



THE EDGEWOOD EDITOR

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April Showers

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is here and Fort Lauderdale is in full swing with Spring Breakers! You must have noticed the increase in traffic and police presence on the beach.

As a reminder, this April 6, beginning at 6:45 pm, we will be having an in-person ECA meeting at our clubhouse located at 1790 SW 32nd Street. Our guest speaker is the construction company David Mancini & Sons, Inc. (DMSI) who are in charge of the stormwater project in Edgewood. They will be giving us an update on the project and look forward to answering any questions you may have. In addition, we will also have our Code Enhancement Officer as well as Fort Lauderdale Police.



Right now many of our streets are torn up and there are detours throughout the neighborhood. For those that live here, please be considerate of your neighbors and **drive slowly!**

Amid a crush of heavy news from around the world, who couldn't use some sage advice right now? I came across this and I hope it will make you all smile. A kindergarten class art project at West Side Elementary in Healdsburg, California created a new hotline, and you will get just that – encouraging words from a group of kindergartners. These children's voices will prompt you with a menu of options:

- If you're feeling mad, frustrated, or nervous, press 1.
- If you need words of encouragement and life advice, press 2.
- If you need a pep talk from kindergartners, press 3.
- If you need to hear kids laughing with delight, press 4.
- For encouragement in Spanish, press 5.

So the next time you need a little pep talk, dial Peptoc at 707-998-8410. FYI, two days after launching the hotline on February 26, they were up to 700 callers per hour!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@edgewoodcivic.org.

Wendy Ballantine Wills

The next ECA meeting is **Wednesday, April 6th** at 6:45 pm.

We will be back in person at the clubhouse and look forward to seeing you all there!

DMSI will be joining us to provide an update on the Storm Water project as well as officers from FLPD and Code Enforcement.

Clubhouse Address:
1790 SW 32nd St
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315



2022 Membership Drive

Support the ECA and renew your membership!



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Become a member today and [Enroll Here](#). You can also contribute directly via [PayPal](#) or send a completed [Membership Form](#) and check to:

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A special thank you to the **Wendy Wills** household for renewing their foundation

Duck Fest Derby

April 2nd
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Esplanade Park



The KID Duck Fest Derby is a great day for the whole family. Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Live Entertainment, Food Trucks and 40,000 rubber ducks floating down the New River!

**Adopt A \$5 Duck. Help A Child.
Win \$10,000**

Click [HERE](#) for more info

Iglesia de Jesucristo Pentecostal

3307 SW 15th Ave.

Días de servicios (days of service)

Jueves (Thursday) 7:00 pm

Sabado (Saturday) 7:00 pm

Domingo (Sunday) 3:00 pm

[954-400-8216](tel:954-400-8216)

Pastor Roger Cruz and his wife, Romelia Cruz, invite the Spanish-speaking community in the neighborhood to visit.

SR-84 Edgewood Impact



I-95 northbound and southbound at the SR-84 interchange will be closed to traffic overnight, **Saturday, April 2** through noon on **Sunday, April 3** for bridge placement operations.

The first lane will close at 8 p.m., the second lane will close at 9 p.m., and all lanes will be closed by 11 p.m., reopening by noon.

I-95 northbound will be detoured via I-595 eastbound, US-1 northbound, and Davie Boulevard westbound to I-95 northbound. I-95 southbound will be detoured via the I-95 southbound to I-595 entrance ramp, I-595 westbound, US 441/ SR 7 southbound, and I-595 eastbound to I-95 southbound.

FHP will be onsite to assist motorists. Click [HERE](#) to view the detour flyer.



- Nuestros cultos servicios o reuniones son en español acompañanos únete a nosotros queremos ser parte de tu familia. Qué la paz de nuestro señor Jesucristo esté en su vida. (Our service and operations are all in Spanish. We want to become friends and family of the community, God bless you.)
- Proporcionamos transporte si es necesario (We provide transportation if necessary)
- También ofrecemos estudio bíblico en casa si se nos solicita (We also provide Bible study if it's requested.)

Learn more [HERE](#)

Household Hazardous Waste



Saturday April 9th
9am - 2pm

Ft. Lauderdale residents **MUST** register for the event. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Dania Beach Monkeys

By: [Dr. Missy Williams](#)

If you are a resident of Fort Lauderdale you may have heard about people spotting monkeys near the airport or Snyder Park. Well turns out this local legend is true. Dania

Beach is home to a small population of green monkeys, also known as vervets. These monkeys were imported from West Africa by the Dania Chimp Farm in the late 1940s for biomedical purposes. A clever monkey figured out how to open the enclosure door. A few of the escapees were never caught. The monkeys in Dania Beach descend from those escaped monkeys. Long-term data suggests the small population will be extinct within the next 50 years. This is due to urban hazards such as car strikes and electrocutions. Also, several have disappeared under mysterious circumstances which may be associated with the black-market pet trade.



The Dania Beach Vervet Project is a 501©3 organization founded by Dr. Missy Williams to promote the welfare and conservation of this population. She believes that despite their non-native status, the monkeys deserve a compassionate approach to management. There are no protections in place apart from the required permit needed to be in possession of the animal. They aren't eligible for simple vet care to treat any wounds. Many monkeys have suffered a painful death due to infections from an injury. The Dania Beach Vervet Project leases over 15 acres of land and plans to create a sanctuary to provide a safe haven for the monkeys. The sanctuary will provide protection from the urban landscape and pet dealers, and provide much-needed vet care. The sanctuary will break ground within the next month starting with one enclosure to house a male monkey named Spock. He was trapped and needs a safe place to call home. The sanctuary will expand as needed to accommodate any vervet monkey in distress. Please consider donating today to help create a safe home for the monkeys.

Please remember that the monkeys are wild animals. Yes, they are cute, however, do not try to touch them or feed them. The vervets have been here for over 80 years and know where to find food. The vervet monkeys **DO NOT** carry the herpes virus you may have read about in the news. The particular virus is specific to macaque monkeys. If you see a monkey please take a picture and send it to the Dania Beach Vervet Project at daniabeachvervetproject@gmail.com.

Stay up to date on all things monkey by visiting our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages. You can donate through the website and on Facebook. All donations are tax-deductible and go to a great cause.



Jane out for a cruise!

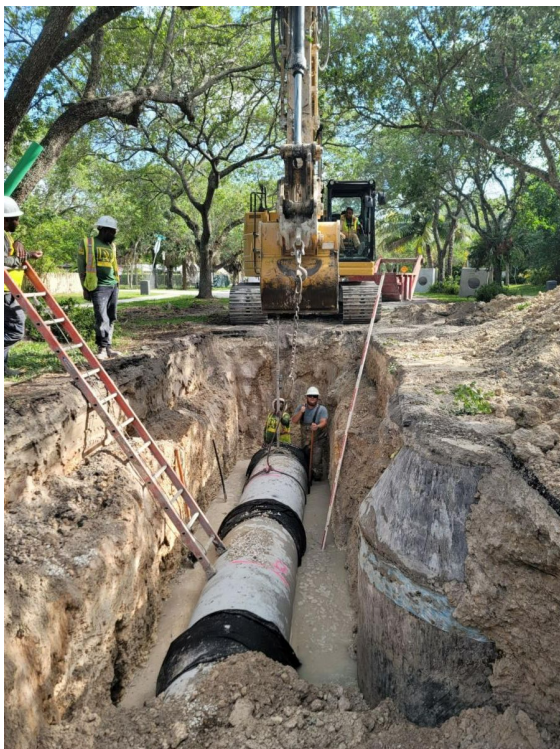
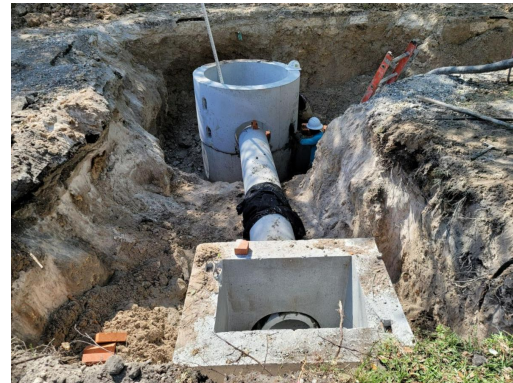


Phoebe in deep thought.

Storm Water Update

The City of Fort Lauderdale is investing \$14.5 million in the Edgewood neighborhood to dramatically reduce flooding, enhance reliability, promote neighborhood sustainability and improve services.

Work has already begun on the western side of Edgewood as the project will move from west to east and is expected to be completed by fall 2024.



Update from DMSI

To date, we have completed approximately 5,000 feet (almost to the mile mark) of drainage pipe and 66 structures. The streets, where we have completed the installation of pipe, are SW 18th Ter, SW 28th St, SW 19th Ave, SW 30th St, SW 32nd Pl.

We are currently working along SW 15th Ave, SW 32nd Ct, and SW 17th Ave.

Our goal is to have the first phase (boundaries are SR 84, I-95, and SW 15th Ave) of the project completed by the end of August, provided no unforeseen conditions arise. Once this phase is completed we will test and certify the first phase before initiating

The ECA has asked for quarterly updates on this project at our meetings.

Click [HERE](#) to view the DMSI presentation from the December meeting.
Click [HERE](#) to view the City Project page that will be updated regularly.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please see the contact names and phone numbers below.

- [Thomas Lawrence](#), PE, City of Fort Lauderdale
954-828-6126 or tlawrence@fortlauderdale.gov
- [Krishan Kandial](#), PE., David Mancini & Sons, Inc.
954-668-7770 or kkandial@dmsi.co
- [City of Fort Lauderdale](#), 24-Hour Neighbor Service Center
954-828-8000 or lauderserv@fortlauderdale.gov

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If you live in a Partner Community, you may qualify for a \$100 rebate on a WaterSense® High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). The Broward Water Partnership is offering toilet rebates, free WaterSense® labeled showerheads, and faucet aerators. Plus, for commercial kitchen, pre-rinse spray valves while supplies last.

Learn More [HERE](#)

Edgewood participates in Fort Lauderdale's **Green Your Routine** Program. Interested in becoming a volunteer and helping us earn money for our neighborhood? Send us an email!

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FTL Happenings

- **Calendar of Events**
- **City Commission Meetings**
- **Stormwater Updates**



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