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Spring 2004 NEWSLETTER

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Broadway corridor development to continue

EGA members met area developers at the March and April meetings to hear proposals for condominium developments on Broadway.

In March, developer Tam Tran proposed a six-story, mixed-use building at 6124 N. Broadway, on the west side of the street just north of Glenlake. Tran attended

with architect John Splitt to discuss the building, which would see retail on the first floor and five floors of two-bedroom, two bathroom condos. After demolition, construction is expected to begin in Fall 2004.

In April, another developer told EGA he plans to build a five-story building on the east side of Broadway near Glenlake, on the current site of a car wash. He proposed a red brick and limestone building with 78 units, evenly divided between one and two bedrooms, and a retail office on the ground floor.

Expecting continued growth on Broadway, EGA board members have agreed to recommend to the Alderman that buildings on the west side of Broadway not exceed four stories in height to maintain some uniformity with current buildings and that developers work to have owner-occupied businesses on the first floor of mixed-use projects.

More meetings with developers are expected in the coming months, as developments near Rosemont and Broadway get underway.

EGA also discussed meeting with surrounding community groups to discuss formalizing

community views and recommendations about growth in the Broadway corridor. Look to your e-mail for a notice about that meeting.

Let EGA know how you feel about ongoing development in the area by contacting us at edgewaterglen@yahoo.com, or Marge Britton, head of residential and commercial development and zoning issues for Ald. Mary Ann Smith, at 773.293.8412, or Marge@MASmith48.org

The Garden Walk needs you—and you, and you!

The Edgewater Glen Garden Walk is Sunday, July 11, from noon until 4:00 p.m. The starting point is 1420 W. Glenlake. Cost is \$4 per person, children free.

For information on how to showcase your garden (see attached form) or to volunteer to staff the registration desk, contact Betty Barclay at 773.465.2226 or Jeff Wegerson at 773.533.2795. Or e-mail EGA at edgewaterglen@yahoo.com

EGA elections in July

During the Garden Walk, EGA members should be prepared to vote for new officers. Let EGA know if you're interested in

running for office by contacting Michael Evans at 773.743.2131 or edgewaterlen@yahoo.com to get your name on the ballot.

EGA offers funding for corner beautification

The EGA Parkway Corner Beautification Program will provide 50 percent matching funds up to \$200 for materials that a resident purchases to beautify area parkway corners.

An important note: neighbors already actively maintaining a parkway corner, please call Kim Kaulas at 773.761.3668 to confirm your specific corner. (It is not our intention to intrude on anyone's good efforts.) The program aims to improve any unkempt or plain turfgrass parkway corners.

Funding is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, so contact Kim as soon as possible about your interest.

New consortium adopts a parkway corner

After confirming that no one else is maintaining the southeast corner of Glenlake and Glenwood, NEST—Edgewater Glen Resources for Landscaping, Interiors & Real Estate—will design, install and maintain the area.

NEST members are: Kim Kaulas, landscaper; Jacquie Garrett, interior designer, and Enid Winters, realtor.

Call for artists

True Nature foods seeks submissions from local artists for a new storefront art space and community-building art appreciation project. Artists residing in Chicago's Uptown,

Andersonville, Edgewater or Rogers Park neighborhoods are encouraged to submit work in any medium to be considered for display in 2004-2005.

Send a bio and contact information, along with 4-6 digital photos or slides of work, including artwork's dimensions, to: **One for All Gallery**, c/o True Nature Foods, 6034 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60660. Please specify if student. Include SASE for returns.

UPDATE ON AREA ISSUES, PROJECTS Glenlake repair work to start in late April

Reconstruction work on the sidewalks and street of 1200 and 1300 blocks of Glenlake is expected to begin around May 3, with a final layer of asphalt being laid after reconstruction work is completed.

Ernie Constantino, aide to 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith, requests that residents of these blocks forward special concerns and requests about the work to EGA President Michael Evans or to Constantino directly at ernie@masmith48.org, 773.293.8411.

Armory work progresses

An estimated 800 phone surveys were conducted this winter to determine what areas resident would specifically like to see in a renovated space. To get involved with this project, contact the Park District's project manager Ann Miller at ann.miller@cpd.com and consider joining the Armory Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of

each month at 7 p.m. at the Armory.

Plan for nature preserve moves closer to reality

Rahm Emanuel announced to 40th Ward residents in late February that he's secured \$3 million in federal money to complete the funding of the purchase of the northwest end of historic Rosehill Cemetery from SGI Corporation.

Ald. Patrick O'Connor and residents have worked to preserve land where there are no graves and to prevent commercial development of that area. O'Connor has worked to put together \$10 million needed for the purchase.

For more information, contact Ald. O'Connor's office at 773.769.1140 or ward40@cityofchicago.org

LOCAL BUSINESS

Several EGA members have good things to say about **Blue Elephant**, a BYOB restaurant at 1235 W. Devon, near Magnolia. Billed as "Asian Inspired Cuisine," the food is affordable, beautifully presented and good. (A parking lot and delivery services also don't hurt!)

Raven Theater, 6157 N. Clark Street will preview *The Interview* April 27-29. The Chicago premier of the show, directed by Teri McCaskill, open April 30 and runs through June 6 in the studio. For tickets and more information, call Raven's box office at 773.338.2177. Tickets also are available online at www.ticketweb.com

Let EGA know about businesses you'd recommend to neighbors

by contacting newsletter coordinator Genevieve Waller at 773.508.5590 or gwaller@rcn.com.

REMINDERS

Keep Senn Park safe

Reports that an early morning exerciser is destroying plantings and allowing dogs to run unleashed in Senn Park Tot Lot have prompted the Senn Park Advisory Council to ask residents and early morning commuters to notify police by calling 911 if they see anyone doing damage to the park.

Residents also shouldn't hesitate to report suspicious or criminal behavior such as drug dealing. Let's each do our part to keep the park safe and beautiful!

Dog owners urged to consider Senn campus

In an open letter to EGA members in March, Senn High School principal Judith R. Hernandez asked area residents to be considerate of the students, parents and teachers at the school and keep dogs leashed.

Remember that Ald. Smith has said she'd like to start work on a dog park near Senn High School, but she needs a committee to help her.

Contact Tom Samuels, head of Smith's transportation, parks and public way issues at 773.293.8417 or

Tom@MASmith48.org if you're interested in joining such a project.

Attendance at CAPS crucial to area safety

Edgewater residents are urged to attend monthly CAPS meetings. Meetings are held at the

Edgewater Public Library the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m.

Report graffiti ASAP

Area residents should call 311 immediately about graffiti defacing private or public property—including light poles, street signs and mailboxes.

When reporting, be able to give the location or closest address of the graffiti and a description of it (i.e., color and approximate size; how high up the graffiti is; surface that the graffiti is on; whether it appears gang-related.)

EGA board meetings open to all

To better serve members, we've moved our meetings to the Edgewater Community Council Building at 6044 N. Broadway. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, and begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

If there's a particular issue you'd like to discuss at an upcoming meeting, please contact EGA President Michael Evans at 773.743.2131 ahead of time.

EGA now on Yahoo!

Due to our increased membership (a record 162 members at last count), the Edgewater Glen Association is now a Yahoo! group. Reach us at edgewaterghen@yahoo.com.

Contact the newsletter

If you've got news or event information you'd like to share with residents of Edgewater Glen, let us know! Deadline for inclusion in the Summer newsletter is Saturday, July 31. Contact newsletter coordinator Genevieve Waller at

773.508.5590 or gwaller@rcn.com.

CALENDAR

May Events

Saturday, May 1

The City of Chicago sponsors its 16th annual "Clean and Green" and "Give Graffiti the Brush" neighborhood cleanup day. Call 311 to register.

Saturday, May 1 at 10 a.m.

Edgewater Development Corporation holds a meeting to discuss the results of a community and economic survey conducted in March.

The meeting is held at Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway. For more information, contact Adam Burck of EDC at 773.506.4016.

Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m.

Friends of Edgewater Branch Library will throw a 15th Anniversary Celebration featuring the jazz sounds of Mike and the Heat Merchants at 1210 W. Elmdale. For more information call 312.744.0718.

Saturday, May 29

10 a.m. to noon

Edgewater Glen's semi-annual plant swap takes place at 1420 W. Glenlake.

Don't throw away those extra hosta, ferns, groundcovers and flowers when other neighbors can put them to good use! Local landscaper Kim Kaulas will be on hand to discuss horticultural issues along with info regarding the EGA Parkway Corner Beautification effort.

Tuesdays in May
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Edgewater Community Council hosts a four-session seminar to assist multi-unit residential building owners and managers in Edgewater, Uptown and Rogers Park with their properties. Held at the ECC, 6044 N. Broadway, the series is led by the Community Investment Council. Cost is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the first session. To register, call CIC at **312.258.0070**.

For additional information, call the Edgewater Community Council at **773.381.1349**.

Sunday, May 30
5 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation's annual Bike the Driver fundraiser begins at Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park and offers riders the chance to go 15 or 30 miles. Entry fee is \$35 for adults, \$30 for Federation members and \$20 for kids.

For more information on the event and volunteer opportunities visit www.BikeTheDrive.org or www.biketraffic.org

EDGEWATER GLEN GARDEN WALK
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2004
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

I/We wish to participate in the EGA Garden Walk:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I/We would like to showcase:

Back yard only

Front yard only

Front and back yards

I do not plan to show my garden, but I would like to volunteer in another capacity (i.e. staffing registration/election desk, hosting a block refreshment stand). Please contact me.

Please describe your garden, including any special features or anything of which you are particularly proud. (EGA will use this information for the Garden Walk map.)

Please mail this form to or call for more information:

Betty Barclay, 1310 W. Hood, 465-2226

Jeff Wegerson, 1240 W. Hood, 722-5000