



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

May 2007

Edgewater Glen Association Gardening Activities

Winter is becoming more and more of a distant memory, the birds are chirping, the earth is warming and we are thinking about outdoor gardening projects here in the Glen.

EGA has again approved matching funding for the PARKWAY CORNER BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

For corners in need of some attention, EGA will reimburse 50% of material costs up to a maximum \$100 per parkway corner for pre-approved projects. Eligible materials include perennials, shrubs, soil amendments, and mulch. Annuals are not eligible for matching funds. Contact Kim Kaulas at 773-761-3668 or kaulas@rcn.com for available locations and program pre-approval.

The popular EGA PLANT SWAP will be held Saturday May 26, 2007

The swap is from 10am until noon at 1420 W. Glenlake. This is a great time to meet your gardening neighbors to share extra hostas, ferns, etc. and/or find some botanical treasures to experiment with in your own garden plot. Even if you do not have plants to swap, come towards noon as we always have extra plants that need a home.

Famous Edgewater Glen Garden Walk set for Sunday, July 8

Details about this year's garden walk are on the back page of this newsletter. There is a registration form to use to enter your garden. Remember, all gardens are welcome. Gardens are works in progress and your garden does not have to be perfect to be in the walk. If you have not participated before, please consider it this year.

The great big Edgewater Garage Sale is Saturday, June 2, 2007 9am - 4pm...Sign up Today!

Last year, over twenty EGA families participated. We want it to be an even bigger event this year. The sale includes several neighboring block clubs. We handle the advertising and city licensing. All you have to do is sign up and pay EGA \$6.00, if you are dues paying member, and \$10.00 if you are not a member. **Registration is easy.** Simply call Steve Meiss, EGA President, at (773/502-6229) by Tuesday, May 29, and let him know you would like to participate. Alternatively, send an email to smeiss@ameritech.net and tell him your address, phone number, and if your sale will be in the front or back of your residence. He will register you for your permit and list your address on the neighborhood sale map.

Whether you are listed on the map or not, if you are selling on the sale day, we will need to collect a fee from each seller. **Make your check**

payable to the Edgewater Glen Association and drop it in the mail slot at 1242 West Hood. Please write "garage sale" on the envelope. Your contribution supports EGA and helps defer printing and advertising costs. Remember... *"Your junk is someone else's treasure."*

RuthsList, an email group of more than 100 neighborhood families, will be selling a cookbook as a charity fundraiser in late summer/early fall. The recipes come from our "meal train"-the meals we cook for each other when one of us has a new baby, or is in a time of need.

RuthsList was started a few years ago by a group of moms who met in the "Families Together" playgroup program at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The email list is a way for members to seek advice, share news about the community, and organize the occasional "girl's night out". In addition, if someone on the list has just had a baby, or is otherwise in need, the list coordinates a "meal train", providing dinners to the family in need for approximately two weeks.

Though the group is mostly young families, everyone is welcome. Membership has progressed by word of mouth, which helps to keep the group "among friends". With over 100 members, the group was looking for more ways to give back to the community, and thus the Meal Train Cookbook!

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Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go to two neighborhood organizations: Care For Real, and the Families Together Program at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Anyone interested in ordering a cookbook or learning more about RuthsList should contact Audrey Berns at aberns@sbcglobal.net or (773) 338-8819

SLAM DUNK – Neighborhood 8TH BOYS' NCPL CHAMPIONS!

"NCA 8TH BOYS' TEAM PUTS ON AN UNFORGETTABLE and HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

On Friday, March 23 at St. Benedict's gym, the North side Catholic Academy 8th grade boys' basketball team put on an unforgettable performance against the skillful and talented St. Viator's team which will surely go down in NCPL history as the game of the century.

The profound desire to win the championship was relentless in the hearts of the NCA 8th grade boys. The combination of quickness, strength, fiery 3-pt. shots, perseverance, awesome defense, and smart and well-mannered coaching brought the NCA 8th boys' basketball team to WIN the "NCPL" Championship.

NCA Coaches:

Francisco Alvarez & Rick Proppe
NCA Players: Joey Proppe, Michael Lucas, Kenrick Osinaike, Jozef Caushi, Alex Markle, Jonathan Inthavong, Billy Tobin, John McDonnell, Daniel Whorf, Anthony Nguyen, Mathew Korn, Michael Doan, and Daniel Rincon

Clark Street Fire Station?

About a year ago, we wrote an article that started out, "Do not hold your breath, but that large vacant parcel of land running along the west side of Clark St. between Elmdale (Peterson) and Glenlake may soon be a construction site." Well, it is a good thing you did not hold your breath because groundbreaking, according to the city schedule, is about a year late. The latest word is that construction contracts have been awarded. We are not going to speculate when things will get underway, but once they are started, construction of the new facility reportedly will take 18 months...but do not hold your breath!

Glenlake & Broadway Stoplight

The light is up and running and it is now safer to cross the street. However, we are still waiting for the city to increase the walk time and to put in the appropriate crosswalk stripes. Nevertheless, it is a vast improvement and we owe a big thanks to our Alderman, Mary Ann Smith.

Edgewater Glen Publisher Taps Local Talent

Need help with your home renovation? Edgewater resident Bill Resch has the answers; he is the author of *50+1 Tips When Remodeling Your Home*. Bill grew up on Glenlake and now lives in west Edgewater. Not to be outdone, Alicia Marie Smith is an author and co-author for two titles: *50+1 Greatest Sports Heroes of All Times* and her forthcoming book *50+1 Tips for Going Green* (due out in July). But let's not stop there: *50+1 Tips for Buying and Selling*

Your Home in Any Market, authored by the real estate powerhouse of Dawn and John Wyman will make its debut in the near future. These Books are available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore on Sheridan, at www.encouragementpress.com and www.amazon.com. Encouragement Press, LLC was co-founded by Michael Jeffers, a former EGA president and owner of the big purple house with the beautiful garden on Glenlake.

Bryn Mawr "Bricolage" Mural Project

Edgewater Glen residents, many of them children, have already contributed many handcrafted objects to the historical Mural, which will be installed on the wall of the viaduct on Bryn Mawr beneath Lake Shore Drive. EGA expects to host more events this coming summer. Watch for flyers and emails. For more information, or if you have items to contribute to the Mural, contact Gina Caruso at g_m_caruso@yahoo.com or Steve Bishop at Bishop342@aol.com.

Reminder

Please attend our neighborhood Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at the Edgewater branch library at Elmdale and Broadway.

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Mike Volini Announces His Retirement as 48th Ward Democratic Committeeman

Edgewater Glen resident Mike Volini surprised his many supporters and neighbors recently when he announced that he was stepping down from the influential post he has held for nearly 20 years. Mike is widely respected for the integrity and fairness that he has demonstrated over the years as leader of the Democratic Party in the 48th ward. Mike was instrumental in the Granville vote dry effort, lending his expertise before and during the referendum process. EGA congratulates Mike on a job well done and extends to him our best wishes.

Please Join the Edgewater Glen Association (EGA)

EGA is one of the oldest neighborhood associations in Chicago. Every household within the boundaries of our area (Norwood to the south side of Granville and the West side of Broadway to the East side of Clark) is eligible to be a member. Dues are just ten dollars per year. The money you pay for dues helps us to publish this newsletter, to support a few neighborhood causes, and, occasionally, stage a battle for the rights of the neighborhood, as we did during the Broadway zoning battle more than a year ago. So, if you are already a member, remember your 2007 dues. If you are not yet a member, please join today. To renew your membership or join for the first time, put your name, address and email address on a card in an envelope with a **check made payable to Edgewater Glen Association.**

Drop the envelope with your check and mailing information in the mail slot of Mike Evans at 1409 Norwood.

Need City Services? Call 311

Chicago's 311 services is a wonderful thing that really works. Try it the next time you see that a tree needs trimming, abandoned auto needs towing, or when you observe other non-emergency problems.

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President	Steve Meiss
First VP	Steve Bishop
Second VP	Kim Kaulas
Third VP	Tim Later
Treasure	Jeff Wegerson
Recording Secretary	Dawn Wyman
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Morita

Regular EGA meetings are on the first Monday of the month at the ECC offices at 6044 Broadway. All are welcome to attend and actively participate in our community processes.

Liquor Sales Finally Halted in Two Stores at Winthrop and Granville

A battle of many years concluded on Friday, May 4 when 24th District police officers removed the city liquor licenses from Granville Liquors at 1100 Granville and Sun Food and Liquors at 1101 Granville. The election precinct in which the two stores are located was voted dry in a special referendum more than three years ago, but the two stores have staged a fierce battle in an effort to keep peddling booze. The stores first tried to stop the measure from going on the ballot and then fought all the way to the Illinois Supreme court. The victory would not have been possible without the *pro bono* services of Mayer Brown Rowe and Maw through one of their associates and neighborhood resident Patricia Sharkey. Sharkey is president of the Edgewater North Neighbors Block Club and the Granville Task Force. The Edgewater Community Council, including residents of Edgewater Glen, tried for many years to get the cooperation of the storeowners, particularly in discouraging panhandling and loitering in front of the stores. The stores will be allowed to remain open, but will not be allowed to sell any alcoholic products.

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GARDEN WALK 2007

SUNDAY, JULY 8

12 NOON TO 5 pm

Starting point – 1420 W. Glenlake

For maps and information

\$5.00 donation children free

Register for door prize drawing

Enjoy refreshments at select locations

Vote for EGA Officers

EDGEWATER GLEN GARDEN WALK

SUNDAY, July 8, 2007

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

I wish to participate in the EGA Garden Walk:

name _____ address _____

Phone # _____

Back yard only Front yard only both front and back yard

Special features of my garden

Are: _____

Please mail to or call: Kim Kaulas, 1353 W. Norwood, 761-3668 or
Jeff Wegerson, 1240 W. Hood, 533-2795 by July 1, 2007.