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# **Fortunate October**

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all are enjoying our "cooler" weather, since it is a nice relief from the hot and humid summer we had this year.

We certainly were lucky and have much to be thankful for by not getting the full affects of Hurricane Ian. Our hearts go out to all of those on the west coast and this is a reminder that we must



be prepared, as the hurricane season is not over until December 1.

This coming Wednesday, October 5, will be our in-person ECA Meeting at our clubhouse. We have asked the candidates running for District 4 Commissioner to stop by to introduce themselves and let us know what issues are important to them. As usual, we will be having our Ft. Lauderdale Police Officer and Code Enhancement speak.

Join us on Saturday, October 29, 2022; for "Fort Lauderdale Make a Difference Day", at our clubhouse to spruce up our neighborhood! Refreshments will be served as we work together to clean up Edgewood. Please join us from 9 – 11:30 am at 1790 SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. It takes a community to make a difference where we live!

Don't forget to watch out for all the little ones on our streets this month, on October 31, as they Trick or Treat for Halloween!

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

Wendy Ballantine Wills

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#### The next ECA meeting is **Wednesday**, **October 5th** at 6:45 pm.



The October guest presenters will

include candidates who are running for the District 4 City Commissioner position. As always, an officer from FLPD and Code Enforcement will be attending.

#### Clubhouse Address:

1790 SW 32nd St Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

### LauderTrac

Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities



City Commission's top priorities for 2022

Homelessness and Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure and Resilience, Parks and Public Places, and Transportation and Traffic.

Progress on these priorities is shared monthly in the form of LauderTrac newsletters.

#### 2022 ECA Meeting Schedule October 5 November 2 December 7

(Doors open at 6:30pm and meeting starts at 6:45pm)

## Candidates for District 4 City Commissioner

On Election Day, November 8, we'll be voting for our new District 4 City Commissioner. You can view information about the candidates by clicking on the following updated links:

#### Kevin Cochrane Ted Inserra

Mike Lambrechts Kitty McGowan Ed Rebholz Jacquelyn Scott Warren Sturman



Updated Calendar and Brochure! Parks and Recreation launched Club 55+, a program that encourages active adults to enjoy endless opportunities at 12 The City Commission identified six additional priorities for this year: Community Response and Safety, Economic Diversification, Historic Preservation, Smart Growth, Waterway Quality, and Workforce Training and Education. Progress on these priorities is shared quarterly in a <u>memo</u> from the City Manager to the City Commission.

To sign up for City e-news click HERE.

#### **AT&T Fiber Service**

Don't forget that AT&T has finally installed their new fiber lines in Edgewood but you have to call them if you want to take advantage of the new faster service. City parks for a discounted annual membership rate of only \$55 for residents and nonresidents. Residents may also qualify for a fee reduction. Please contact any location for more information.Registration is ongoing. Activities include art, chair yoga, line dance, mahjongg, monthly events, outings, tennis instruction, Zumba, and much more! For more information, please call (954) 828-7275 (PARK).

- Calendar October 2022
- Website: https://www.parks.fortlaude rdale.gov/programs/recreati on/club-55
- Club 55 Brochure September 2022-February 2023

#### **News and Tips on Vacation Rentals** The information on Vacation Rentals is being posted again this month because of its impact of

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# Breaking news on one of our neighborhood's Party Vacation Rentals!

After one neighbor reported two parties that took place at a big party house in Edgewood around two weeks apart, the owner accrued \$600 of penalties for illegal parking, excessive noise, and not responding to Code Enforcement within the allotted time of one hour. The owners now face a hearing on 10/27, where they will likely lose their permit to operate for 180 days. Watch for the outcome in next month's newsletter!

#### Additionally, here are a couple of tips for reporting issues.

- When calling the Non-Emergency Phone number for the Fort Lauderdale Police, have patience for someone to answer your call. People have experienced 50 to 100 rings sometimes, before their call is answered - although sometimes it's just a few rings.
- When reporting the issue, ask for a Case Number and write it down. You will be asked if you want to remain anonymous or provide your name and phone number. They will also ask you if you would like to be contacted on the phone number you provide, when the police officer is on the scene (or afterwards). It is suggested that you provide your contact information to them - as long as you have no fear of reprisal form the vacation home owner. If you do provide your information and you don't receive a call in an hour or so, call them back. Sometimes it takes more than one call to have a police officer go

to the site. Afterwards (or the next day), call again to find out what happened.

- You can check to see if any Code violations have been issued for the property by going to the following website:
- https://aca-prod.accela.com/FTL/Cap/CapHome.aspx?
  ShowMyPermitList=Y&SearchType=ByPermit&module=Enforcement
- Just fill in the "From Street No:" (like 2701) and the "Street Name" (like 28). You can add more information to narrow it down, as well. Then click on the "Search" button near the bottom of the page.

-----From Last Month------

There has been a growing concern regarding vacation rentals, not only in Edgewood, but in all of Fort Lauderdale. Several Edgewood residents recently met with the Code Enforcement Supervisor for vacation rental issues. His advice for dealing with issues, such as noise, parking, trash, excessive number of people, etc. is to contact Fort Lauderdale Police at the Non-Emergency phone number. Calls may also be placed to Code Enforcement. He indicated that calling the rental advertising services and rental management companies for the properties is not very productive. If the police come out to the property and file a police report, as a result of a complaint, the owner of the property faces:

- A \$200 per day fine for the first complaint
- A \$400 per day fine for the second complaint
- Permanent loss of their rental permit for the third complaint

Contact information is as follows:

- Police Non-Emergency: 954-764-4357
- Code Enforcement Vacation Rental Supervisor, Leonard Champagne : 954-828-6348 (M-Th)
- Code Enforcement Inspector, Mr. Jolley: 954-828-4772
- Code Enforcement Main Number: 954-828-5207

Information and regulations about vacation rentals within the City of Fort Lauderdale may be found at:

https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/developmentservices/community-enhancement-and-compliance/administrativeservices/vacation-rental-program

## Climate Crisis is a Health Crisis

#### Sep 27, 2022

By Emma Cummings-Krueger

Editor's note: News about conservation and the environment is made every day, but some of it can fly under the radar. In a recurring feature, Conservation News shares a recent news story that you should know about. What brings you to the emergency room today? Increasingly, the answer could be climate change.

It worsens existing ailments and causes people to suffer from new afflictions. Moreover, entire health systems are beginning to recognize that threats from climate change will have a big impact on their operations, according to a recent six-part series in Axios written by Tina Reed, Andrew Freedman, Arielle Dreher and Oriana Gonzalez.

"The growing threats to human health only promise to get more complex and expensive, and health systems have to make major changes to how they prepare for those threats," Reed wrote.



#### Read more here:

https://www.conservation.org/blog/news-spotlight-experts-warn-the-climatecrisis-is-a-health-crisishttps://www.conservation.org/blog/news-spotlightexperts-warn-the-climate-crisis-is-a-health-crisis



The ECA's mission is to protect the interests of our community and its residents and to ensure that our neighborhood thrives and is a great place to live, work, and play.

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

Edgewood Civic Association PO Box 21413 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33335

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# Lets Green Your Routine



## **Residential Bulk Waste Collection**

The Bulk Trash Pickup Program features collection of large household items and tree trimmings, up to 10 cubic yards in size, for residential customers. Items accepted for bulk trash pickup include: appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, and toys. Please do not place tires in bulk piles.

#### **Fines**

Bulk trash should not be put out for collection more than 24 hours before your collection day. In Edgewood, collection day is the first Thursday of each month. If Code Enforcement officers see any bulk trash out too early, they will spray paint a warning somewhere visible on the pile of bulk trash. If that bulk trash is not removed before pickup, you will be cited with a \$300 fine, that will appear on your City of Fort Lauderdale utility bill.

#### Schedules and Routes

Bulk trash is collected once per month. **Edgewood's** pick-up is the **1st Thursday** of the month. If you cannot wait for your collection day, you may schedule an appointment for pick-up. There is a fee for this service.

#### Set Out Instructions

Please place all items at least four feet away from any waste carts, mailboxes, trees, and/or power lines. Avoid blocking storm drains; lay items in such a way as to minimize the likelihood of them blowing over.

#### Alternatives to Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Often, the items you place in bulk trash can actually be useful to others. Before you throw something away, please investigate whether donating, scrapping, or otherwise disposing of your old items is a possibility. Find out more here.

#### Yard Waste

Yard waste, such as tree branches and large quantities of leaves in boxes/bags, may also be set out on bulk collection days.

#### **More Information**

For all questions regarding Bulk Trash or other sanitation and Clean City services, please call the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online.

Download the Bulk Trash Program Information Guide Download the Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule Map.

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!

#### **FTL Happenings**

- Calendar of Events
- City Commission Meetings
- Stormwater Updates

Click HERE to learn more!



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