

EGA Beautification Committee

Tom Brennan received so many requests for another plant exchange that he has organized a Spring Plant Exchange -- and to make it as convenient as possible, Tom has offered his back yard (1451 W. Norwood) for the gardeners to bring the perennials that have outgrown their gardens. Tom is also prepared to answer all our questions, i.e., what grows best in sun, shade, what's the best fertilizer, etc. We can also learn from one another. Barge and EPOCH Block Clubs have asked to join in on the exchange, so we know there will be lots to choose from.

ECC's Beautification Committee has received a grant which was matched by Alderman Smith to beautify 3 small strips of city-owned property on Ridge between Broadway & Glenwood. Tom is active on that Committee and is asking for some plant donations (perhaps your hosta's need thinning). A flyer detailing the Rites of Spring Plant Exchange is attached to this newsletter.

**EGA Glenfest**

July 12th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM is the date for the EGA Glenfest. It has been decided to forego the Garden Walk this year to give all the wonderful gardeners a chance to utilize this summer to recreate our gardens using our new bargains from the plant exchanges. Next year the garden walk can be reinstated with a new fresh look!!

Therefore, the Glenfest will be centered around family day with free balloons for the children. The traveling zoo will be there along with the jumping jack and fire department. Hot dogs and pop will be sold and we will also provide free lemonade. Don't forget to bake for our bake sale table. We will also have our raffle and a bigger and better children's raffle. The Glenfest will be located on Greenview between Glenwood and Norwood.

## Public Safety

EGA again appeals to its neighbors to leave your porch light and yard light on all night. Our 24th District Neighborhood Relations Divisions reminds the membership to display your home address on your garage and/or back fence. Edgewater Glen is fortunate to be a relatively crime free neighborhood. One of the primary reasons is that this is a community of homeowners that spends a great deal of time outside working on yards and/or sitting on their porches. The more neighborhood activity, the less chance there is for a crime to be committed. We must continue our community spirit and always be sure to report anything out of the ordinary to 911.

Fire destroyed garbage carts on two separate dates -- each happened at approximately 7:30 AM. If you see any unusual activity in your alley, please call 911 immediately. Charcoal, lighter fluid, newspapers, old furniture and other flammables left next to garages and dumpsters are easy targets. If you need a special pick-up from Streets & Sanitation, call 744-2130 for the 48th Ward office or 744-0940 for the 49th Ward office and a special pick up will be made. This also keeps a cleaner alley and discourages garbage pickers from wandering through our alleys.

## EGA Handyman's List

Judy Matthews received several calls recommending good plumbers, electricians, etc., but she needs more. Please call if you have a reputable floor sander, landscaper, carpenter, heating/airconditioning, painter, etc. We'd like to get this list to our membership soon. Call Judy at 262-6118.

## Operation Greenstreets

Trees are available for the parkway in front of your home. Please call Sue Green if you need a tree planted -- or if you need your tree trimmed. Sue still has a supply of paint from Chgo. Paint & Coatings Association for anyone that has graffiti on their garage. Call Sue at 764-5418.

## Senn Park Playlot

Have you seen Senn Park Playlot lately? It looks wonderful and more and more parents and children are taking advantage of this newly redone park. More than 75 children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt even though it was a chilly windy day.

### Are You A Member?

Now is the time to join or renew your membership. Don't delay! Send in your check today. We appreciate your support. Your 1991/92 dues supported the Edgewater Alleycats 6th grade bowling team from Hayt School, Edgewater Community Council, Care For Real Food Pantry and Berger Park.

Dues for 1992/1993 are:

- \$5.00 - Individual and Senior Citizen Membership
- \$7.00 - Family Membership

Please give this membership form to your block rep or mail it to: Florence Hurter, 1505 W. Norwood.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### A L S O

I will bake for the Glenfest bake sale (clip or call Judy Matthews @262-6118 or mail to 1419 W. Hood).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (ITEM)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## Rites of Spring Plant Exchange

Due to popular demand, and exacerbated by an over abundance of asters, the tradition begun last year with the Fall Harvest Plant Exchange will be continued this season with the **Rites of Spring Plant Exchange**. The intrepid gardeners who participated in the fall exchange have been clamoring for a repeat performance - they have a glut of *Gloriosa's*, a host of *Hostas*, and an excess of *Euphorbia* and *Echinacea* (to name but a few), whilst they suffer a absence of *Alliums*, a paucity of *Papaver*, and a conspicuous scarcity of *Sedums*.

Perennials, those soft tissue foliar and floral beauties that return year after year, usually outgrow their garden space allocation every 3-4 years, necessitating the chore of digging, dividing, and replanting. For most perennials, this process is essential to maintain vigorous and healthy growth. But what to do with the leftovers? And how to afford to increase the variety of perennials in your garden when your savings account is yielding 3.5%?

Bring those orphans and leftovers to the **Rites of Spring Plant Exchange**. If your garden is still maturing and currently is a consumer rather than a producer, come to the Plant Exchange; you won't leave empty-handed. We also expect to have a display of mailorder sources and their catalogs to browse through. There may even be on hand a few self-proclaimed plant "experts" to offer advice and field questions.

**Day and Date: Saturday May 30, 1992**

**Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Place: 1451 West Norwood Street**

**Questions: 761-1053 (Tom Brennan)**



### **Adopt-a-Corner Program**

For several years, some of the residents of Edgewater have been maintaining floral displays in the small parkway plots at the intersections of streets near their homes. These pie-shaped parcels of plantable property have become colorful oases throughout Edgewater's diverse neighborhoods. The Edgewater Community Council through its Edgewater Beautiful Committee would like to encourage more of its citizens to get involved in this volunteer activity. Materials are available which offer guidelines to the preparation and planting of these corner plots. There are even schematics for themed plantings; for example, you might want to try either the *North American Native Prairie*, the *Drought Busters*, the *Glorious Greens*, a *Lazy Man's Grasses*, or the *Subtle Shade Lovers* plan.

If you are interested in trying your hand at "greening up" a corner near your home, contact your Block Club rep or the Edgewater Community Council for more information and to receive your official Adopt-a-Corner Registration Kit. Additional information will be available at the Rites of Spring Plant Exchange as well.

### **Edgewater's Newest Park**

Thom Greene, chair of the Edgewater Beautiful Committee, has recently negotiated with the Chicago Park District for the transfer of a parcel of land to Edgewater, and has secured funds to landscape the space. This green space, located near the intersection of Hollywood and Ridge, will be the site of some intensive planting activities in the next several weeks. If you wish to participate in this volunteer botanical bash, contact the Edgewater Community Council for more information. If you already do enough physical labor in your own garden, another way to be part of this enterprise is to donate a plant or two. Not just any plant, but specifically, the unofficially recognized Edgewater Community plant, the ubiquitous *Hosta*. Sometimes known as the Plantain Lily, formerly *Funkia*, hostas grace many an Edgewater residence. Put a little of yourself in the park by bringing a hosta to the Rites of Spring Plant Exchange. The volunteer gardeners will see that it receives a prominent and pleasing placement.

