



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

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Zoning Referendum: March 21

EGA Says Yes to Referendum

The Edgewater Glen Association urges its members to vote **Yes** on March 21 to the ballot question regarding new construction on Broadway:

Shall new construction on the west side of Broadway between Devon and Foster be limited to no greater than four (4) stories in height?

The EGA has worked hard over the past year to prevent construction of high-rise buildings along Broadway. Ballots in our precincts will include the referendum question, and Alderman Smith has repeatedly stated in public that she will respect the positions of the local block clubs, and the outcome of the referendum, in making her final decision on Broadway zoning.

The EGA urges you to vote so that our collective voice determines the future zoning for our neighborhood, not real estate developers or other groups from outside the area.

Neighbors Say Yes to Referendum

Nearly 500 of the green "Yes! to B1-2 Zoning" signs line the streets of the neighborhood. All of the neighborhood associations with direct frontage on the west side of Broadway, from Devon to Foster, have joined EGA to support B1-2 ("Dash 2") zoning.

The final zoning on Broadway will shape the community for years to come. Lots on the west side of Broadway are 125 feet deep and back up directly onto residential properties. EGA and the other neighborhood associations are on

record supporting the B1-2 classification, which specifies lower height and density for new development. The dash 2 classification will keep new development along Broadway more compatible with the existing residential character of our neighborhood. Dash 2 is also the only real tool available to the community to insure local control over future development.

The EGA asserts that a **Yes** vote brings these positive results to the neighborhood:

- Limits new construction to no more than 4 stories in height



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- Moderates residential density—less traffic in the alleys and more street parking
- Maximizes neighborhood input on new development
- Improves the quality and affordability of new developments
- Protects the quality of life in our neighborhood

After the Broadway issue is resolved, the EGA will continue to work to ensure a sensible zoning classification for the east side of North Clark. A **Yes** vote on March 21 will help to prevent high-rise developments on the western edge of the neighborhood.

Election Facts

Date: Tuesday, March 21

Time: 6 am to 7 pm

Polling places: Precincts 50 & 51, Granville Methodist Church
Precinct 30, Edgewater Library
Precinct 38, Immanuel Lutheran Church

Referendum position: Last item on the back side of the ballot

To vote on the Referendum without declaring a party for the Primary Election, request a "Referendum Only" ballot.

Join the Efforts!

There are more than 2,200 potential registered voters to reach before the election in the four referendum precincts and three separate polling places to cover on Election Day. Your efforts will make a difference in the neighborhood.

- Talk to your neighbors and friends about the referendum. Tell them what is at stake.
- Put a "Yes! to B1-2 Zoning" sign in your yard
- Before Election Day, remind your neighbors about the election and referendum

- Volunteer to distribute flyers in the precincts
- Volunteer time on Election Day, passing out literature and remind neighbors to vote **Yes**

To volunteer and for a "Yes! to B1-2 Zoning" sign, please contact the following: Steve Bishop, bishop342@aol.com or 773-262-0064; Kim Kaulas, kaulas@rcn.com or 773-761-3668; Jeff Wegerson, jw5@roscoecompany.com or 773-533-2795.

Update on 6124 N. Broadway

The site of the former Shade Shop was exempted from the current zoning moratorium and the 48th Ward's Planning & Zoning Committee approved a five-story building under protest by the EGA board. New owners have purchased the property and have committed to using the plans as presented by the past owner. However, they must have the neighborhood's approval for the alley access they need. We have invited them to EGA board meeting at the ECC offices at 6044 N. Broadway on April 3, 2006, 7pm. All EGA residents are welcome.

Gas and Sewer Projects

Gas Projects

Peoples Energy is upgrading gas service and replacing and moving meters and regulators to outside locations on Hood and Norwood, from Broadway to Glenwood. Company representatives will contact homeowners to talk about the location for the new exterior meter. The goal is to make the meter as unobtrusive as possible. According to Ernie Constantino of the 48th Ward office, Peoples Energy may plant shrubbery in front of the meter or paint the meter to

hide it from street view. For more information, contact Ernie Constantino, Aide to Alderman Mary Ann Smith, 48th Ward, 773-293-8411, ernie@masmith48.org
Peoples Energy, North Shop, 3955 N. Kilpatrick, 7am-4pm Derrick McGhee 773-491-9522 or 773-794-6842, 4-7pm Rick Rogalski 773-457-3739

Sewer Projects

Sewer main construction projects will then begin on sections of Hood and Norwood in April or May. The job should be completed by late June, depending on weather and other factors. "No Parking" signs will be posted as needed during work hours (7am-4pm, Monday-Friday). This should not interrupt sewer service, although old pipes can break during heavy construction. In case of an emergency shutdown, Department of Water Management will go door-to-door advising of a shutdown. For questions, contact the foreman on the street or Tom Laporte at 312-742-1029.

Community Activities

Edgewater Community Council Community-Building Activities

The Edgewater Community Council is encouraging neighbors to get to know neighbors—the foundation for a strong community and a livable neighborhood. The strength of community is based on the strength of connections between people. When there are no connections, there is no community.

In late March, the council will host three events designed around neighbors' common interests and concerns. The events are focused

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on activities that residents say they would like to do together.

Dog Walking/Safety Patrols: Join your neighbors in dog walks and safety patrols. Learn more Wednesday, March 22, 7 pm, ECC Office, 6044 N. Broadway.

Book Club: Attend the first meeting and support a local business. Monday, March 27th, 7 pm, Pause Café, 1107 W. Berwyn Ave.

Bridge: Bring a partner or meet one here. Like to learn? One table is reserved for tutoring new players. Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30 pm at Marogails, 1100 W. Thorndale.

For more information on these activities, call 773-334-5609.

Northside Catholic Academy Fundraiser

Support Northside Catholic Academy, which serves many neighborhood children, in a premier fundraising event. The elegant evening features wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, music and auctions. It will be held on Sunday, April 29th at 7:00 pm in Loyola University's Simpson Center.

Families interested in learning more about the school are invited to attend the academy's next Preschool & Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, March 23rd from 9:00-10:30 am at 6216 N. Glenwood Avenue. For more information on either event, call 773-271-4310 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org.

Edgewater Historical Society Fundraiser

The Edgewater Historical Society will hold its annual fundraiser on Wednesday, April 5th from 6-9 pm at

Leonardo's Ristorante, 5657 N. Clark. This year's theme is *Crossroads*: the trails, roads and streets of Edgewater.

Taste Tuscan hors d'oeuvres and sweets as you enjoy music, a Clark Street trivia quiz, the silent auction, door prizes and a cash bar. Pioneer and explorer dress encouraged.

Donation of \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. To register, contact the society at 773-506-4849.

Edgewater Community Council Spring Benefit

Join the council on Thursday April 6 at the Raven Theater for refreshments and Landford Wilson's play *Book of Days*. Call 773-334-5609 for more information.

Around the Neighborhood

Edgewater Historical Society lecture "Reardon's Alleys," Saturday March 18 at 10 am at the society building. For more information, visit www.edgewaterhistory.org.

Edgewater Recycling Center for Corrugated Cardboard at True Nature Foods at 6034 N. Broadway. Place pre-flattened corrugated cardboard through the slot in the fence located along Norwood. No cans, paper, or plastic.

Free gardening slide shows by local landscape designer and Chicago Botanic Garden lecturer Kim Kaulas:

- March 22 7-8 pm at True Nature Foods, 6034 N. Broadway, "Small City Spaces, Imaginative Landscapes"
- April 18th at 7-8pm at the North Shore Baptist Church at 5244 N.

Lakewood, "Multi-Season Interest for City Gardens"

Edgewater Library Book Sale, March 25 from 1-4:30pm at 1210 W. Elmdale. Hardcover books \$.50, paperbacks \$.25. Donations welcome. For more information, call 312-744-0718.

EGA Parkway Corner Landscaping Program, for those intersections not under construction due to gas & sewer work. Fifty percent matching funds from EGA, up to \$100 per parkway corner, for perennial plant materials. Contact Kim Kaulas for pre-approval at 773-761-3668 or kaulas@rcn.com.

EGA Spring Plant Swap, Saturday May 27 from 10am til noon at 1420 W. Glenlake. A great time to find a home for plants you have too many of, take home new treasures to experiment with, and meet your gardening neighbors. Even if you don't have plants to swap, come towards noon as we always have extra plants that need a home.

EGA Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday June 3. Save the date. More information to come.

EGA Garden Walk, Sunday July 9. Details to come.

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Join the Edgewater Glen Association Today!

For thirty years, the EGA has been vigorously preserving and improving the great qualities of the Edgewater Glen neighborhood. The EGA represents residents' interests at public forums, maintaining and improving relationships with the area's elected officials and acting as an area advocate on critical issues.

The EGA serves residents of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood and Granville bounded by Clark on the west and Broadway on the east and continues to work toward creating "The Perfect Chicago Neighborhood."

I would like to join!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

- \$10, Individuals and families
- \$25, Institutions and businesses

Please enclose check with you name and address and mail to:
EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION
1409 West Norwood Street
Chicago, IL 60660

The EGA has great opportunities for members to volunteer! Help work toward a better neighborhood by donating your time. Take advantage of the opportunity to join your neighbors as a volunteer member of the Board of the EGA or as an elected officer.

EGA meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7 pm at ECC at 6044 N. Broadway. The next meeting will be April 3. All EGA members are encouraged to attend.

Stay on top of neighborhood goings on by including your e-mail address. Our webmaster will keep you posted on local meetings, activities, 48th Ward Office notices and other valuable information.

We encourage submissions to this newsletter. Please email them to Kim Kaulas at kaulas@rcn.com.