a secured wallet protector so others around you cannot scan your information located on the chip.
- Do not write your PIN number on anything located within your purse or wallet and do not give it to anyone.

Be safe and have a great summer

Chief Chris Francisco

Stray, Feral or Your Neighbor's Pet ?

Learn about the outdoor cats you see in our neighborhoods

You are probably aware of the attention that the feral cat colonies have received in recent news. Cats roam outside in most neighborhoods in Edgewood, but how can you tell if the kitty that you see is someone's pet, a stray, or a feral cat?

How is a stray cat different from a feral cat?

A stray cat is a pet who has been lost or abandoned, is used to contact with people, and is tame enough to be adopted. **A feral cat** is the offspring of stray or feral cats and is not accustomed to human contact.

Stray cats may be reunited with their families or adopted into new homes, but **feral cats** will find it difficult or impossible to adapt to living as pets in close contact with people. There are many things you can do to improve feral cats' health and quality of life.

What is "trap-neuter-return" (TNR)?

TNR is a nonlethal strategy for reducing the number of community cats (feral and stray) and improving the quality of life for cats, wildlife, and people. TNR involves:

- Humanely trapping community cats
- Spaying or neutering
- Vaccinating them against rabies
- Surgically removing the tip of one ear (a "tipped" ear is the universally-recognized sign of a cat who has been spayed or neutered)
- Returning the cats to their home

How does TNR solve common complaints associated with feral cats?

- Trap-Neuter-Return relieves cats of the constant stresses of mating and pregnancy
- Mating behaviors cease, like roaming, yowling, spraying, and fighting
- Cats' physical health improves
- Cats are vaccinated against rabies
- Cats live long, healthy lives

If the cat is tame, the first step is to try to find the cat's owner. If the owner can't be found, step two is to **try to find a permanent home for the cat through a shelter, rescue, or other means.**

If the cat is feral, unapproachable, and wary after several days of feeding, it's best to find out if there are any groups doing TNR in the community so at least the cat will be spayed or neutered.

There is a growing demand for TNR and is becoming an acceptable practice for community cats.

There are several local groups that can assist you with cats in your neighborhood. CARE Feline TNR is one such group. Call CARE for more info & visit the website at www.CareFelineTNR.org (407) 522-2617

Information for this article was excerpted from www.alleycat.org and www.carefelinetnr.org

City Council Update
John Dowless, Council President

Edgewood Earns $333,000 in Projects and a "Seat at the Table"

The idiom that "showing up is half the battle" is definitely applicable when it comes to securing projects on MetroPlan's transportation priority list. **MetroPlan is the regional board that determines how federal and state transportation dollars are spent in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties.** The "other half" requires persistence and collaborative problem solving. Fortunately for Edgewood we have a Mayor and Council that practices both, and Edgewood is starting to benefit.

Quiet Zones Now Fully Funded

In the last newsletter, I had the pleasure to report that Edgewood was awarded a grant up to $183,000 for "quiet zones." Quiet zones are added security features at railroad crossings that allow trains to pass through without sounding their horns. The following month, the city council unanimously voted to pay for the balance out of reserves. While it was a large commitment, Council agreed that this one-time expense ($300,000) would benefit the whole community—especially for our "light sleepers."

Edgewood Earns $150,000 Orange Ave Study

After our Mayor discovered that Edgewood's stretch of Orange Avenue (Hoffner to Pineloch) was not covered under two MetroPlan corridor studies, we went to work to change that. After two years of calls and meetings, I am happy to report that funding for the study for our stretch was adopted in the 2016 MetroPlan budget. The purpose of the study is to develop a Corridor Management Plan that identifies a series of goals and objectives in establishing "a livable and walkable multi-modal urban thoroughfare… The project will be done in an environment that encourages input and buy-in from stakeholders and internal FDOT staff… "

The city's partnership with MetroPlan helps with how much of the State budget will go to help Edgewood's growing transportation needs.

A "Seat at the Transportation Table"

The MetroPlan board (www.MetroPlanOrlando.com) is comprised of representatives from all three counties, four of the largest cities, transportation agency officials and non-voting representatives from several advisory committees. **Edgewood's interests, and those of the other smaller cities, are represented with a seat on Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC).** After years of work and multiple denials, the MetroPlan Board finally voted to grant full voting privileges to the MAC Chairman. Depending on rotations, that's great news for Edgewood as a future representative will now have an opportunity to serve on the MetroPlan board.

Business Tax License Renewal

It's that time of year again! It's time for Edgewood businesses to renew their Business Tax Receipts (formerly known as Occupational License) for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Courtesy renewal reminders are sent to all Edgewood businesses.

Why wait for the bottle neck at the end of September? Renewing early helps to improve the turn-around time for you to receive your license.

You will need:

- Applicable State of Florida licensing/registration
- Signed renewal documentation.
- Payment is available by cash or check at City Hall

For additional information contact:
Bea Meeks, City Clerk
407-851-2920
bmeeks@edgewood-fl.gov

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. "
Dale Carnegie

"The people who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do."
Steve Jobs

Welcome Edgewood's New Businesses

We would like to welcome the following new businesses to the City of Edgewood, and encourage our residents to support both our new and current businesses.

Balloonslando 4911 S Orange Ave 407-255-9250	Fetish Shoetique 4931 S. Orange Ave 407-413-9578	Evolution Wraps 4822 S. Orange Ave 407-409-3054
San Juan Garage, Inc 4822 S. Orange Ave 321-287-2889	DC-Training (Fitness Trainer) 4401 S. Orange Ave 772-919-2167	Absolut Realty Inc. 5025 S. Orange Ave 407-982-7097
Coast Dental Dr. Lakshmana Timothy Heine 4401 S. Orange Ave 407-808-5648	Quality Upholstery & Repair 5603 Commerce Dr. 407-963-3747	Artistic School of Nails and Cosmetology 5232 S. Orange Ave 407-208-0608

Edgewood's Home Based Companies
Homeowner's Helper
Little Dog Enterprises
Blessed Home Investments, LLC
Peak Career Strategies
Sensitivity and Service Transportation

Other New Businesses:
DWB Manufacturing
Novak Loft, Inc.
Halifax Health Hospice Office

NEW FACE IN CITY HALL

By Bea Meeks, City Clerk

The City's new administrative assistant, Sandy Repp, is settling in at City Hall. With three months under her belt you rarely see her without a smile on her face.

Sandy's work experience in marketing is proving to be quite a valuable asset in preparing the city's newsletter, keeping the City website up-to-date and assisting the Mayor with the Edgewood Farmers' Market and other special events.

Her people skills have made it easy for her to happily interact with Edgewood residents and visitors to City Hall. Sandy coordinates all functions associated with permitting, and assists the City Clerk with the day-to-day operations of City Hall.

Planning a garage sale in Edgewood? Don't forget your permit from City Hall

Signage is regulated by the City of Edgewood to stabilize and protect property values, to maintain the visual attractiveness of the city, and to ensure public safety.

Code Enforcement Update

Debbie Cabales, Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement works with the Edgewood community to enforce and investigate violations of city ordinances. Ordinances regulate public safety and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, and land-use.

We enforce the City Code by responding to requests regarding public nuisances, abandoned vehicles, vacant property registrations, and noise complaints. Following are a few topics that come up frequently:

Sign Permits

The posting of all new signs, whether it be in the ground, on the outside wall of a business, in a window, or on a marquee, require a sign permit. **Permits are also required for temporary or banner signs.**

Property Maintenance

Please maintain the land area on your properties. Code Enforcement Officers work to investigate complaints of property maintenance violations. If a violation is noted, our officers work with the property owners and tenants to correct any violations and bring the property into compliance with City codes

All code enforcement questions can be directed to Debbie Cabales at Edgewood Police Department at 407-851-2820.

Watering restrictions

To report watering restriction violations, please call (800) 232-0904 or send an email to waterrestriction@sjrwmd.com.

Know Your 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.

Time of year	Homes with odd numbered or no addresses	Homes with even numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight saving time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

- 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
- An odd numbered address is one that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- An even numbered address is one that ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.
- Some exceptions apply.

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Culinary Friends – Herbs

The Garden Corner

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 ways 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 pace 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 edibleness. 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.

Hortus Oasis (FL26000315) in Winter Park is a boutique garden design company specializing in residential, commercial and specialty gardens. Stephen is a registered landscape architect and Kristin is a certified landscape designer.

Contact Stephen & Kristin Pategas at 407-622-4886/garden@hortusoasis.com

Save The Date

2015 Fall Plant & Garden Festival

Saturday, Oct. 10th — 9 am to 4 pm

UF/IFAS Extension, Orange County — 6021 South Conway Road, Orlando, FL 32812

There will be Plant Vendors, Artisans, Seminars, a Garden Shop, Children's Activities, Garden Art, a Giant Raffle and Tours of the Demonstration Gardens

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EaT DrinK and Be MerrY in the Edgewood District

Anthony's Pizza (407) 730-5930	Beth's Burger Bar (407) 888-1190	Brazas Chicken Peruvian Restaurant (407) 582-0506	Friendly Confines (407) 852-4800
Julie's Waterfront (407) 240-2557	La Coq Au Vin (407) 851-6980	Pizza Hut (407)856-6212	Hong Fu Chinese (407) 857-0168
Shannon's Casual Café (407) 855-9995	Sharon's Homestyle Cookin' (407) 856-9565 Now Re-open!	Stone Fired Pizza (407) 730-3473 Now Re-Open!	Uncle Henry's Country Kitchen (407) 857-7749
Vanbarry's Public House (407) 704-8881	SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESTAURANT		

Come to the Edgewood Food Truck Extravaganza!

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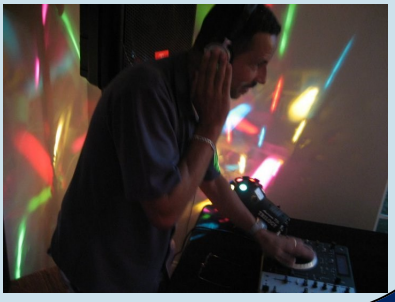

I-4 Ultimate Project: Stay Informed

By Sandy Repp, Administrative Assistant

Changes are coming on Central Florida roads and Interstate 4 is a large part of the process. It's a 21 mile makeover—from west of Kirkman Road here in Orange County to east of State 434 in Seminole County.

I-4 is known for being a little sticky in the best of times, so during this construction process you can save yourself some big headaches by staying informed of lane closures and detours.

Go to: http://i4ultimate.com/ and click on the upper right hand corner to get alerts. You can also get alerts on your Twitter, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

Know in advance about lane closures, ramp closures, detours and more so you can plan ahead. Make the most of your time and keep your cool as you remember that we are all in this together.

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Did You Get this NextDoor Alert from Edgewood Police? If not, what did you miss?

By Ray Bagshaw, Edgewood Mayor

LOCK YOUR DOORS
Chris Francisco from City of Edgewood

Today on Thursday July 9 at 9:30 am, there was a suspicious person who walked up to a door on Oak Tours Drive and tried to gain entry into a residence by opening the front door without asking for permission. The owner of the house heard the locked front door jiggle and went to see what was going on when she saw a shadow of a person run towards the pond. If you have seen anything suspicious please call the Edgewood Police Department and in case of an emergency please call 911.
Make sure you lock your doors and stay safe!

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Dan Drummond
Michael Hendrix
Pam Henley
Neil Powell, DDS

City Clerk
Bea Meeks, MMC, CPM

City of Edgewood
City Hall Monthly Meetings

◊ **City Council**
3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

The following meetings are held only if there is necessary business. 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

Police Department
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Police Chief
Chris Francisco
Code Enforcement
Debbie Cabales
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