



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

April, 2015

All Edgewater Glen Meeting Scheduled for April 20 at 7 PM. Come Meet Your Alderman, Harry Osterman

Make sure you make plans to attend our EGA spring meeting in the St. Gertrude's Social Hall at the Southwest corner of Granville and Glenwood. This is your chance to meet our 48th ward alderman, Harry Osterman. You should come prepared to ask questions and express your concerns to him, if you have any. For example, we need to know what the plans are for extending the bicycle lanes on Broadway. Right now, they come to an abrupt halt at Foster. Also, what steps are being taken to enhance pedestrian safety in Edgewater. Other topics will likely be crime prevention and real estate development, commercial and residential in or near our neighborhood.

This meeting will also give you an opportunity to renew your membership or join EGA, if you are not already a member. Come early, at 6:30, to enjoy refreshments and visit with neighbors before the meeting starts.

Lots to Like on Facebook Regarding Edgewater Glen...We Have a New Website Too

EGA is now on Facebook. This is a great page devoted to events, facts, stories, etc. relating to our neighborhood. It is worth checking on a regular basis. Just enter Edgewater Glen Association in the search box on your Facebook page. The URL for our website is edgeglen.com. You should also check out the blog about Edgewater Glen at edgeglen.com.

We've included lots of historical information about EGA, which was formed in 1972,

with archives of over 100 past newsletters. We've got up-to-date notices on neighborhood events like Plant Swaps, Garage Sale, & the Garden Walk. Even Block Party dates are being posted as a 'heads up' notice for difficult parking & access days when multiple events occur.

We'd like to encourage you to also sign up for EGA Email, which you can do via the main menu bar on the home page. These emails will not be frequent, but will include more timely information regarding our community.

We also want to emphasize that your primary internet source for public safety information will continue to be Alderman Osterman's excellent website postings and emails. All Edgewater Glen residents should sign up for 48th Ward internet updates via the link we've provided in the 'Neighborhood Links' section of our website.

We'll be updating the 'Gallery' sections with photos of neighborhood events and hope you'll 'Contact Us' with submission ideas.

Milkweed Seedlings Wanted for Spring Plant Swap! Sunny Garden Spots Wanted for Milkweed Seedlings! Mark Your Calendar for May 23rd.

Weather permitting, the Spring Plant Swap will be held in the back yard of good neighbor Sue Green at 1420 W. Glenlake on Sat. May 23rd from 10am till noon. Even if you don't have anything to share, please come & meet your gardening neighbors. We usually have leftovers that need a home and this year would like to help our dwindling Monarch Butterfly populations by getting more Common Milkweeds distributed & planted. We'll also be happy with extra hostas, ferns, or any other

plants or gardening paraphernalia that you've got extras of.

For more info contact Kim Kaulas 773-761-3668, kaulas@rcn.com

Annual Edgewater Glen All Neighborhood Garage Sale is on Saturday, June 6...Rain or Shine

This is one of those special events that help to bring us together as neighbors, not to mention an opportunity to raise a little cash from those unwanted items. Last year was a huge success, with most sellers exceeding expectations. As in the past, other neighborhoods around the Glen will also be participating. It has been going on, one way or another for more than 20 years. Your registration fee covers the cost of all advertising and promotion. We also obtain licenses for all participants. **The city of Chicago ordinance requires that all sellers be licensed.** Registration information is on the following page.

Annual Edgewater Glen Garden Walk is July 12

Calling all gardeners in the 1200 & 1300 blocks of Edgewater Glen. We urge you to participate in this great community-building event. Please consider opening your outdoor spaces in this always popular event set for July 12 from noon till 5pm. Each year, we feature either the east or west half of the Glen. If you miss entering this year's walk, the next opportunity to showcase your yard won't be until 2017, because next year will focus on the 14 and 15 hundred blocks. The entry form is in this newsletter.

The walk starts at 1420 W. Glenlake where maps indicating participating gardens will be available. Contribution is only \$5 per adult with

children free. Refreshments and raffle prize chances will be on hand.

There will be special recognition of those gardens that help keep our neighborhood safe by avoiding chemical pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, 'weed & feed' products, or **any product with the word 'kill' in its description.** These are all harmful to humans, pets, and wildlife and unnecessary based on the lovely yards that thrive without them.

Get EGA Cash for Your Corner

Again this year, EGA is encouraging efforts to beautify our parkway corners by offering a limited number of \$100 material rebates for neighbors who would like to adopt an orphan corner.

These very-visible spaces are an opportunity to beautify our special neighborhood by utilizing the talents of our many wonderful gardeners. However material costs are just a small part of this commitment. The time and labor required for these spaces is not minimal as after the installation is completed, various degrees of weeding, watering, deadheading, clean-up, etc. will need to be attended to in perpetuity. Perhaps a whole block could commit to a space or a consortium of enthusiastic gardening friends could share a space in order to share the maintenance load. Access to water via the closest hose spigot is an important component for keeping these spaces flourishing. Most-accessible hose spigot owners can help to make this maintenance chore more user-friendly for the gardeners.

Upon approval, EGA will reimburse the first \$100 of material costs upon submittal of receipts & post-installation. For more info about how you can participate contact Kim Kaulas, 773-761-3668, kaulas@rcn.com

Edgewater Glen Association
Annual Garden Walk
SUNDAY JULY 12, 2015
12 noon to 5 p.m.

Put your Garden in the EDGEWATER GLEN Garden Walk

I live on the 1200-1300 block of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood or Granville and I wish to open my garden for the EGA Garden Walk 2015:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ poison free yard or garden

Back yard only Front yard only both front and back yard

Special features of my garden are: _____

Please mail or drop off this form: Jeff Wegerson, 1240 W. Hood, 533-2795 by July 1. You may also contact Kim Kaulas 773:761-3668 or kaulas@rcn.com and provide her with the information about your garden entry.

**Annual Neighborhood Yard/Garage Sale
is Saturday June 6, Rain or Shine.**

You must be registered to Participate.

- Write your name, street address and telephone number on a 3x5 card.
- Indicate if your sale will be in front yard or garage. (front yard is probably the best location)
- Write a check for \$10.00, payable to Edgewater Glen Assn, and drop it with your 3x5 card in the mail slot of Steve Meiss at 1242 West Hood or Tim Later at 1415 Glenlake. Deadline for registration is Sunday, May 31.
- Questions? smeiss@ameritech.net

What is EGA and What Does it Do for Me?

EGA is one of the oldest continuously operating neighborhood associations in the city of Chicago. We are a registered non-profit (not a 501 C-3), which annual elects board members and officers. In the coming months we will be amending our by-laws. Check the website for information on how you can participate.

Why You Should Join the EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION (EGA) Today

The larger our membership base, the more attention we receive for our concerns. The only funds we receive are from membership dues, the annual garden walk, and maybe from the garage sale. We receive no government funding, so we are totally independent and can speak our mind when needed.

For decade after decade, EGA has worked vigorously to preserve and improve the great qualities of the Edgewater Glen Neighborhood. EGA represents resident's interests at public forums, maintains and works to improve relationships with the area's elected officials and acts as an area advocate on critical issues. From time to time, we have mobilized our neighborhood to fight to maintain the quality of life that brought us here in the first place. We are continuously working to create "The Perfect Chicago Neighborhood," within the beautiful Edgewater community area. You live in Chicago, then Edgewater, and then Edgewater Glen. Edgewater is bounded by Lake Michigan on the East, Ravenswood on the West, Foster on the South and Devon on the North. The Edgewater Glen Neighborhood is bounded by Broadway, Clark, Norwood and the South side of Granville. If you live in this area, please join us.

If you are already a member, it is time to renew your dues for just 10 dollars for a year. Fill out this handy form and bring it to our meeting on April 20th, or mail or deliver to the EGA treasurer, Steve Bishop, at 1229 West Glenlake.

EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION 2015 MEMBERSHIP

Yes, I want to join/ renew!

Name _____ phone # _____

Address _____ e-mail address _____

Dues: \$10, individuals and families

\$25, Institutions and businesses

Please enclose a check with your name and address and mail to or drop off at:

EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION
1229 W. Glenlake
Chicago 60660

I am a new member _____

I am renewing my membership _____

EGA Officers:

President-Tim Later
1st VP-Jeff Wegerson
2nd VP-Kim Kaulas
3rd VP-Steve Meiss
Treasurer-Steve Bishop
Recording Secretary-Dawn Wyman
Corresponding Secretary-Betty Morita