



LakeLife

Edgewater Community Newsletter

June 2011

President's Corner

As usual, I'm pushing the deadline for my Lake Life article. Sue Chatham is a most patient and gracious editor. I was thinking about the article topic for some time and had settled on pushing for more neighborhood involvement (a never-ending theme with our association).

But then the storms roared through Alabama and devastated entire neighborhoods. When I woke up on that Thursday with no power and estimates of at least 5 to 7 days without it; I began to wonder how our neighborhood would respond. While we were very fortunate to avoid storm damage; I wondered how we would react after continued days without power. I worried that some of our elderly residents might need help and that younger residents would become

"restless" with no school or electronic entertainment. My concerns were quickly laid to rest as most in Edgewater responded as good neighbors do. Neighbors talking, walking, hosting dinners, sharing generators (and freezer space); some took turns grilling out dinners as they cleared their refrigerators. And then Sunday afternoon, I noticed a teenage boy wandering down Edgewater Drive, strumming a guitar. I knew then that we would come through this "ordeal" just fine.

We need to remember people lost their lives, homes and neighborhoods in these storms; recovering, restoring and rebuilding their lives must take priority. Even still, it's good to know we live in a neighborhood that I believe can and will come together when times call for it.

Cameron Handyside, President

Spring "Yard of the Season" Nominations Extended until Friday June 10

Judging on nominations will be based on appropriate and interesting design, plant selection, yard and hardscape maintenance. Please send your nominations to Linda Harris at lindaharris1@gmail.com or call 256-489-8031.

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Community Calendar

June 25	Pool Party
July 4	Office Closed
July 11, 6 pm.	Edgewater Board Meeting
August 8	Lakelife inputs due

Do you have something you would like to share with the neighborhood? If so, send it to Sue Chatham at chatham@knology.net for the newsletter to be published in August. If there is room it will be included.

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COVENANTS

Trees down, branches stacked, lawn debris piles waiting for pickup -- one might think we were in a disaster zone! But the Edgewater neighborhoods looked better than ever this weekend (7-8 May) and folks were out in the nice weather. Some were out in Edgewater - others were out in northern Alabama helping residents of other communities. Thank you!

I asked our Hughes Property representative NOT to send out any notices last week except for seriously delinquent issues. In recent weeks, we have tried to accommodate the outcomes from the weather, disrupted solid waste and recycle schedules, and give our residents a bit more of an opportunity to take care of things themselves without reminder notices.

Summer 2011 focus:

- Fences...
- Lawns - overgrown...
- Lawns - need to replace weeds with grass in the fall...
- Edging...lawns
- Edging...flower gardens
- Overgrown bushes covering sidewalks or into streets...
- Vacant lots...
- Hazards - e.g. dead trees...
- Parking congestion...
- Garden hoses - keep pushing for enclosed hose reel containers...
- Outbuildings or structures without ARC approval...

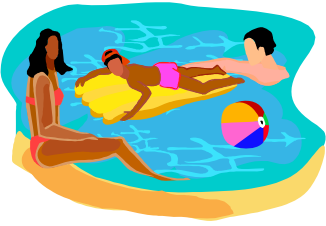
Home maintenance issues:

- Mailboxes needing paint or cleaning...
- Decks, stairs, needing paint ...
- Outside walls or trim - paint or cleaning needed ...
- Significant deterioration...
- Can't see house numbers above or beside front door or on mailbox or on curb
- Bushes that obscure drivers' vision...

Some of the more common issues:

- Tall weeds & grass - a few overgrown lawns (and LOTS)...
- "Weedly" lawns - some residences have 90% weed, 10% grass...
- Garbage cans in driveways or visible from street(s) - still one or two residents who are "holdouts"
- Garden hoses galore!
- Flower pots with DEAD plants
- Basketball goals - dirty, moldy

New Covenants Chair: Steve Brooks



EDGEWATER POOL PARTY JUNE 25th 2:00-6:00PM



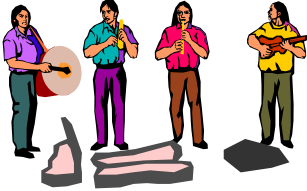
Catering by Curry's featuring:

Adult Meals \$13.00

Caribbean BBQ
Pork pineapple Kabobs
Key West Chicken Satay
Thai Chicken Lettuce Wraps
Sour Cream Jalepeno Corn Bread
Sweet Broccoli Salad
Corn Salad
Assorted Cookies for dessert

Kid's Meal \$6.00

Hot Dog
Cookie
Chips



We are happy to announce that *The Jason Albert Band* will begin performing at 2:00pm once again this year.

WE NEED CONFIRMATION EARLY FOR THE CATERER SO PLEASE ORDER YOUR MEAL TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY CALLING DOTTIE AT 256-461-8670.

Top Security Tips from my experience and Law Enforcement Class.

Lyle Needam

NEVER open the door to strangers, but always answer through the door. Burglars do not want to invade an occupied home.

ALWAYS lock the door between your garage and your home. Many garage doors can be lifted with brute force. I did it when my neighbor locked her keys in her house.

NEVER give anybody you aren't sure of your account number, Social Security Number, or any password.

ALWAYS call the police if any wrongdoing is suspected. Never try to apprehend a lawbreaker unless your life is threatened.

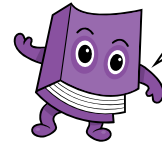
NEVER remove signs or symbols you think are gang related.

ALWAYS have sufficient lighting in and around your house to keep it from looking deserted.

And of course, **ALWAYS** keep your car doors locked and valuables out of sight.



Edgewater Ladies Book Club Schedule for 2011



Come join us!

- June 8 - Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
 July 13 - Kitchen Chinese by Ann Mah
 Aug 20 - Edgar Sawtell by David Wroblewski & The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
 Sept 14 - The Lost German Slave Girl by John Bailey
 Oct 12 - The Women by T.C. Boyle
 Nov. 9 - Half Broke Horses & The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
 Dec 14 - The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery & **Christmas Social**



Community Corner



Children's Play Group—Call Andrea Barnes at 489-6681, AndieKevin07@knology.net. There is a group of children that play at least once a week

Community Outreach— Call Joyce Bryant at 694-2004 or 774-7817, ewoutreach@bellsouth.net.

Fitness Classes—Men and Women's Fitness classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday. First session is at 8:30 am and the next one is at 9:30 am. There is a fee and usually a waiting list. Call May Hudson, 772-3438 for more information and to enroll.

Garden Club—The next Edgewater Garden Club is tentatively scheduled Tuesday, July 19, at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse. Plans for this meeting currently include a tour of the CASA garden in Huntsville. All interested residents are invited; no gardening experience required! Confirmation of the meeting will be announced. Please RSVP Linda Harris 489-8031, lindaeharris1@gmail.com.

Hand and Foot (Cards)—Every Wednesday of each month at 1 PM. Call Judy Lindsey, 461-7069.

Investment Club—2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse. Call Sue Chatham at 461-0262 or Joe Roberts at 489-0781.

Mixed Doubles—"Round Robin" tennis is played each Friday Morning and men's tennis on Tuesday mornings. Call Dave Simpson at 772-0512.

Party Bridge—1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Call JoAnn Gore, 461-8906 or Reba Jacobs, 461-9775

Simple Yoga—Monday morning at 7:30 am and Thursday evening at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. There is a fee. Contact Linda Branum at 325-6332 or ldbranum@aol.com for more information.

Singles—2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 PM at the Heritage Club, 111 Washington St., Huntsville. Must be 21 or over and a single Edgewater resident. Call Trent Banks at 772-4079 for information

The Ladies of Edgewater Book Club meet on the 2nd Wed. of each month at 10:30 am in the clubhouse. The book club is open to all Edgewater ladies who enjoy reading and sharing their thoughts and insights with others. This is a casual, easy group. No pressure, No pretense...just a love of books and friendship. For more information contact Devra Long at waltdev@knology.net.

Woodworking—2nd Tuesday of each month. Call Tom Kaeding at 461-0180, twkaeding@yahoo.com.

The **lending library** in the clubhouse is open whenever the office manager is in. Come check out our selection of books.



Grounds Report

Welcome to Carl Blair

Our new Grounds Committee Chair & Board Member

Patti Kolek moved to St. Louis. We will miss her!



2011 ADOPT-A-MILE CALENDAR

A special thanks to Jo Ann Gore for taking on the responsibility of scheduling volunteers to keep Zierdt Rd. clean. This is a big task and the neighborhood appreciates her assuming it.

Also a big thank you to Glen Diehl and Sam Lovelace for keeping Zierdt litter free during April and Glenn Davis for keeping Zierdt litter free during May. Maurice & Bob Wolf have volunteered to pickup during June.

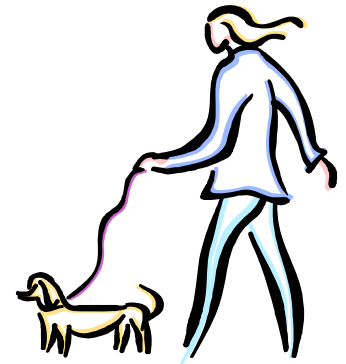
There are still several months available in the 2011 calendar. To help with this project and get some exercise at the same time, contact Joann Gore at 256-461-8906 or jagore24@att.net. All supplies are provided.

Where are your Pets?

Do you know where your pet is? According to Edgewater By-Laws wandering cats are illegal and dogs must be kept on leashes at all times. Remember that this is your responsibility as the pet owner. Picking up after you pet is part of being a good neighbor. There are bags and garbage cans available through out the neighborhood to aid you in doing this.



Keep your pet safe and secure by knowing where they are at all times!!





Edgewater Tennis Clinic

For Kids Ages 6 to 17

Groups will be organized by age and ability. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Basic instruction and coaching will be available

WHEN: June 21 - July 14, 2011
Practice and instruction will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. for Beginner & Intermediate
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. for Advanced

WHERE: Edgewater Tennis Courts

FEE: n/a

For additional information contact John Haskell 256 880-8408

Signed Copy returned to Edgewater Office Manager

Childs Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent's Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email _____

Medical release: I hereby consent to emergency medical and/or hospital service that may be rendered by or at accredited hospitals by appointed physicians in the event such need arises in the opinion of a duly licensed physician.
Waiver and Indemnity agreement: I hereby release EOA, its staff, and sponsors from any responsibility for damages, losses or injuries suffered by my children in connection with the events.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Out IN the Yard

Did I hear a collective sigh of relief during the tornado time that the pear trees were taken down and were no longer a threat to Edgewater Drive? See- that was good planning and forethought on our part! It looks like damage done in Edgewater was only slight so we may count our blessings that we were not as affected as our neighbors in all directions.

Dry-Climate Bloomers from Organic Gardening Magazine April 2007

Nine plants grew well with no more than a quarter inch of water a week.

You want to conserve water... but you also want a colorful landscape.

Findings: You can have your color and your environmental ethics, too, according to a drought-performance study of 17 flower species by researchers at Colorado State University. In plots that got little summer rain, bedding plants were irrigated at rates ranging from no water at all to the oft-recommended 1 inch a week. Two winners emerged: 'Imagination' verbena and 'Merlin White' petunia not only survived but thrived despite no irrigation and precious little rainfall.

Annual vinca, dusty miller, rudbeckia (Black eyed Susans- perennial), salvia, French and African marigolds, and narrow-leaf zinnia performed well with a minimal quarter inch of irrigation a week. Flowers to avoid in a drought-prone climate: wax begonia, impatiens, lobelia and pansy.

Our advice: A bed of petunias or marigolds will outperform a lawn in a dry climate, so go ahead and plant some color! If you need to irrigate, use a soaker hose for maximum efficiency.

For extra smash- plant up a brightly colored large pot adding water retention crystals to the soil. Bright blue seems to be a happening color this year and pots made of Styrofoam materials that come in a number of colors- or can be painted the color of your choice- provide some insulation for the summer heat, keeping the plant roots.

Before putting potting soil in, fill the bottom 1/3 -1/2 of the pot with Styrofoam 'worms' or plastic bottles, then a layer of fabric (any cotton) then potting soil on top of that. Less soil makes the finished arrangement lighter and so easier to move.

Then assemble THRILL, SPILL and FILL. Select something TALL for the center attention then SPILL to tumble out and down the sides, finishing with bright colored fluffy FILL to add the color splash. Petunias would spill to their little hearts' content. Dusty Miller along with narrow leaf zinnias would be a great fill. The THRILL is for you to find (there is a plant called Spike which is perfect).

Have some fun with this!

Knock Out roses have been almost revolutionary because of their ease of maintenance and profuseness of blooms. They were bred to be **low** maintenance, not **no**-maintenance with long bloom times. But they do require some attention and if not done already, please tend to as summer begins.

First of all, cut back your knockouts to around 12" in the early spring. Don't use hedge clippers. Handheld by-pass pruners are best. Shape the plants during the growing season in a mounded fashion. Many articles will tell you that they will stay mounded without trimming. Not true. As the blooms fade, pinch back or "deadhead" them as with any rose. This will keep the rose blooming continuously until fall. Water your knockouts from the bottom keeping the water off the foliage, especially in the hot weather. This will help cut down on leaf spotting.

Maintain a 3" layer of mulch around your plants, however keep the mulch off the stems. Good mulching habits are a must for all of your landscape plants and help them retain precious moisture. If your roses or any plants are located on a slope, please mulch with pine straw and not pine bark mulch. Each heavy rain in Edgewater produces floes of pine bark from many properties and down the streets. Feed the roses on a regular basis, however use only fertilizers formulated for roses. Higher nitrogen fertilizers may tend to burn your plant.

Make sure you plant any rose in a sunny area and avoid trimming during the winter months. Knock Outs, however are subject to a disease "witch's broom" or rose rosette that is a danger to **all** ornamental roses. It is contagious and almost always results in the death of the rose. Rose rosette is carried by the microscopic wingless eriophyte mite. These mites are carried by wind currents and can randomly drop into a rose. So there is no real preventative.

The disease has no cure so your best defense is to control the mites that carry the virus. The virus' symptoms are vigorous growth that is both rampant and contorted; sometimes resembling a witch's broom. This growth is unfortunately available for your viewing on the rose bushes in the island between by the boat ramp at Edgewater's back gate.

If you see this type of new growth on your roses, pull it out of the ground and do not re-plant another rose in the area for at least 2 years. It is harsh yet necessary!

Bottom line is this: while knockout roses are the easiest to maintain, you still have to keep watch over it. With proper care, your knockout's can give you years of joy in the landscape.

For the health and care of the gardener- before starting any task outside that is not in your daily routine, prepare your body with some stretches. Reach up high stretching your arms way up, then hands on waist and bend forward slowly to stretch those back muscles. Twist a little to each side **slowly** and with some nice deep breaths. If you are raking- rake to one side for a number of repetitions, then to the other side. That way if you hurt your back, the pain will be on both sides, not just one!! If outdoor activity is not your usual thing, start with 20-30 minute sessions, rest then continue. Early mornings are the best time to go out and play because the birds will talk to you and the air is freshest.

Because our properties all drain ultimately into our lake, please use the least amount of chemicals on your lawn to keep it looking healthy without overloading our water shed. Be aware of what is being applied if you have contractors doing the chemical application. The nitrogen and phosphates from fertilizer can cause eutrophication (decreased oxygen and other changes) which can affect the plant and fish life in our lake. In times of adequate rain, our lake water moves through well but when the weather starts to dry up, water movement slows and stuff can get less than perfect.

When you run your irrigation- set it for 4-5 minutes then shut off for water to soak in, then 20 minutes later run it for 10 minutes. That first round allows the top layer of soil to moisten and prepare for absorption. If you just turn it on and run for 20 minutes, you might notice a good bit of run-off. Even though your irrigation systems are on automatic, please wake up early some morning and check to see that the water is going where it is supposed to be going and that all is running well and that it really is needed. Everyday watering just brings the roots up to the top so they are no longer seeking water at a deeper level so more frequent watering becomes necessary. Treat your lawns a little less kindly- watering only once or twice a week- and the roots will go deeper and require less water.

I realize that I sometimes remind you of the same things more than once but our lake such an asset that it deserves to be kept as healthy as possible. In fact- a really good thing for you to do would be to go fishing! Our fish population would benefit from taking some of the big boys out to let the little guys have a better chance. How about a Fish Rodeo for a local activity? Just a thought.

***See you out in the yard! Karen Voelker
got questions? E-mail me – kvoelker@knology.net***

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree..." unless that tree is growing along Spinnaker Ridge and happens to be a Canadian Hemlock or a variety of laurel or almost anything else green!

We have a tree vigilante among us who insists on trimming these trees- but rather than using a pruner and trimming correctly back to the next branch- the branches are just broken off and left dangling and dying at eye level. Not very thoughtful or attractive.

How about we all work together on this sort of situation - it certainly exists on other streets where shrubs and trees have been planted too closely to the sidewalks and walkers not only find it dangerous and offensive but have certainly run home to check the Blue Book to see if there is a rule that applies to shrubs, trees and ground covers (like at Edgewater and Lake Pointe) growing into the sidewalk right-of-way.

Gardener's rule of planting thumb: if the diameter of a shrub is 3 feet then the shrub should be planted 3 feet from the sidewalk to allow room for growth and leaving visual space for the comfort of walkers. Cherry laurels should not be planted within 5 feet of a sidewalk. Granted- the Canadian hemlocks were planted long ago in a space way to small for their majestic spread but those that have not been replaced with Leyland cypresses deserve a chance to live. Owners whose property faces or backs up to sidewalks- would you please walk past your property as a pedestrian would and make your own evaluation of safety and attractiveness.

Would the phantom breaker of branches please carry a pruner and trim correctly- or maybe walk on the other side of the street?

Karen Voelker