

EGA

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER, 1991

Edgewater Glen Association

EGA's first Fall Harvest Plant Exchange held September 21st at Senn Park turned out perfectly and the weather was definitely with us. Tom Brennan who suggested and organized this event brought his extensive library of catalogs for everyone to browse through. I know for many of us, the remainder of the weekend was spent planting our new bulbs and perennials.

On October 30th and 31st EGA will be judging Halloween decorations. Prizes are \$25 for first prize, \$15 for second prize and \$10 for third prize. Good luck to all.

The CTA plans to close the Thorndale "E1" station in addition to eliminating Owl service for the Clark Street #22 bus. This would have a very negative impact on Edgewater and is your chance to say no. Please attend the CTA Public Hearing Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 PM, Loyola University Crown Center, Loyola Ave. at the lakefront. Join Senator Berman, Ald. Mary Ann Smith, Ald. Joe Moore and EGA in protesting cuts in service to our community.

Although it seems like just last year Lakeview was reassessed, it was 2½ years ago. The quadrennial reassessment is history. In Nov. or Dec., Lakeview property owners will receive notice from the Assessor showing the proposed old and new assessment. Following is an overview of the real property tax reassessment process for Cook County 1991 (payable in 1992) tax year:

- 1) 1991 Tax year is the first tax year of the new triennial (every three year reassessment cycle).
- 2) 1991 Tax year is the first time the entire City of Chicago is to be reassessed.
- 3) The process begins with:
 - a) The receipt of a postcard notice from the Assessor of Cook County showing the proposed new and the old assessment.
 - b) The postcard date defines the beginning of the period within which a protest of the new Proposed Assessed Valuation may be filed with the Assessor.

c) The protest is to be directed at either i) the new fair market value assigned to the property by the Assessor and on which the new proposed assessed value is based, being excessive or ii) the subject property being assigned a new 1991 proposed assessed value, substantially higher than that of comparable properties.

4) If the protest with the Assessor is unsuccessful, the taxpayer is afforded a second opportunity to have a protest filed and reviewed with the Cook County Board of Appeals.

Help is available if you believe your property tax assessment is too high. Appeals can be filed with the Assessor's Office, Room 301, County Bldg., 118 N. Clark St. The Taxpayers Advocate Unit can assist you in determining if you have grounds to file a property tax appeal case. To reach the Unit, call 744-3292.

Complaints must be filed within 30 days of receipt of the new proposed assessed valuation. Therefore, if EGA membership is interested in having our own Workshop set up to assist in filing complaints, please call Sue Green at 764-5418.

Lastly, mark your calendar for NOVEMBER 5th. EGA, EPOCH and BARGE Block Clubs are combining our memberships for a public safety meeting at the Armory at 7:30 PM. Detective J. J. Bittenbinder of the Criminal Investigation Division of Chicago Police Dept. will tell us how not to become a victim of crime ... what precautions an individual can take to avoid street crime and crime related to our homes and apartments, the office, on public transportation, crime related to seniors, what should parents tell their children. Please plan to attend this one hour presentation which is meant to be a family affair - bring your children.

EGA extends its sympathy to Marilyn Long and her family and to Terry Riley and his family. Both Jay Long and Pat Riley were long time residents of Edgewater Glen and Pat was very active in EGA. Their community input will be missed.

SAVE THE THORNDALE "EL" STOP !!!!!

DO YOU WANT TO WALK TO GRANVILLE OR BRYN MAWR FOR AN "EL" TRAIN?

**THINK ABOUT YOUR WALK HOME WHEN IT IS SNOWING, RAINING,
OR WHEN THE WIND CHILL IS (-)40° BELOW 0.**

**YOU BETTER PICK UP YOUR PHONE AND CALL THE CTA AT 744-3081 AND
LODGE YOUR OBJECTION TO THE CTA'S PLAN TO CLOSE OUR "EL" STOP. SO
DON'T WASTE TIME, CALL THE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
SHOW UP TO THE HEARING, AND TELL ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS TO COME WITH
YOU.**

**ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER OCTOBER 30TH AT LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY CROWN CENTER, LOYOLA AVE. AT THE LAKEFRONT, 7:00 PM.
TAKE THE "EL", ASSUMING IT STILL STOPS THERE.**

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND TO VOICE YOUR CONCERN, BECAUSE IF YOU
DON'T, THE CTA WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE THE THORNDALE "EL" STOP PERMANENTLY.**

IF WE DON'T SPEAK UP, THE CTA WILL CONTINUE TO CUT SERVICES.



EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION

PLEASE READ THIS!