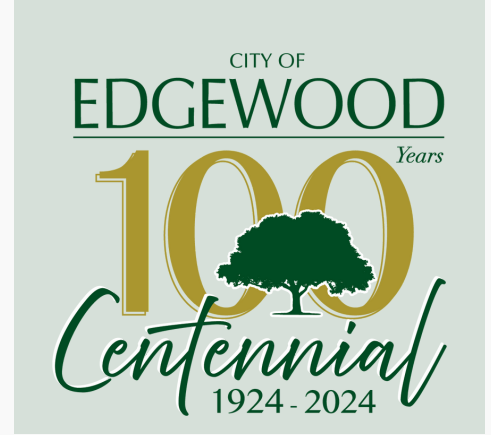


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Edgewood Celebrates 100 Years

The city of Edgewood has turned 100! Please see the insert in the center section of this newsletter for more information about our free concert and celebration!

On The Ballot

See pages 4 & 5 for voting information and proposed changes to our City Charter that will appear on the March 19, 2024 ballot.

Holiday Events Recap

Thank you to our sponsors and community for another successful holiday event! See page 6 to remember the fun!

A vibrant promotional poster for the "100th BIRTHDAY MUSIC FEST". The background features a stylized sunset with orange and yellow waves. Text includes "CITY OF EDGEWOOD Presents" and "4401 S Orange Ave". A date box in the top left corner says "MAR 23 5 to 10 pm" and "FREE event". The main title "100th BIRTHDAY MUSIC FEST" is in large, bold letters. Below the title are three images: the first shows the band "CHapel Hart" with the text "America's Got Talent Finalists"; the second shows the band "Skin Deep"; the third shows the band "ARE FRIENDS ELECTRIC".

Promotional Artwork Created by Talented Edgewood Resident Nicole Valdes

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Edgewood Celebrates its 100th Birthday!

By: Mayor John Dowless


The City of Edgewood will hit a major milestone on April 24, 2024 when it celebrates its 100th year as a chartered city. Edgewood has been shaped by the many contributions and sacrifices made by its residents and business owners over the last 100 years. Several families of our original citizens still reside in Edgewood and have joined with new residents as we continue to build and renew our vision for the future.

The City has organized a free concert event on March 23rd at Water’s Edge Shopping Center from 5p – 10p! Bring your family and chairs for a great night. I am excited to announce our headline band **Chapel Hart** (America’s Got Talent Golden Buzzer finalists) and local opening bands **Skin Deep** and **Are Friends Electric**. There will be plenty of food and beverage options as you enjoy the music and take the time to visit with your neighbors. Please see the insert in this newsletter which contains the information you need, including the list of sponsors who have generously contributed to this event. I hope you will all join me in celebrating! You may also visit [www.Edgewood-fl.gov/100th Birthday Music Fest](http://www.Edgewood-fl.gov/100th%20Birthday%20Music%20Fest) (link at top of page) for parking details and schedules. I also want to thank our sponsors **Boise Cascade, Duke Energy, CPH** and **FCC Environmental Services**.


DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Watering Days



Homes with Even Numbered Addresses
Water only on Thursday and Sunday for no more than one hour and not between 10am & 4pm



Homes with Odd Numbered Addresses
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National Prescription Drug Takeback Day

By Chief Dean DeSchryver

Every April and October the Drug Enforcement Administration sponsors National Prescription Drug Takeback Day. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. This creates a dangerous situation that can lead to tragic results. This program is a great reminder to clean out your medicine cabinet of expired or unneeded medication.

In 2023, almost 300 tons of prescription medication were turned into collection sites. To date, over 8,950 tons of prescription drugs have been collected for proper disposal.

The great news for Edgewood residents is the Edgewood Police Department maintains its collection site year-round so you do not have to wait for the semi-annual program. Collect your expired and unneeded medication and drop it off in our secure container in the lobby of the police department.



No forms to fill out or questions to answer. Our lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm for safe disposal.

Are Short Term Rentals Allowed?

By: Code Compliance Officer Stacey Salemi

Is it allowable for Edgewood residents to rent their property on commercial sites such as Airbnb or VRBO?

The short answer is yes, provided the rental is for 30 days or more. The courts have ruled that advertising or renting on such sites does not change the nature of the property from residential to commercial.

Can we pass new laws pertaining to short-term rentals?

No. In 2011, the Florida legislators passed F.S.S. 509.032(7)(b), preventing cities from changing their ordinances on short-term rentals. The City can enforce city ordinances on short-term rentals passed before 2011; however, we cannot add new or alter ordinances that regulate the frequency or duration of rentals.

We will attempt to gain voluntary compliance through education when a short-term rental violation occurs. If it proceeds to a code violation, we need your assistance in proving the case before an independent hearing officer. You can assist by providing photographs or video clips of different vehicles and people coming and going from the rental property. You can also provide a statement about any conversations you had with people staying at the rental. While advertisements for the rental help build a case, they are considered hearsay evidence, and Florida Statutes do not allow us to rely solely on them to prove a case. Because the City bears the burden of proving to the independent hearing officer that a violation exists, it is important to build a thorough case. If you feel you have a short-term rental in your neighborhood, please email us at code.compliance@edgewood-fl.gov.

Remember, following codes and maintaining your property helps make the City of Edgewood a beautiful and safe city! All City Codes can be found on the City of Edgewood Municode website at: https://library.municode.com/fl/edgewood/codes/code_of_ordinances



Municipal Election Information

There will be no municipal election on March 19, 2024. At the time of qualifying, two City Council seats were open and one candidate, Beth Steele, qualified. This leaves one more Council seat available on the Council. City Code Section 3.08 (C) Filling of Vacancies states that a vacancy on the council shall be filled by the mayor recommending a qualified candidate.



City Clerk Sandra Riffle

REMEMBER TO VOTE



March 19, 2024	Edgewood Charter Amendment Referendum
March 19, 2024	Preferential Presidential Primary
November 5, 2024	General Election
March 11, 2025	City's Next Municipal Election

For a list of all candidates in the 2024 election, visit the Orange County Supervisor of Elections website at <http://www.ocfelections.com/ocfelections.asp>.

Charter Review Committee



Please join us in thanking the following CRC members for their time and dedication.

Anita Bering

Nelson Lerma

Chris Dawson

Tom Perley

Tina Demostene

Shannon Pierce

Catrin Schuetz-Kroehler

What is on the Ballot:

The City's proposed Charter Amendments will appear on the March 19, 2024 ballot. Voters will decide on the following nine questions:

(1) Removal of Unnecessary Transition Schedule Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to delete the now unnecessary transition schedule used to phase in the adjustment to the current staggered three-year terms for Councilmembers?

Explanation: in 2018 voters voted to change Council Member and Mayor terms to staggered three-year terms. The transition is now complete and elections are held every year and the transition language is no longer necessary.

(2) Mayoral Stipend Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to increase the maximum monthly stipend amount the City Council is authorized to approve for payment to a mayor from the current \$1,000 to \$3,000 per month?

Explanation: In 2018 voters agreed that a monthly stipend may be provided to the Mayor of up to \$1,000 per month in the City's annual budget. This would increase the possible amount up to \$3,000 per month with City Council approval.

(3) Adoption of Emergency Ordinances Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to delete local provisions regarding emergency ordinances and to provide that emergency ordinances may be adopted in the manner set forth in Florida state law?

Explanation: The State provides requirements for the adoption of ordinances; thus, making local provisions unnecessary and redundant.

(4) Electronic Distribution of City Code Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to provide an option for electronic distribution of the City Code?

Explanation: As most citizens have access to computers, PDAs and other electronic devices, they no longer require paper copies of the City Charter but the Charter does not contemplate electronic distribution. Paper copies will continue to be distributed upon request.

(5) Grammatical Correction Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to make non-substantive corrections in Article 4?

Explanation: Corrects grammatical errors.

(6) Timing of Budget Message Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to change the timing of the Mayor's annual budget message?

Explanation: The Charter currently requires the Mayor's budget message to be published at least 60 days prior to the start of the fiscal year, which is before Council has prepared a draft budget.

(7) Reserves Savings Cap Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to change terminology related to reserves allowed to be saved by the City to provide for a cap on "uncommitted reserves" rather than the current terminology used of "unrestricted reserves"?

Explanation: "Uncommitted reserves" is more descriptive as it relates to cash funds versus the less descriptive "unrestricted reserves".

(8) Procurement Threshold Amendment

Shall the Edgewood Charter be amended to provide that for any procurement between \$10,000 and \$25,000, the City shall obtain at least three quotes and that for any procurement over \$25,000, the City shall utilize a competitive bidding method?

Explanation: Changing current charter requirements for providing at least two (2) competitive bids for items in excess of \$10,000.00.

(9) Resolution of Tie Votes in City Elections Amendment

Shall the Edgewood City Charter be amended to provide that in the event of a tie in a city council election result, the winner shall be determined between the two tied candidates by a coin flip?

Explanation: The current Charter does not address the event of a tied vote as an election result.



Eighth Annual Santa Fly-In

A Thank You to Our Community from City Hall

By Ashley Pagán, Administrative Assistant

The 2023 8th Annual Santa Fly-In event was truly a success. Over 1000 people waited patiently at City Hall to welcome Santa and to usher in the holiday season. Attendees were welcomed to our winter wonderland decorated by the Edgewood Police Department and community volunteers.

The festivities began with a holiday number performed by dancers from The Dancers Pointe. Santa was greeted by Mayor Dowless and Chief DeSchryver upon landing.

Santa was welcomed to the city and in turn presented Mayor Dowless and The City of Edgewood with a key to the North Pole. Chief DeSchryver and The Edgewood Police

Department worked diligently to ensure that safety was the top priority for Santa's arrival and throughout the event.



Mayor Dowless, Amanda, JR Rockford as Santa, Chris and Chief DeSchryver

A huge thank you to Edgewood's own Drummond family. They make this event happen each year by not only providing the helicopter but by flying Santa in safely.



Food Trucks and Vendors along Bagshaw Way

Lastly, this wonderful event wouldn't be a success without our vendors and participants. Thank you to Beth's Burger Bar, Bounceworld USA, Charlies Bakery, Comfort House, The Dancers Pointe, Dio Santo Street Pizzeria, The Donut Hub, East Coast Tacos, King's Cleaning Service, Kool Glow, Queely's Shaved Ice, Schnitz and Giggles, Select Specialty Hospital, Tinto's International and Uncle Tony's BBQ.



Dan and Janie Drummond



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- Stage at Water's Edge Parking Lot
- No coolers or outside alcohol
- Clear bags only



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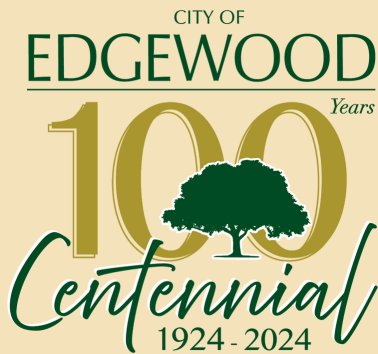


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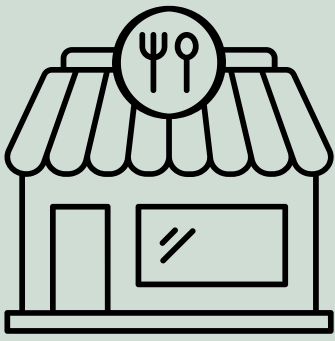


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Dine In

Anthony's Pizza
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Brazas Chicken
4797 S. Orange Ave

Gatlin Hall Brewing
4721 S. Orange Ave

Sharon's Homestyle Cookin'
5601 S. Orange Ave

The Porch
4757 S. Orange Ave

Beth's Burger Bar
5145 S. Orange Ave

The Crazy Coconut
5406 Hansel Ave

Shannon's Casual Café
4401 S. Orange Ave Ste 100

Stone Fired Pizza
627 Hoffner Ave

The Waterfront
4201 S. Orange Ave

Vanbarry's Public House
4120 S. Orange Ave



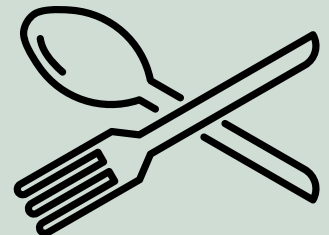
Quick Service

Hong Fu
5601 S. Orange Ave

Buttercrust Pizza
4781 S. Orange Ave

Smith's Homemade Ice Cream
4789 S. Orange Ave

Pizza Hut
5626 Hansel Ave



Edgewood Beautification

Bringing Style to Edgewood's Main Corridor

Just because Edgewood is celebrating its 100th anniversary, doesn't mean we are getting old! The City deserves a little pizzazz, and you may have noticed that the old and worn street signs along Orange and Hansel Avenues have been replaced with updated styles. They are now in place from Hoffner Avenue at the south end of the city to Oakwater Circle at the north.

The sturdy new signage features beautiful decorative metalwork and Edgewood's logo above the street names, helping to establish the Edgewood Central District's vision to create a unique sense of place. This project has provided an opportunity to bring a more upscale touch to the center of the City and offer a nicer view for motorists and pedestrians traveling through the corridor. Take a look – we hope you like them!



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Can You Park on the Sidewalk?

By: Councilmember Susan Lomas

Parking on the sidewalk is not only inconvenient for pedestrians but also poses safety hazards.

Sidewalks are designated spaces for pedestrians to walk safely away

from vehicular traffic. This can be particularly challenging for individuals with mobility issues, parents with strollers, or people using wheelchairs. It is essential for drivers to respect and adhere to designated parking spaces to ensure the safety and accessibility of sidewalks for everyone.

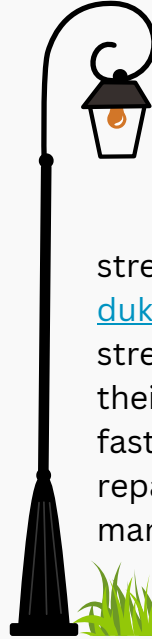
By refraining from parking on the sidewalks and advocating for responsible parking habits, we contribute to the overall well-being of our neighborhoods. Let's work together to ensure that sidewalks remain clear and accessible, creating a harmonious and safe environment for all.

Florida State Statue 316.1945: Stopping, Standing, or parking prohibited in specified places states:

(1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, **no person shall: (a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle: 2. On a SIDEWALK.**



Report a Street Light Outage



The quickest way to keep your street safe and well-lit is to utilize duke-energy.com/outages to report a street light outage. Reporting via their online street light map tool is fast and easy and ensures that repairs are completed in a timely manner.



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COLLECTION DAYS

Monday	Household Garbage
Tuesday	Yard Waste
Wednesday	Recycling
Thursday	Household Garbage
	Bulk Items



OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

New Years Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas

If your collection day falls on one of these days, collection service will be on your next scheduled pick-up day

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous Waste is a waste with properties that make it dangerous or capable of having harmful effects on human health or the environment. Please see below examples of what is hazardous and how to dispose of it properly.



Yard and Garden

- Chemical Fertilizer
- Fungicide
- Herbicide
- Insect killer/fogger/repellant
- Mouse/Rat poison
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals



Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax
- Diesel Fuel
- Oil
- Gasoline
- Kersene
- Oil/Gas Mixture
- Transmission Fluid



Cleaners and Solvents

- Cleaning Solvents
- Dry Cleaning Solution
- Floor/Furniture Polish
- Muriatic acid
- Naval jelly
- Oven cleaners
- Rust Removal
- Silver/Metal polish



Paint Products

- Deck Stains & Preservatives
- Driveway sealer
- Epoxy
- Glue/Adhesive
- Oil, latex, lead paint
- Paint stripper
- Paint thinner
- Turpentine
- Varnish

Orange County Drop-Off Locations

Orange County Landfill: 5901 Young Pine Rd. P: 407-836-6601
Porter Transfer Station: 1326 Good Homes Rd. P: 407-254-9543
Email: solid.waste@ocfl.net

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City Information



Elected Officials

John Dowless	Mayor
Richard A. Horn	Council President
Ben Pierce	Council President Pro-Tem
Lee Chotas	Councilmember
Susan Lomas	Councilmember
Chris Rader	Councilmember

City Hall

City Clerk, CMC, CBTO	Sandra Riffle
Permitting Manager	Brett Sollazzo
Administrative Assistant	Ashley Pagán

407-851-2920
Monday Thru Thursday 8am to 4pm
Friday 8am to noon

Police Department

Police Chief	Dean DeSchryver
Deputy Police Chief	Miguel Garcia
Chief of Staff	Shannon Patterson
Code Compliance	Stacey Salemi
Police Clerk	Haymee Watkins

407-851-2820 (non-emergency)
Monday Thru Friday 8am to 4pm
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