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## EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### EGA PLANT EXCHANGE

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
**10:00 A.M. until Noon**  
**at Sue Green's**  
**1420 W. Glenlake**

Dig up and divide some overgrown Hostas, Phlox, ferns, Bee Balm, Iris, Lily of the Valley, Astilbes, peonies and other perennials. Bring them to the plant exchange and go home with new varieties to enhance your garden. Many perennials need to be divided to continue their healthy annual blooming. There's no cost, just a service of EGA. Meet **Kim Kaulas** a resident of EG and authority on perennial gardening. **Kim** can be reached at 761-3668 for garden consults.

### ANNUAL EGA GARDEN WALK

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
**NOON to 4:00 p.m.**

maps and refreshments will be available

All EGA residents are invited to show their beautiful gardens and to join neighbors to tour the other beautiful gardens of Edgewater Glen. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Incredible but true, in the shadow of the Sheridan Road high rises, we're growing tomatoes, eggplants and

zucchini as well as waterfalls and water lilies, fish and turtles, and gorgeous flowers from Asters to Zinnias. You must see them!

Contact **Betty Barclay-465-2226**  
or **Jeff Wegerson -465-8140** if  
you can help or if you wish to  
display your garden.

### COMMUNITY POLICING

Police districts are divided into small beats so that police and neighborhoods can work closely together to solve neighborhood problems. Edgewater Glen is a part of Beat 2433. Our Beat meetings are held at the **Edgewater Branch Library at 7:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month.**

### NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS

After a rash of broken windows of businesses on Broadway in Edgewater Glen, **DOROTHY HUFF** of Glenlake and member of Community Policing, organized neighborhood walks, contacting residents to walk the neighborhood on week-end evenings from 9 pm to midnight to discourage vandalism. Thanks to Dorothy and her volunteers there has not been a recurrence of broken windows. If you would like to join the walkers, contact: **Alice Czech at 973-4613**

### REMOVE THOSE DEAD TREES

If you have dead trees in the parkway in front of your home or trees that are overgrown and in need of pruning, the City Forestry Dept will come and cut them or trim them...only if they're in the parkway, not on your private property. **DAWN WYMAN** is making a list of trees needing attention to forward to the Forestry Dept. so please contact her at: **338-3887.**

### EGA GENERAL MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The EGA General Meeting held on April 2, at the Granville Avenue United Methodist Church was very well attended and afforded the community an opportunity to hear from local alder persons, Mary Ann Smith and Pat O'Connor. Our apologies for the crowded conditions, we neglected to factor in the impending Rummage Sale at the church.

Ken Brucks, Executive Director of Edgewater Community Council spoke about the ECC goals for the community. A major planning study of Edgewater was conducted with the cooperation of the City. The N.E. Edgewater plan included: Granville Avenue "Urban village" retail corridor; development of Broadway from Glenlake to beyond Walgreens; West side of Broadway to be of mixed retail use and North of Granville on Broadway to have an "affinity with Loyola University and the Ismaili Group"



Ald. O'Connor spoke about the TIFF study underway for Clark Street, the goal being to encourage development of a residential nature from Rosehill to Pratt. He also mentioned that Hollywood Video at Clark and Granville would be completed in about three months.

Ald. Smith spoke about the desire to make the community "walkable" with the goal to reduce through-traffic with additional Metro stations. A new Walgreens is to be built at Broadway and Bryn Mawr. There is a TIFF study on Broadway too.

The question and answer period elicited many questions about Hollywood Video, it's potential for garish signage and impact on traffic, safety of school kids and Minas a local business which has been a good neighbor for many, many years. The response was, "don't patronize them if you don't want to, it's a competitive business." The unresponsiveness to the community by Del Ray Farms was also questioned. The response was that the organization was in financial difficulty. (We have since heard that Walgreens has purchased the property.)The response to questions about vacant storefronts was that a couple of the places have environmental problems caused by leakage of gas from previous businesses.

**TRAFFIC IS A PROBLEM**

Are you concerned about the speed of traffic going down your residential street? Especially when your children are out playing? This has

been a major concern of the EGA Board. Some options that have been considered are: 1.)Permit parking (according to Ald. O'Connor, he can facilitate this easily as a result of a new City ordinance but neighbors would need a petition to do so.), 2) speed bumps, 3.) traffic circles, 4.) pinch points, 5.)cul-de-sacs, and 6.) chichanes. We have heard pro-and con on all these possibilities, we need your input! Please contact Steve Meiss 274-6227 with your ideas.

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

In the last edition, we said, "In the interest of good health, cleanliness and sanitation, dog owners are asked to pick up after their dogs..." We have heard from one new neighbor that some anti-dog doo folks posted a sign to that effect on their newly painted garage door and damaged the finish....and they don't even own a dog! C'mon folks, let's not be over-zealous, let's get the facts! However, we still want dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

**IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS BEEN "TAGGED"**

Prompt removal of graffiti is a deterrent so if your fence, your home or your garage has been vandalized by graffiti thugs, paint over it or remove it as quickly as possible. The City has a graffiti removal squad, available through the Alder person's office which uses a chemical to remove it. Call Ald. Smith at: (773) 784-5277 or Ald. O'Connor at: (773)769-1140

**KEEP PORCH LIGHTS ON**

Front porch lights add safety to the neighborhood. Please turn on your porch lights at dusk. You might consider a light sensor which will automatically turn the lights on at dusk.

**40th WARD "BLITZ"**

Word from Ald. O'Connor's office is that From May 26th until June 1 There will be a "Ward Blitz " to fix things up. Street lights will be fixed, graffiti removed, abandoned cars towed, and rodent control .If you know of any services that are necessary on your street or your block, or alley, please contact Ald. O'Connor's office at (773)769-1140. There will be bulk pick up on June 6 your large items should be at the regular pick-up spot by 10:00 a.m.

**YOU NEED A GARAGE SALE PERMIT**

If you are planning a garage sale or yard sale, you need to obtain a permit from your aldermanic office or ward sanitation office. You are limited to two sales a year and a third one only if you are planning to move within six months of the date of the sale. You are entitled to post signs on your own property only, not on any City property such as light poles, traffic signals, bus stops, etc.

Information for next newsletter will be welcome at Rita Thomson's 1437 W. Hood or Betty Morita at 764-2475,1229 W. Hood

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**SIGN UP FOR THE EGA ANNUAL GARDEN WALK  
SUNDAY, JULY 12  
12 NOON TO 4 P.M.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special Features of my garden are \_\_\_\_\_

I will help with  planning  publicity  door prizes  distribution of signs  other \_\_\_\_\_