



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

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About the Newsletter

Twice a year we put out an old-fashioned paper newsletter. For the most current news, we always suggest that you visit our website at edgeglen.com. and like our Facebook page, Edgewater Glen Association. You can sign up for email alerts on our web page. Also, our neighbor and EGA activist Scott McDonald has a fantastic Facebook page called the Edge Glen Daily. Scott covers all the news in our neighborhood and reports tidbits from other neighborhoods around Edgewater.

Edgewater Glen Spring Meeting is April 4 at St. Gertrude's

This meeting is a great place to meet your neighbors and get up to date on the latest goings on. Our 48th ward Alderman, Harry Osterman, will be in attendance to give us an update on the 48th Ward and give you an opportunity to ask him questions specific to Edgewater Glen. We anticipate that he may bring along the new owner of the building at 6125 Clark (Clark and Hood Ave.) to explain his plans for 14 new rental apartments in that former commercial building. A representative of Chicago Filmmakers will make a presentation on

their new facility now under construction in the old fire house on Ridge. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM with a social ½ hour and then the program begins at 7 PM.

Edgewater Glen Residents Love to Garden

That's right. Spring is a great time here in the Glen. A time when those front and back yards; parkways and corners, start to sprout with all kinds of surprise greenery and blooms that shout, "Look at me!" We have three events each year relating to gardening. First comes the **annual plant swap**, which takes place on Saturday, May 28 from 10am to noon in the back yard at 1420 W. Glenlake, weather permitting. This is a great opportunity to get some species you might not have and trade off stuff that you might have surplus. It is a great social event and a way for you to meet your gardening neighbors and exchange tips and secrets in addition to the plants. Milkweed seeds will be on hand once again as we continue to promote Monarch Butterfly habitat in the neighborhood.

The second big gardening initiative is the **corner grants**. EGA gives away up to

\$100 to residents who wish to adopt one of our parkway corners. These very-visible spaces are an opportunity to beautify our special neighborhood by utilizing the talents of our many wonderful gardeners. Material costs are just a small part of the deal, however. The time and labor required for these spaces is considerable because after planting comes the weeding, watering, deadheading, clean-up, etc. for this year and many years to come. To make it easier, perhaps a whole block could commit to a space. Or, a group of enthusiastic gardening friends could adopt a corner and 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 of a proposal, EGA will reimburse the first \$100 of material costs upon submittal of receipts and after the planting is done.

The biggest event of our gardening season is the Annual Garden Walk, which has been ongoing for at least 40 years. Many residents open up their back gardens for visitors to tour. And, there are some fantastic gardens in Edgewater Glen. This year's event takes place on July 10 and will feature the gardens in the Western part of the Glen, from Glenlake to Clark, Granville to Norwood. It only costs 5 dollars and you get to register for prizes too. It is also a time when we ask you to pay your annual EGA dues (if you have not already done so) or to join up if you are not already a member. The starting point is at 1420 Glenlake. Entry form is at the end of this newsletter. All of our gardening events are coordinated by our EGA board member,

Kim Kaulas who can be reached at 773-3668 or kaulas@rcn.com.

The 22nd Annual Edgewater Yard Sale is set for June 4, Rain or Shine.

It just gets bigger every year. Last year we had more than 50 participants in the Glen. 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. This even includes almost all of Edgewater and attracts buyers from all over the city. The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce is signing up business to participate too. 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. Complete registration information is at the end of the newsletter.

Block Party Black out Days

EGA and the broad-based Edgewater Yard Sale Organization have requested that Alderman Osterman issue no block party permits for any streets in Edgewater Glen on June 4 (yard sale day) and July 10, Garden Walk day. We ask that all our blocks respect this request by NOT applying for block party permits on those days.

Who is EGA? Where is Edgewater?

EGA is YOU. If you live within our official boundaries, which are the west side of Broadway to the east side of Clark and the south side of Granville to the alley south of Norwood. You may live in a house, condo, or apartment, it does not matter which, you live in Edgewater Glen and should become a member of the EGA. However, whether or

not you pay the 10-dollar annual membership, you will always be welcome at our monthly board meetings that take place on the first Monday of most months in the St. Gertrude's ministry center, just north of the Church on Glenwood. We certainly urge you to attend our big general membership meetings, which are held in the spring and fall.

Edgewater Glen is a neighborhood (as described above) contained within Edgewater. Edgewater is one of the 77 official community areas in the city of Chicago. Edgewater, running from Foster to Devon and the Lake to Ravenswood, is the second densest community area in the city. Lincoln Park is the densest. Edgewater contains other neighborhoods such as Edgewater Beach, Magnolia Glen, Andersonville and Lakewood Balmoral.

Most of the neighborhoods within Edgewater have strong block clubs and neighborhood association. Edgewater also has two chambers of commerce, the Edgewater Chamber and the Andersonville Chamber. We also have two development corporations. Edgewater has two Special Service Areas (SSAs), which work to make our business districts stronger. The largest SSA in Edgewater includes the area along Broadway from Foster to Devon and then West on Devon to just west of Glenwood. The other SSA begins in Uptown at Ainslie and runs North on Clark through the Andersonville business district and stops at Victoria. Sometimes there is confusion when we hear, "Andersonville and Edgewater." The truth is that Andersonville is a part of Edgewater and a part of Uptown too.

Put your Garden in the 2016 EDGEWATER GLEN Garden Walk

I live on the 1300-1400 block of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood or Granville and I wish to open my garden for the EGA Garden Walk

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Check if your garden is poison free

Back yard garden only Front yard garden only both front and back

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.

22nd Annual Neighborhood Yard/Garage Sale is Saturday June 4, Rain or Shine.

You must be registered and paid in advance to Participate. Registration is \$10.00 per dwelling unit. If you live in a condo or apartment, the cost is \$10.00 per each household participating. To register, use this handy form.

- Write a check for \$10.00, payable to Edgewater Glen Assn, and drop it with your registration form in the mail slot of Steve Meiss at 1242 West Hood. Deadline for registration is Sunday, May 29.
- Questions? smeiss@ameritech.net or text him at 773-502-6229

I want to participate in the big sale.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My sale will be in (check one) Yard ____ Garage ____ (yard is best for visibility)

What is the Edgewater Glen Association (EGA) and What Does it Do for Me?

EGA is more than just a "block club." 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), with Board Members annually elected by dues paying members.

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

The larger our paid 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 yard sale.

Unlike most other organizations in Edgewater, we receive *no city funding*, so we are totally independent and can speak our mind when needed, like we have done in the past and will likely do in the future. Fill out the form below and bring it, along with your dues, to our meeting on April 4 or drop it off at the address indicated. We thank you very much.

EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Yes, I want to join/ renew!

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone: _____

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

EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION

1229 W. Glenlake
Chicago 60660

Dues are 10 dollars per year for individuals and families. For business and institutions, dues are \$25