

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Edgewater Owners Association

The Edgewater Owners Association (EOA) Membership is made up of homeowners and three apartment communities. Annual membership dues are used to operate and maintain the Edgewater community. Each owner pays annual dues of \$300.00. Apartment owners pay \$300.00 for every three apartments in their community. Dues invoices are mailed each December. **If you have not received an invoice for annual dues by December 31 (each year), please call the office as soon as possible.** Payment is due January 1 each year and should be received no later than January 31.

If you have recently bought or sold property in Edgewater or if you have any questions regarding dues assessments, please notify the Association Office Manager as soon as possible.

Board of Directors

The Association operates under the direction of a nine-person Board of Directors who are elected members of the Association living in the community. Directors serve two-year terms. Each year, an election of directors is held—four members are elected one year and five the following year. This rotation helps to provide some continuity to the Board. The community is notified to nominate and elect candidates by a direct mail out, the newsletter, and the community web page. Nomination forms are distributed in October. Election ballots are distributed and returned to the EOA office in November. The votes are counted by the board appointed Secretary. The results are announced at the Annual Membership Meeting in December.

EOA Office and Staff

The Edgewater Owners Association employs one office manager, two maintenance people, and one courtesy patrol officer. All personnel currently work part-time. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The EOA mailing address is 111 Edgewater Drive, Madison, AL 35758. The office phone number is 461-8670. There is an answering machine for your messages during times the office is closed. The office fax number is 461-4130. The EOA email address is edgewaterowners@knology.net

Membership Cards

Two (2) membership cards are issued per residence. All ID cards are issued and mailed to residents by March 1 each year. Please keep your Edgewater Membership cards with you when using the facilities. You may be asked at any time to show your card. This is to prevent unauthorized use of the facilities. The apartment complexes issue their own cards.

Communications

The *Lake Life* newsletter is the main source of communication between the Board of Directors and the residents of Edgewater. *Lake Life* is published every other month beginning in February each year. News and articles are encouraged. Please direct articles, questions, or comments to the newsletter editor (Board secretary) or the EOA Office.

Web Site – www.edgewatercommunity.com Please review the web site periodically to see what is new. If you have any questions regarding the site, please contact the Association office.

Town Hall Meetings - the EOA conducts quarterly town hall meetings to keep the membership abreast of the activities the Board of Directors are doing or are planning. Check the *Lake Life* and the web site for dates and times of these meetings.

Banners – banners are used to announce meetings. They are placed near the traffic light as you exit the Edgewater community.

Mailings - the Association sends numerous mailings during the year.

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Annual Membership Meeting and Party

The Annual Membership Meeting is held the **second Monday** in December. Refreshments are served after the meeting. The community is notified about this event by banner, *Lake Life*, the community newsletter, and email.

Annual Report

Copies of the EOA Annual Report are distributed at the Annual Membership Meeting. Annual Reports are not mailed. Please stop by the Association office to pick one up if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The Annual Report is also available on the web page.

Membership Directories

Membership Directories are available by April 1st. Copies may be picked up from the Association office.

Architectural Standards

All outside changes to buildings and landscaping require prior approval from the Architectural Review Committee. The EOA *Architectural Standards and Homeowner Use Restrictions* was revised in December 2000 and November 2004 and is governed by the Covenants. The purpose of the document is to explain and clarify various regulations so that Association members will better understand their responsibilities toward maintaining the excellence of the community. Applications for Improvements are available in the Association office or on the web page. Call the Architectural Review Chair if you have any questions.

Covenants

Edgewater's Covenants ensure that the Edgewater community is maintained. All residents should have a copy of the Edgewater Owners Association Protective Covenants from the Builder, closing attorney, or previous owner. However, if you do not have a copy, call the Association Office.

Fines and Liens

The EOA Board of Directors is empowered to enforce the Covenants by imposing fines and liens for non-compliance. Imposing fines and/or liens is by far the least desired way the Board wishes to enforce the covenants. Ignoring a fine can result in the placement of a lien on a resident's home. Call the Covenants Chair if you have any questions.

Recreation Facilities

Members are encouraged to enjoy the recreation facilities. These include the lake (fishing and boating), the swimming pool, two lighted tennis courts, fitness room, jogging trail, and two playgrounds.

Lake – boating is permitted on the lake for EOA members only. Guests must be accompanied by an EOA member. Decals are required and can be obtained at the Association Office. No internal combustion motors are permitted running or not. No alcoholic beverages. Boats are allowed on the lake ONLY between dawn and 30 minutes after sunset. Boats over 16 feet are not allowed. Alabama Fishing licenses are required. Life jackets must be available for all passengers.

Swimming Pool - the swimming pool is available to all members. However, the Association does **NOT** employ a lifeguard so swimming at the facility is at your own risk. Parents should not leave small children unattended. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Children who are not yet potty trained should wear swim diapers at all times. The hours of operation are: Daily from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. - May 1 through October 1. ***Exact dates are weather dependent.*** Please call the Association office for information.

Tennis Courts – two lighted tennis courts are located near the Clubhouse. Rules for use are posted. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. The hours of operation are: Daily from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. Please call the Association office for the combination to the locks on the courts or refer to your membership card.

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Fitness Room - the fitness room includes two multi-gyms, a stationery cycle, a recumbent cycle, two treadmills, free weights, a sauna, and a steam room. Residents are required to pay a \$25.00 refundable deposit before being issued a key to the facility.

2.4 miles=Walking/Jogging Trail - mile markers start at the Clubhouse and measure each tenth of a mile around the Lake, along Edgewater Drive, and back down the path through the woods to the tennis courts.

Playgrounds - the playground located near the clubhouse was renovated in March of 2001. A second playground, located at the end of Edgewater Drive, was enhanced in 2000 and 2001. The Board recommends that small children be supervised. Please report any problems with the equipment or grounds area to the Association office.

**** Showers and rest rooms are on the lower level of the Clubhouse. ****

Association Drop Box

There is a locked Drop Box at the clubhouse. This box is checked Monday-Friday. Please leave correspondence there when the Association Office is closed. ***Leaving non-stamped correspondence in the Association mail box on Edgewater Drive will delay your correspondence and you may not meet a deadline. Please refrain from taping items to the front door.***

Community Activities

A Community Calendar is available in the February Lake Life and lists all activities for the year. All EOA sponsored Community Activities require a number of volunteers to organize and run these events. Contact the Community Affairs Chair for more information.

Yard Sales

Community Yard Sales are held each Spring and Fall. Yard Sales are from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Residents set up their sale items in their own driveways. Please refer to the Lake Life calendar for specific dates. Anyone wishing to conduct an individual garage sale on another day should refer to the Architectural Standards and Homeowner Use Restrictions document, pages 9 and 10.

Adopt-A-Mile

Edgewater is entering the 16th year of its community service project through the City of Huntsville Clean Community Organization to *Adopt-A-Mile* of Zierdt Road extending from Madison Boulevard to the Edgewater entrance (monthly volunteers also pick up trash on Edgewater Drive). For more information, please call the Association office or the Grounds Chair.

Bridge Club

New members are welcome to join the Edgewater Morning Bridge Club. The Bridge Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Clubhouse from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch and come have fun. Contact Julie Linderman (772-7000), Thada Roberts (489-0781) or Eve Garriott (461-0103) for more information.

Community Awareness

Edgewater is a relatively safe and secure community, but is not isolated from the world outside. All residents should be watchful for anything out of the ordinary and report it to local authorities.

- City of Huntsville: Non-Emergency telephone number 722-7100
- City of Madison: Non-emergency telephone number 722-7190
- All emergencies should be reported to 911.

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Edgewater has a "No Soliciting" rule and there is a sign to that effect at the entrance. However, from time to time solicitors do go through the neighborhood. **It is your responsibility to tell solicitors to leave your property.** If solicitors do not leave, you can report them to the appropriate police department. Flyers placed in newspaper boxes are considered unsolicited.

Garbage & Trash Collection and Regulation

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

City of Huntsville Sanitation Division:	883-3977
Madison County Waste Control:	532-3718 (for City of Madison residents--green can only)
City of Madison Sanitation Division:	772-0000
BFI Recycling:	830-2670
Solid Waste Disposal Authority:	881-8700

THE EDGEWATER OWNERS ASSOCIATION DOES NOT REGULATE WHEN TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP.

Garbage, trash, and yard waste should be put out no earlier than the night before pickup or by 7:00 A.M. the morning of the designated pickup. Garbage, trash, or yard waste should be placed in front of your home.

No garbage, trash, or yard waste of any kind is to be put out on Edgewater Drive.

Huntsville

Garbage

Thursdays ONLY

Trash & Yard Waste

Thursdays ONLY

Madison

Garbage

Mondays & Thursdays

Trash & Yard Waste

Fridays

- The "big green can" is the only acceptable container on Huntsville and Madison garbage days.
- Please call your city if your garbage or trash has not been collected.
- Holidays will cause garbage and recycling collection to be delayed.
- Please remove garbage/recycling containers from the curb no later than the evening after pickup.
- Huntsville and Madison City ordinances prohibit contractors from placing debris at the curb for city pick up.

Recycling

Recycling pickup for both Huntsville and Madison is Tuesday; items should be at the curb by 7:00 A.M. Pickup day may be delayed if there is a holiday. Call BFI at 830-2670 for more information.

Street Lights

The streetlights throughout the community belong to Huntsville Utilities. Please report inoperative street lights to Huntsville Utilities at 535-1320. When reporting inoperative lights, please be very specific. Provide exact street name and number if possible.

Animals

The Association does not dispose of dead animals. In Huntsville, call Animal Services at 883-3788 to report stray or dead animals. In Madison, call 772-5600.

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Dog Cleanup & Leashes

The EOA Covenants requires pet owners to clean up after their pets. SunLake, Colonial Grand, The Landing, and the sidewalk surrounding Lady Anne Lake in Edgewater, are within a dog owner's responsibility to clean up after their dog. Madison County has a leash law. So, when walking a dog, he/she must be on a leash.

Other Information

You can find out important information about your city government and its operations by checking on the web pages listed below.

Huntsville

www.ci.huntsville.al.us

Madison

www.ci.madison.al.us

Schools

Madison:

Madison Elementary School	772-9255
Discovery Middle School	837-3735
Bob Jones High School	772-2547

Huntsville:

Williams Elementary School	428-7540
Williams Middle School	428-7540
Butler High School	428-7950

Preserving Lady Anne Lake

Whatever is placed in the street or gutters (grass, leaves or other assorted debris) eventually finds its way into our storm sewer system and then it all ends up in Lake Anne Lake. The lake will be ruined unless yard waste and other debris are disposed of properly. Please clean the gutters periodically at your home, sweep the sidewalk, curb, and gutter after cutting and edging the grass. Please help us to keep Lady Anne Lake beautiful.

ORTHENE = The ONLY Approved Fire Ant Poison

Fire ants are always going to be a part of our environment. The continued use of most any poisons will have a detrimental effect on the ecology of our lake. **The ONLY ant poison that is approved for our area is ORTHENE.** All other ant poisons have chemicals that are extremely toxic to aquatic life. Please read the labels for environmental hazards.

Speed Limit

The Speed Limit in the entire Edgewater community is 25 MPH. Speeders are reported to the proper police departments.