



# THE EDGEWOOD EDITOR

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## Hello, June!

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2021! In the coming months, our neighborhood will be impacted by two major construction projects; the addition of express lanes on I-95 will require constructing a new westbound SR-84 bridge and the installation of the city stormwater system. Read on for the latest updates.



### SR-84 and I-95 Interchange

At our last general meeting FDOT Community Outreach Specialist, Daniela Silva, along with her colleagues, presented their plan for the SR-84 and I-95 interchange.

- The I-95 Northbound exit ramp to SR-84 will be closed for construction until Spring of 2022 and will require exiting on Griffin road/Davie Blvd and taking local streets or following the detour signs to I-595 East and looping around to SR-84 via US-1.
- When leaving our neighborhood to travel south on I-95 from SR-84, you will drive westbound over I-95 and make a U-turn on SW 26<sup>th</sup> Terrace. You will still be able to access I-95 Northbound.
- Vehicles traveling eastbound on SR-84 will make a U-turn on SW 15th Ave to access I-95 Northbound. Access to I-95 Southbound will still be available.

Yes, this will be, and is, an inconvenience, however, a new westbound bridge must be constructed to allow room for the express lanes below. A pedestrian walkway on eastbound SR-84 will also be constructed as part of the project. Community Outreach has been very responsive with concerns and issues, so please reach out to me with questions should you have any. Additional information on the project and detours can be found [HERE](#) on the FDOT website.

### Stormwater Upgrade Update

I received an update from Public Works regarding the stormwater improvement groundbreaking in Edgewood. The project remains in procurement for both River

Oaks and Edgewood. Due to bids, potential protests, and the sizable cost of the project, the estimate for initiation of construction is now early fall.

Due to this delay, several residents have asked if we are at risk of losing funding. The Assistant Director of Public Works, Dr. Nancy Gassman, spoke at the last Counsel of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. I posed this question to her, and she assured me that the funds are here, ready to go, and there is no risk of losing them.

Dr. Gassman added that there is construction currently happening behind the scenes. Stormwater runoff from the Fort Lauderdale Airport runs to the Osceola Canal. This is a known issue for our neighborhood. The great news is that the canal is currently being dredged to alleviate the flooding in our area. In addition, a park in River Oaks is currently being constructed to hold runoff water. This is definitely a step in the right direction for us and our neighbors in River Oaks.

Once both River Oaks and Edgewood projects are bid, Public Works will hold meetings with both neighborhoods to detail the plan for construction commencement and answer any questions. I will continue to provide updates to the community as they are received.

### Membership Drive

Our Membership Drive efforts have been successful and we hope it continues! In the last several weeks we have secured 13 Household Memberships and 3 Foundation Memberships. We can't thank you enough for your continued support. Memberships are easily renewed on our website, [www.edgewoodcivic.org](http://www.edgewoodcivic.org). Your Membership Dues are an integral part of keeping our Clubhouse alive and allows us to host fun events for the community.

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

Nicole M. Ciovacco, Esq



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The next ECA meeting is **Wednesday, June 2nd** at 6:45 pm.

We are excited to announce that we will have our first in-person meeting at the clubhouse in well over a year!

To celebrate this occasion we will be having a **BINGO** night!

**Where:** Edgewood Clubhouse, 1790 SW 32nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, 33315



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### Starlight Musicals Return!

This free concert series is sponsored by the City of Ft. Lauderdale and occurs every Friday, **June 11th - August 13th**. Music starts at 7:30pm.

**What to Bring** please bring a mask and a few dollars for buy-in. It will be \$1 per game. We have prizes to give out to winners!

In order to ensure we keep socially distanced, please **RSVP** for this event.

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## 2021 Memorial Day Speech

### Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke

For many, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer. The end of the school year and the beginning of lake trips, and get-togethers with family and friends.



For most, it is a day to look forward to the summer ahead. Perhaps it is ironic, that this weekend of celebration is anchored by a day intended for solemnity and intended to remember the past.

Memorial Day is our nation's day to remember those who perished giving their all for the nation they loved. Its inception began with families remembering those who died at the end of a war we fought within our own borders, a war fought between states, amongst brothers, that left 600,000 dead, missing from families, graves to be adorned.

Click **HERE** to read on.

Engstrom, T. (2021, May 3). *2021 Memorial Day Speech by Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke*. The American Legion Department of Minnesota. <https://mnlegion.org/2021-memorial-day-speech-by-maj-gen-shawn-manke/>.

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Grab a beach chair, blanket, your dancing shoes and head on over to **Holiday Park!**

We are also looking for **volunteers** to attend the Starlight Musicals to help us earn GYR points for the neighborhood.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to **Nicole!**

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## Beach Parking Pass

Summer is almost here and what a better way to spend your day than at the beach!



Did you know that the city offers a Resident Beach Parking Permit for only \$24/year?

Click **HERE** for more details and to apply online!

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## Join the ECA today!

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.





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**FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED.**



Funding for this event is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. If you would like this publication in an alternate format or if you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please call to (954) 828-7275 (PARK) and parkinfo@fortlauderdale.gov.

A special thank you to our newest foundation members, **Cliff and Barbara Iacino**. 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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## What's the Bzzzzz?!

Hi, I'm Evan McCarthy and I run the **Happy Bee Honey Club**. A honeybee rescue charity.

Swarm season has begun early this year. Every spring honeybees expand their number of colonies by what is called the reproductive swarm. When the hive is doing well in the spring, and resources are readily available, the bees will begin the swarm process.

The bees will produce a new queen, actually several new queens, then the old queen and many of the bees will leave the old hive in search of a new home. This is a very critical time for the swarm of bees. The old queen is not a great flier as she's been laying eggs and therefore is large and cumbersome. She usually doesn't fly too far from the original hive and often lands on a palm frond or tree branch.



The bees form a cluster around the queen and this is what most people often see when they call us about a swarm of bees in their yard. This is a dangerous time for the bees. Only about 15-20% of the swarms actually survive. Time is critical for them to find a home and begin to build a honeycomb so the queen can get

busy laying eggs. They have left the old hive with their bellies full of honey taking all they can so they can rebuild in the new location. Unfortunately, time is not on their side as worker bees only live for 30-45 days and they must find a new location for their colony and begin the construction of the honeycomb. If it takes too long to find a suitable location, with the worker bee population naturally dying off, they may not have enough bees left to care for the queen and her young and the colony could die.

Next, the cluster of bees sends out scout bees to find a suitable location. The scout bees are the senior bees. These foragers have experience flying and navigating the area. They will search tirelessly until they find a suitable location for the colony. They return to the cluster and do a “waggle dance” to communicate that they think they have found a new location for their hive. The scout bees will pitch their offerings to the colony and decide as a single entity as to which scout they will follow to their new home.

Continuous development and our urban culture have limited the bee's natural habitat in South Florida. They prefer a hollow dead tree, but there are not many of those around. The scout bees look high and low until they find a protected cavity that suits them. Unfortunately, and of no fault of their own, they may find a suitable location inside the walls of a house, a soffit, or a large lawn ornament; some will even choose upside-down flower pots or water meters. Far too often when this happens they end up being exterminated. This is the reason for my organization, the Happy Bee Honey Club. We are all volunteers and we are here to help rescue, remove, and relocate the honeybees.

With all that being said, the most important thing is to NOT spray the bees! Please leave them “bee” and when the scouts have found their new location they will all go at once. Usually in a few hours, sometimes a day or so.

Another way we can help them is to set out swarm traps. Swarm traps are suitably sized boxes with a small entrance they can move into. These “traps” aren’t really traps but instead act as a temporary mobile home. Once the colony moves in, we let them get settled, and then we move them at night when the entire colony is inside. We’ll move them to a bee sanctuary to eventually move the bees into a larger permanent beehive.

So how else can you help? If you have an appropriate yard and you want to keep the bees we can set up a more permanent swarm “trap”. Or if you just want to help the bees but not necessarily keep them, we set up a lighter, temporary swarm trap that is more easily relocated once the colony is happily moved in.

Either way, this benefits the bees by giving them a place to call home if they aren’t able to find something natural.

Honeybees are crucial to our environment and are dying at an alarming rate. The Happy Bee Honey Club is doing its best to educate, raise awareness, and rescue honeybees here in the Fort Lauderdale area.

## Happy Bee Honey Club

If you find a swarm in your yard, are interested in providing a setting for a





swarm "trap", or just have general questions about Honey Bees please call us at 716-226-8550, visit our [website](#), or check us out on [Facebook](#).

## The Book Nook

### Green Parrots and Blue Angels

Join the Cardinals of Edgewood and friends as they join in on the Air Show Fun!

A special thank you to Terry Large for sharing his work with us. Terry is a retired educator and resident of Edgewood.

Click [HERE](#) to read their story!



## Let's **Green** Your Routine

### Do-it-Yourself Florida-Friendly Landscaping

Need some ideas on how to make your yard more Florida Friendly?

The University of Florida sponsors a Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program that offers tips and tricks on ways to make your yard thrive while also be kind to our natural environment.

#### Attract Wildlife

- Set up Bird Feeders, a Butterfly Garden, or a Bat House

#### Garden Design

- Grow a Shade or Rose Garden

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Learn  
More

Click on the "[Learn More](#)" button above for details on these DIY FFL projects for your home.

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#### Edible Landscaping

- Plant a vegetable garden or some fruit trees

#### Houseplants

- Green up your indoors with succulents or an indoor garden

#### Environmentally Friendly

- create a rain barrel or learn to compost

next newsletter! Send Nicole an email at [president@edgewoodcivic.org](mailto:president@edgewoodcivic.org)



Edgewood has lots of beautiful and Florida Friendly Royal Poinciana Trees

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!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

#### FTL Happenings

- **Calendar of Events**
- **City Commission Meetings**
- **Corona Virus Updates**

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