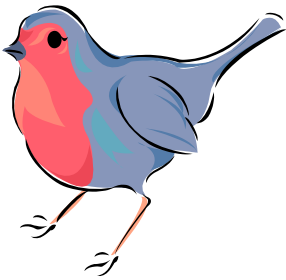


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"Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."

~Henry van Dyke

GREETINGS FROM EDGEWATER!

Monthly Meeting:

The next Board of Managers meeting will be Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 8:30am in the Lakeside Lounge.

Nominating Committee:

Thanks to the following individuals who have agreed to serve on the nominating committee for the upcoming June election: Ann Carden and Jim Parks (board representation), Ruthie Pettit, Kathie Horst, Sylvia Colbey, Jean Stebbell, and Kate Markham. There are three terms expiring for the upcoming election. Watch your mailbox for election materials in May!

Annual Meeting and Election:

In accordance with the by-laws, the Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 4pm in the Lakeside Lounge. All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Office Hours:

Adele will be taking some time off with her family during her daughter's Spring Break, and will be out of the office Monday-Wednesday, April 18-20th. The office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, April 28&29th so she can take Mackenzi to Cooperstown to compete in the state-level National History Day contest.

A Reminder about Monthly Payments:

Regarding the switch of accounting responsibilities to Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat:

- Maintenance and storage fees remain due on the first of every month
- A special post office box has just been set up for payments; please use the following address: Edgewater Condominium Association, PO Box 518, Fredonia, NY 14063
- Checks will continue to be made out to "ECA" or "Edgewater Condominium Association"

Accounting Transition:

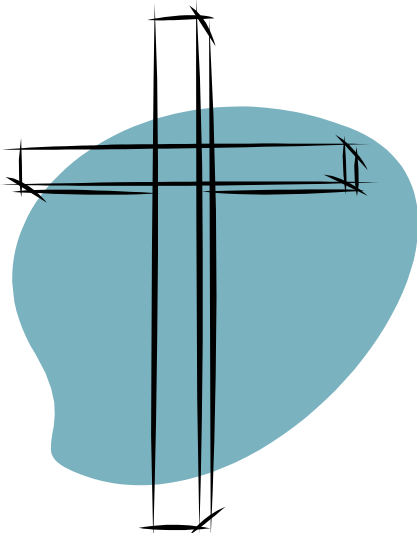
Thank you all for your patience while we work through the transition from the Edgewater office to BLB. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Updated Process for Violation Fines

The ECA board has passed a resolution updating the Rules and Regulations to include a process for imposing fines for violations. The Rules and Regulations had included a tiered system for issuing fines, but did not outline any procedure. The current "Enforcement" section of the Rules and Regulations has been replaced with the following:

1. Upon board confirmation that a violation has indeed occurred, and the parties responsible have been identified, a written warning shall be mailed or hand delivered to the resident(s) in violation of the rule(s). The warning shall identify the specific rule(s) violated.
2. If the violators do not own the unit where they reside, the warning shall be issued to the owner concurrently.
3. Violators will be given 15 calendar days from the date of warning to correct the rule violation, after which a **\$25.00** fine will be assessed. If the violator is not the owner, the fine will be assessed against the owner.
4. If the identified parties believe an error has occurred, they may request to be put on the agenda of the next board meeting to appeal the fine.
5. All unpaid fines shall be subject to the interest penalty accrual resolution that became effective on January 1, 2011.
6. Violations that are not corrected or ongoing violations of a more serious nature may result in legal action at the discretion of the board.
7. Records of warnings and fines shall be logged and reported, in writing, to the Board of Managers.
8. Records shall be maintained in the association office.

A copy of the full resolution is located on the Bylaws and Rules page of the ECA website.



Ed Kriedeman (K1) passed away on March 21, 2011. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with his son Paul, and their family and friends.

Gardening Basics

As the bleak cold of winter finally breaks and signs of spring begin to pop up all around, thoughts of vibrant flowers and lush vegetables are on gardeners' minds. For those green thumbs living in tiny quarters, an impressive garden may seem unattainable. However, many are turning toward urban gardening, bringing plant life into unique spaces and growing gardens in every nook and cranny. These miniature Edens bring great natural beauty and help reduce our carbon footprints. As more people move to urban areas, urban gardens are becoming more popular, and encouraging those who have never planted to go dig in the dirt to see what comes up. While urban gardening does have its challenges, we have a few tips on how to overcome them to bring your small garden into full bloom.

Know Your Plot

Before you go on a planting spree, take the time to plan out the logistics of your garden. Will it be in your back yard, on your porch, on the roof, on a window sill? Is your intended spot part of the association's common ground? Check with the Board before you start.

How much direct or partial sunlight does that area get, and is that the right amount of sunlight for your plants? Is your space large enough to house the plants when they're full grown? And, if not, do you have a bigger space where you can relocate them? Will you be doing container gardening, or will you be planting in the ground? What steps do you need to take to get your soil ready for planting? Answering these questions is important before you begin gardening, as the different environments will affect your plant life. Having a plan can help you avoid unnecessary chaos.

Know Your Plants

All plants aren't created equal, and knowing which will best suit your urban garden is a must for robust growth. Often, urban gardeners will be restricted by space or the need to plant only in containers. They will also need compact plants that can thrive in those conditions, such as herbs, tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, zinnias and the like. And be sure to know what your plants need, such as when and how deep to plant them, as well as how much light and water they need. Also, will they need to be started as seedlings under a grow light until they're hearty enough to go outdoors, and what mixture of soil do they need to flourish? Being ready to address your plants' needs is an important step in making sure they grow to their full potential.

Know When to Transplant

Container gardeners will need to be vigilant about making sure they transplant their plants into the right containers as they grow. If your plant is in a container that's too small, the roots will become restricted, causing the soil to dry out quicker, so you'll need to move your plant to a roomier home. Be careful, though, not to use too large a container, as the roots won't be large enough to suck up all the moisture in the soil, which can lead to root rot. A good rule of thumb in choosing the right size container is to make sure your plant is neither overflowing or dwarfed by the container, and that there's a few inches of dirt that can be seen around the plant. So the next time your plants hit a growth spurt, make sure they have the right amount of space to live comfortably.

Get Creative

The best part about an urban garden is that you can set it up anywhere and make it anything you want. Your garden can be in places like your patio, your front door steps or anywhere else good sunlight hits—and the association permits.

While these tips just covered the basics, to learn more about urban garden, go to www.gardenguides.com. No matter what your living area is like, if you've got a bit of imagination you can make an urban garden that's uniquely your own.

SOCIAL AND REC. COMMITTEE NOTES and UPDATES!!



Current Goals discussed included activities for the season, such as fundraisers, social events, entertainment, and improvement projects.

Some of those include:

- Line Dancing Classes
 - Water Aerobics
 - A summer bash that includes dinner and a band. Sell tickets.
 - Monthly Pot Lucks or picnics
 - Ice Cream Social Night
 - Salad Night
 - Beach Clean up
 - Wine Tasting Event
 - Pancake Breakfast
- and much more....

A Soup & Chili Potluck has been scheduled for May 15th at 4pm. Bring your favorite soup or chili to share or sign up to bring bread, butter and crackers.

CONSTRUCTION

UPDATE:

H stairs replacement is underway. Then all of the staircases will be complete!!

The Rummage, Craft & Bake Sale has been scheduled for July 22nd & 23rd. The times are yet to be determined. Please contact Janet Greene or Alice Parks to be added to the list of those who will donate a craft item for our largest fundraiser of the year. Many people have been working hard on making items for this event, and hope to have a large display of items donated by Edgewater Homeowners.

For those who are not crafty, you may consider signing up to donate baked goods for the sale or even some items for the rummage sale.

The Association has agreed to allot \$200 for cleaning supplies & a new vacuum cleaner that can be used to clean upholstery as well as the floors. Janet will be shopping for those items soon. Some members of the committee will begin the task of cleaning and preparing our common areas for the season. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Janet ASAP. We plan to begin in mid-April.

One big project that still needs to be completed from last year, is the installation of the ceiling fans in the gym. Tim Sanderson has been awarded the bid for the job. He will be submitting his insurance information and scheduling the job shortly!

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25th, at 6:30pm in the Lake Side Lounge.

***COME JOIN THE FUN in the
EDGEWATER COMMUNITY!!***

