



# THE EDGEWOOD EDITOR

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## Have a Nice Summer

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well, amidst the aftermath of the devastating flood that affected our community almost two months ago. As we gather our strength to rebuild and recover, I wanted to reach out to you as a neighbor, friend, and fellow member of this resilient community.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest sympathies for any losses or hardships you may have experienced due to the flood. I understand the immense challenges and emotional toll that such a disaster can bring. However, I firmly believe that in the face of adversity, we can find solace and strength in coming together.

Now, more than ever, it is vital that we extend a helping hand to one another. Let us embrace the spirit of unity and demonstrate the true power of our community. I encourage you to reach out if you need any assistance or support during this challenging time. This experience has reminded us of the importance of preparing for emergencies and the need to support one another in times of crisis.

This coming Wednesday, June 7, we will be having our ECA meeting at Lounge 84 (formerly Karu nightclub) located at 1000 W. Marina Mile Blvd. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. We will be having the FLPD, Community Enhancement and DMSI come to the meeting. There will be a sign up sheet for those wanting to ask questions to DMSI who is in charge of our stormwater project.

At the meeting, we will have tables set up where we will have dry goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products as well as clothes that have all been donated to Edgewood by the owners and members of Ultimate Workout in Davie, Florida. This is where I go and workout and they wanted to help our neighborhood.

We will overcome this together, supporting as we rebuild our lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@edgewoodcivic.org](mailto:president@edgewoodcivic.org)  
Edgewood Strong!

Wendy Wills

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### 2023 ECA Meeting Schedule

June 7 - September 6  
*(Doors open at 6:30pm and meeting starts at 6:45pm)*  
**(There will be no meetings in July and August)**

**The next ECA meeting is Wednesday, June 7th at 6:45 pm.**

**The meeting will be held at Club 8IV (formerly Karu) at 1000 W. Marina Mile Blvd. , Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315, due to the recent flooding at our clubhouse.**



Representatives from FLPD and Community Enhancement, and and DMSI (company in charge of our stormwater project) will be attending.

Club 8IV  
1000 West Marina Mile Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

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### Edgewood Flooding Recovery

We have been posting a lot of information regarding the flooding recovery operations and services on our website. Please refer to <https://www.edgewoodcivic.org/flooding> to view the information.

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### FEMA Help

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance

## Federal disaster aid tops \$97 million

### From Mayor Dean Trantalis

A month and a half have now passed since the flooding disaster struck Fort Lauderdale. Our community has proven to be resilient and is rebuilding with the help of our partners in the federal and state government, as well as from generous friends and neighbors. We owe a special shout-out to all the non-profit organizations that stepped forward, including the American Red Cross.

More than 5,500 households have received some form of federal assistance since President Biden issued a disaster declaration and a coordinated recovery effort launched. FEMA's lead administrators on the ground tell me that they have paid out more than \$97 million in aid.

That includes about \$24 million in direct financial relief for home repairs, temporary rental assistance, lodging reimbursement and other needs such as replacing essential personal property that was destroyed. In addition, FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program has paid more than \$61 million in claims to policyholders for flood damage and the Small Business Administration has made more than \$12 million in disaster loans.

Shortly after the flooding, the city manager and I flew to Washington, D.C., to urge the administration to take quick action on a decision about federal assistance. The disaster declaration was expedited, with the president signing the executive order later that day.

More than 100 FEMA workers have been on the ground since. They have opened disaster relief centers and undertook a door-to-door effort to ensure everyone who needs help receives it.

The White House sent its senior adviser for infrastructure, Mitch Landrieu, to personally review the federal response to the unprecedented storms. He joined me in touring hard-hit neighborhoods and talked to residents whose lives have been so heavily impacted. As a former mayor of New Orleans, Mr. Landrieu is well aware of what it takes for a city to recover from a flooding disaster.

Remember that both homeowners and renters can qualify for federal assistance.

FEMA aid is targeted to uninsured losses and disaster-related expenses. This can include replacement of necessary personal property, such as furniture and appliances, repairs to make a home habitable, and uninsured or out-of-pocket medical, dental, childcare, moving and storage costs. Assistance for temporary housing is given out initially for one-month or two-month periods, but it can be reviewed for further assistance.

The Small Business Administration is offering long-term, low-interest loans not only to businesses but residents as well.

I urge anyone impacted by the disaster who hasn't already applied for

assistance to do so soon. The deadline for individuals to file for assistance is June 27.

You can go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362. The helpline is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. For in-person assistance, people may go to four locations:

- Hott Park, 1700 SW 14th Ct. It's open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Samuel Delevoe Park, 2520 NW 6th St. It's open on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sadkin Community Center, 1176 NW 42 Way in Lauderhill. It's open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- The Northeast Parking Lot at the Big Easy Casino, 831 N. Federal Highway in Hallandale Beach. It's open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

I know some people have questions about decisions that FEMA has made regarding their claims. I'd urge you to go to one of the disaster centers for a one-on-one meeting. You can make sure your information is accurate and up to date at the same time. Please remember to be specific about your family's needs that are directly related to damage caused by the disaster.

On a local level, the city is stepping forward to offer some relief as well.

The City Commission recently agreed to offer assistance to those who need to rebuild their homes. We directed the city manager to create a program that will lower the cost of construction work undertaken to repair storm-related damage. The city will either suspend requirements for building permits for such construction or at least waive the fees charged to obtain permits.

The city has done this before. We initiated such a program after Hurricane Irma struck in 2017. Many cities around the state also have waived building permit fees for reconstruction work following other disasters, including cities on the west coast last fall after Hurricane Ian.

I pressed hard for this relief because I think it's incumbent on the city to offer a helping hand to those who had major damage and now face an uncertain future as they rebuild their homes and their lives. To me, that's part of what being a compassionate community is about.

On a closing note, city government had its own damage as a result of the April floods. City Hall is inoperable, and we have had to relocate all offices to temporary space.

When City Hall was built in the late 1960s, they placed all of the mechanical, electrical, fire control and air conditioning systems in a basement. It was also the location of our emergency generator and critical elevator and IT components. That basement was under 8 feet of water for days following the flood, with all of the essential equipment being destroyed in the process.

We have used massive emergency generators to keep the building on life support and ensure mold and other problems don't arise while engineers evaluate the situation. Our staff estimates it would cost more than \$15 million to repair the building, and that the work would take at least two years to

complete.

That repair cost doesn't include the price of temporary offices, the likelihood of asbestos remediation and the potential requirement to bring all systems up to current building code standards. Nor does it address the need to relocate critical systems from the basement in order to avoid a repeat of what occurred.

Before the storms hit, we had already begun evaluating the possibility of building a new City Hall. That was because there were basic but expensive renovations needed to keep pace with the city's needs as well as to address significant age-related issues.

Now, the situation is more pressing.

Our staff is working with insurance adjusters and engineers on how best to proceed. The City Commission will likely make a decision in the next couple months whether to undertake the extensive repairs required or build a new headquarters.

It's my belief that the current City Hall is too damaged to be salvaged and that we need to build a new facility. It's a tough decision, but one that needs to be made.

Whichever direction we head, city operations will remain downtown. The commission re-affirmed that commitment this past week. We all know that a City Hall is a vital component of a vibrant downtown. Downtown is also the location where our operations are the most accessible to the public.

Yours,

Dean Trantalis

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## Starlight Musicals for 2023

<https://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov/special-events/special-events/starlight-musicals>



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## LauderTrac

Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities



### City Commission's top priorities

Progress on these priorities is shared quarterly in a [memo](#) from the City Manager to the City Commission.

## **A Hurricane Preparedness Message from Mayor Trantalis**

The 2023 hurricane season starts on June 1. It is important to make preparations now so you can avoid a potentially life-threatening situation later.

Forecasts for this year vary, but we should expect some activity. Since 1990, there has been an average of roughly 14 tropical storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes each year.

In Fort Lauderdale, all of us should be ready. Three basic steps can help you get started – make a plan, build a kit and keep informed.

Develop an evacuation plan so you and your loved ones know what to do and where to go before, during, and after, a hurricane. Put together a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts and share it with family and friends.

Build an emergency kit with a three- to five-day supply of food and water, as well as batteries, phone charger, flashlight, medications and cash. You can never have too much water. Plan for a minimum of one gallon per person each day.

Know the risks of a hurricane – both rain and wind – and be sure to follow weather forecasts and alerts. You can also stay informed and receive emergency alerts from the City of Fort Lauderdale by signing up at [fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl](http://fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl).

You may also consider strengthening your home with impact windows and doors, documenting your possessions and scheduling an insurance checkup.

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Quick Tips Guide can help you get ready, and remember that being prepared can save lives and property when disaster strikes.

Dean J. Trantalis  
Mayor

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### **Club 55+ Updated Calendar for May 2023 and Brochure!**

Parks and Recreation launched Club 55+, a program that encourages active adults to enjoy endless opportunities at 12 City parks for a discounted annual membership rate of only \$55 for residents and non-residents. 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, mahjonn, monthly events, outings, tennis instruction, Zumba, and much more!

For more information, please call (954) 828-7275 (PARK).



- **Website:**  
<https://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov/programs/recreation/club-55>

- Club 55 Brochure March 2023 - August 2023
- Club 55 Calendar May 1, 2023 - June 10, 2023

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## Update on Vacation Rentals & Code Compliance



Please find below, contact information that can be used for the reporting of Vacation Rental violations.

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 Vacation Rental Inspector, Mr. Jolley: 954-828-4772
- Code Enforcement Main Number: 954-828-5207

Also, our Edgewood Code Compliance Officer for all issues is:  
**Malaika Murray: 954-828-5740**

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

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/development-services/community-enhancement-and-compliance/administrative-services/vacation-rental-program>

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## City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Update

The City of Fort Lauderdale has lots of great events and activities available to everyone! Check out the upcoming events in April and May.

June 2023 Events

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**Support the ECA!**



The ECA's mission is to protect the interests of our



We love our local businesses in Edgewood! Interested in

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!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

### FTL Happenings

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



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