

# Edgewater News

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*"May your  
blessings  
outnumber  
the  
shamrocks  
that grow,  
and may  
trouble avoid  
you wherever  
you go..."*

*~Irish  
Blessing*

## **GREETINGS FROM EDGEWATER!**

### **Monthly Meeting:**

The next Board of Managers meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:00pm in the Lakeside Lounge.

**Please read this issue of Edgewater News completely, as there is a great deal of information within. Thanks!**

### **Please read this issue carefully for important information:**

- New process for remitting monthly fees
- New office hours
- New website goes live
- Final print newsletter

### **New Process of Remitting Monthly Fees; New Office Hours**

After extensive discussions and considerations, the Edgewater board of managers has decided that it would be in our best interest to transfer responsibility for all bookkeeping and payroll functions from our on-site administrator to our accounting firm, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat (BLB). We believe this change would provide many advantages and benefits. Because bookkeeping will no longer take place in the office, starting April 1, 2011, your monthly association fees should be mailed directly to the accounting firm at the following address:

Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat  
16 West Main Street, Suite One  
Fredonia, NY 14063

As a result of this change, our full-time administrator, Adele Harrington, will go part time effective April 1. During the spring and summer months, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except for lunch).

***Please see the attached letter from the board of managers, which fully explains the above changes.***

## **New Website Goes Live**

Edgewater owners and residents now have access to a new website, a large portion of which is just for them. The website has been under development for several months. The new site is based on the results of the survey circulated late last summer; the survey showed there was a high interest in obtaining information from a website. While the old website served its purpose well, the new site offers an "information portal" just for owners and residents.

The new website can be found at the same address as the old one:

[www.edgewatercondos.net](http://www.edgewatercondos.net). The four main pages are labeled: "Home," "The Region," "Properties," and "Resident Info"; the navigation buttons are at the top right of each page. For the time being, pictures from the old site are being used on the new site; however, we hope to eventually replace these with updated photos of the four seasons. If you have any pictures of the Edgewater grounds you would like to submit for consideration, please send them to Ann Carden at: [arccom66@gmail.com](mailto:arccom66@gmail.com).

"The Region" page gives visitors and prospective buyers a glimpse of the area that surrounds Edgewater, including wine country, Barcelona Harbor, and Lake Chautauqua.

The "Properties" page describes the types of units (not individual units) available for sale and rental at Edgewater. Several realtors are listed, but we want to make sure this is a comprehensive list. If you are selling your unit and/or rent it out and your realtor/property manager is not listed, please forward the information to Ann.

We are especially excited about the "Resident Info" page, which requires a password: **edgeh2ores** (this is case sensitive; please note that the lower case letter "o" is used, not a zero). This will allow you to enter a microsite just for residents. The survey revealed a high interest in having access to monthly board minutes, budget reports, project costs, and special events, so this microsite was designed with that in mind. There also is a section for forms (e.g., maintenance requests, A/C installation) so you can easily download them.

Page labels for this section include: "Bylaws/Rules," "Forms," "Newsletters," "Minutes," "Budget Reports," and "Recreation and Social Committee." The navigation buttons are located on the left side of each page.

Please take some time to visit the new website, click around and see what was created based on what you told us you wanted. We hope it will become an instrumental tool in keeping you informed on what's happening at Edgewater.

## **Final Print Newsletter**

The survey revealed that there is still interest in a monthly newsletter; the findings also showed that e-mail is the preferred method of receiving Edgewater information. As a result, starting in April, the newsletter will be accessed through the website. This will not only be a more effective mode of delivery, but it also will save on postage.

When a newsletter is available, you'll receive an e-mail notification with a link to the newsletter. We will use the e-mail list compiled by the Recreation and Social Committee last summer. If you did not submit an e-mail address or your e-mail has changed since then, please make sure you contact the office.

We realize that not everyone has an e-mail address or Internet access, so if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter in print, please make sure to let the office know so we can accommodate you.

Topic: Volunteerism  
Title: Promoting Your Cause in the Community Association

So you've found a great cause and are looking for a way to rally support for it—wonderful! Of course, as you've thought about the people who could help your charitable cause, your friends and neighbors in the community probably came to mind. The board encourages all residents in their altruistic endeavors and always welcomes any effort that fosters a philanthropic environment within the community. But before you start going door to door to fight cancer or whip up a bake sale to end hunger, please check with the manager or a member of the board not only to make sure you're within the association's fundraising policies, but also to see if there is any way the association can help.

If you're looking to get the community association involved in your charity, such as holding an event in one of the association's common areas, come to a board meeting and propose your idea to the board. We'll let you know what's possible, and how to go about it. Or we may recommend other places within the greater community that might be willing to work with you. Also, to help you get the word out, be sure to ask us about mentioning your event in our newsletter or on our website.

It's caring people like you who make our community a great place to live, and we want to give you the support you need to make a difference—so keep fighting for your cause and don't hesitate to see what we can do to help.

~Provided by Community Associations Institute

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*On the subject of community service, I'd like to thank Laura Peacock for her donation of magazines during our February Magazine Drive. It may not seem like much, but these mean a lot to residents at the local nursing home. They can read them and/or use them for craft projects. I added a few to the box too, and will be taking them to Absolut Care one day this week. Thanks! If anyone is feeling the 'altruism juices' flowing and has an idea for a project Edgewater could get involved in, please let me know. I've been throwing ideas out there, but am open to new ones. "If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito."*



~Betty Reese

I'm not sure when the next newsletter will go out, but just a reminder that the Nominating Committee will be meeting in mid-April. There are three seats, consisting of two-year terms, expiring on the Board this year, and we'll need to get the slate of officers in place for the end-of-April and mid-May mailings. Many of you have served in the past, and thank you. It is always greatly appreciated!

