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"All things seem possible in May"

-Edwin Way Teale

Dear Neighbors,

During our last General Meeting, Office Pekrol from our Neighborhood Action Team spoke regarding the current crime trends in the area. There have been a few vehicle break-ins, particularly in the neighborhood parks. Please remove all of your valuables from your vehicle to assist with deterring this type of break-in! Also, as many of you know, there was a shooting incident at the Marathon gas station a few weeks back. FLPD responded and tracked down the individual responsible. He will be facing Federal charges. A big thank you to FLPD!



I have some exciting news to share. After a year-long hiatus, the Board has decided to resume meetings at our clubhouse. While we have certainly been appreciative of the virtual capabilities to meet, we feel with the vaccination rollout and comfort level of residents, we can resume meetings, safely, in person, beginning June 2nd. For our June meeting, we have decided to do something fun and bring back bingo night! Doors will open at 6:45pm, and we will start our first game at about 7:00pm. Our Clubhouse is located at 1790 SW 32nd Street. Make sure you bring a few dollars for buy-in. There will be prizes!

Lastly, your Association has put their efforts into a Membership Renewal Drive. If you are unsure whether your Membership is due for renewal, please reach out to us! Memberships are renewed easily on our irwebsite, 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

I look forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting!

Nicole M. Ciovacco, Esq

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

zoom

Click [HERE](#) to join or visit [Zoom](#) and enter Meeting Details.

A representative from **FDOT** will be speaking regarding the SR 84/I-95 interchange project that will start on **May 8th**. This is a big project that will affect all of Edgewood so be sure to join! Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Also **Whiddon-Rogers Education Center** will be joining to inform the community about their GED Scholars Academy and **Julie Lurie**, a past Edgewood VIP advertiser, will be providing some updates about the local real estate market.

<https://zoom.us/join>

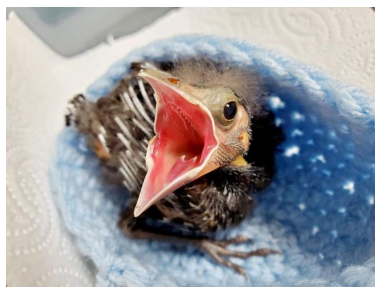
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You can also join via audio by calling
+1 929 436 2866

South Florida Wildlife Center

A special thank you to Carolina Segarra for attending our April meeting and teaching us so much about this amazing center located right here in Edgewood.



The Wildlife Center has been in operation for over 50 years and is one of the largest wildlife trauma hospitals in the US and the largest in Florida! The center works to rescue, rehabilitate, and release their patients and they treat over 12,000 cases/year. The center is an independent, community-supported organization and they are always in need of donations and

Ft. Lauderdale Air Show



**May
8-9**

Spend a weekend on Ft. Lauderdale Beach with The Blue Angels, F-16 Viper Demo Team, Geico Skytypers and more!

Purchase tickets [HERE](#).

Community Appearance Award

The ECA is proud to announce that we have been recognized by the City for our beautiful Edgewood Entryway signs!



The ECA started working on the project in 2015, signs were installed in 2018, the award was presented in 2019, and we finally got the plaque in 2021!

Phew, it was definitely a lot of time and energy spent, but they say good things come to those who wait, and the ECA couldn't be happier!

Join the ECA today!

ECA's mission is to protect the interests of our community and

volunteers!

If you find injured or orphaned wildlife, you can call their resources center at (954)-524-4302. Their [website](#) also provides detailed rescue advice on a variety of wildlife.

Wondering how you can help this amazing organization? Click [HERE](#).

South Florida Wildlife Center
3200 SW 4th Ave
FT LAUDERDALE, FL, 33315

And the Winner Is....

Thank you to everyone who recently became members and was eligible for the free Ring doorbell giveaway. At our April Zoom meeting Officer Pekrol, from our Neighborhood Action Team, picked the winner.



Congratulations to **Santiago Uribe!**

COVID-19 Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Mills Pond Park

Due to the ongoing need in our local community for essential groceries, the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors will host weekly drive-thru food distributions on Thursday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. at [Mills Pond Park, located at 2201 NW 9 Avenue](#).

its residents and to ensure that our neighborhood thrives and is a great place to live, work, and play.



A special thank you to our newest foundation members, **Peter** and **Rose Achillarre!**

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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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Scotty Packard (pictured) has clear memories of his 97 years. From being 3 years old in 1927 in the house that his father built in Toledo, Ohio to his move to Florida in 1960. The smiling, white-haired, concert pianist is a great grandfather who remembers much of nearly a century of history.

He has seen the world face tragedies, like every war since 1924, and he anticipates the challenges of

recovery from Covid-19. "It won't be at one time, it will be gradual," Scotty said of the pandemic, "This is global, it's in every country, no matter how big or small."

Sitting socially distant in a lawn chair during an interview in his front yard in Edgewood, in March, he explained that he wanted to be part of the healing. That's when neighbors across the street, Shelly Bradshaw and Jim Hammond, jumped in to help.

"Scotty is connected on Facebook and was seeing so many get the vaccine," Jim said. "He called us and asked, 'How do you do this?'"



"Shelly turned this into a mission, she helped about 10 people get the vaccine within a month," Jim said.

For Scotty's first shot, the trio masked up and drove to downtown Miami at 7 am on a Saturday morning. "I thought it would be a short drive, I almost said, 'Turn around'. Scotty had not been to Miami in 12 years and was shocked by the growth. "I would have driven to Atlanta to get him the vaccine," Jim said.

Grateful to his samaritan friends, Scotty has always been a helper himself. He worked as a civil servant in the Fort Lauderdale area for decades. He handled records for dog inoculations for Broward County, then spent 25 years with the U.S. Postal Service. "I started as a clerk, then as a timekeeper at Southside Station in 1974 at Seminole Annex at I-95 and Broward," he said. He then worked at the original post office, a beautiful marble building downtown where he handled registered and certified mail. "And I kept moving up," Scotty said.

Even after he retired, he went back to work as a volunteer at the Broward County Library for 27 years. His specialty was non-fiction, using the Dewey Decimal system. "The books have to be in the exact spot. I had to concentrate," Scotty said. "I think that kept Alzheimer's away."

Now grateful to have the vaccine, he looks forward to seeing his family. He was married in 1944, has a daughter and two grandchildren, and 4 great-grand. He recently talked with his granddaughter who is planning a visit.

"If this vaccine affects everyone, it will be so less worrisome," Scotty said and added that he may visit family up north. Scotty's words of advice for people considering the Covid-19 vaccine? "It's a matter of life and death, it's your life and other people's health."

-- By Dorie Cox

Pictured below Scotty chatting with Dorie at his home in Edgewood



Fort Lauderdale Cares Day

On Saturday, April 24th, the ECA hosted Ft. Lauderdale Cares Day. Volunteers and residents all pitched in to clean up the clubhouse and pick up garbage along 15th street. Check out our volunteers in action! We can't thank you enough for your efforts!



A big thank you to all of our volunteers!

Nicole Ciovacco, Paul Ciovacco, Dorie Cox, Natalie Gallo, Owen Gaither Janel Garcia, Thom George, Kelly Panza, Charles Wygant, Royce Zehr

Newcomers

Join the Cardinals of Edgewood and friends as they greet their new neighbors!

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

Nine Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping

Want to learn how to make your landscape healthy and beautiful? 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.

1. Right Plant Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Manage Yard Pests Responsibly
7. Recycle Yard Waste
8. Reduce Stormwater Runoff
9. Protect the Waterfront



Learn
More

Click on the "[Learn More](#)" button above for details on how to apply the 9 principles to your home landscape.

Already have a Florida-Friendly yard? We'd love to share your story and some pictures in our next newsletter! Send Nicole an email at president@edgewoodcivic.org

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

VIP Coupon Corner

10% OFF
Primo Liquors

*excluding sale items

Free Bottle of Wine
on Purchases over \$60.
Managers Choice, \$15 Value

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*in-store purchase only

10% OFF
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