



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

May 2008

**EGA Plans Spring
Neighborhood Meeting on May
8 at 7 PM**

Plans are in place for an EGA neighborhood meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 8th at the school Cafeteria at St. Gertrude's. Doug Fraser, Chief of Staff for Alderman Smith, will be on hand to answer questions about development, zoning, traffic and other issues that may be of concern for Edgewater Glen residents.

Paul Boyd, long-time Edgewater Community leader, will make a presentation on efforts for provide more lakefront access for the public from Hollywood to Devon. Privately owned high-rise condominiums block most of our access, making mockery of the original idea that the lakefront should not be the private domain of a few.

Leroy Blommert of the Edgewater Historical Society will make a presentation on the importance of historic preservation in our neighborhood. Concerns have grown in recent years as more and more old homes are torn down for new construction.

Please plan to attend this important meeting to keep in touch with what is going on in the Glen and meet your neighbors. A brief reception, featuring wine, soft drinks and snacks will precede the formal part of the meeting.

**EGA Spring Plant Swap Sat.
May 24, 2008, 10am-Noon
1420 W. Glenlake**

Don't throw away those thinned out hostas, ferns, etc. Save them to share with your neighbors at our spring plant swap. Join good neighbor Sue Green and local landscape designer Kim Kaulas and meet your gardening neighbors! Even if you don't have anything to share, please join us. We always have extra plants that just need a home. Hope to see you!

**EGA Garden Walk July 13,
2008 – 1400 & 1500 Blocks
Only**

Our popular summer garden walk usually includes 40-50 gardens with about 100 attendees. However the gardens located to the extreme east-in the 1200 block close to Broadway, and the extreme west-in the 1500 block close to Clark, typically have very few visitors. Thus, the EGA Board decided to try a 2-year experiment to hopefully increase the exposure of our beautiful gardens on the borders of the Glen.

As determined by coin toss, this summer we will highlight the gardens of the western part Edgewater Glen, with just the 1400 & 1500 blocks featured in the traditional event, which takes place this year on July 13, 2008, from noon to 5pm.

In the summer of 2009 we will switch directions and showcase the gardens of the eastern portion of

our neighborhood, the 1200 & 1300 blocks. To make up for the 12 and 1300 block gardens, We encourage more gardeners to share their outdoor spaces. If you are in the 1400 & 1500 blocks and exhibited in the garden walk last year, you'll automatically receive a renewal form to confirm your participation. **If you didn't participate last year, we'd like to strongly encourage you to do so by filling out the entry form on the last page of this newsletter.**

**EGA Parkway Corner
Beautification Program
Continues in 2008**

For those corners in need of some attention, EGA will once again reimburse 50% of material costs up to a maximum of \$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.

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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EGA Volunteers Needed

EGA is a 100% volunteer run organization. In addition to serving on our Board of Directors, there are many other ways for you to participate in supporting your local block club. We are currently in need of volunteers for the following important positions.

- Newsletter Editor - Edit, write stories, and lay out the EGA newsletter two times a year.
- Represent EGA on the following standing committees of the Edgewater Community Council (committees usually meet monthly):
 - Housing and Community Safety

- Planning and Development
- Edgewater Beautiful
- Block representatives to the EGA Are ideal, is that when we meet on the first Monday of every month, we would have at least one person there from every block in our neighborhood. We are missing some blocks. Remember, our boundaries are the West side of Broadway, East side of Clark, South side of Granville and both sides of Norwood, Glenlake and Hood.
- Serving on the EGA Board. Officers are elected to the Board by the membership at our annual Garden Walk. If you are interested, just contact on of the EGA Board members listed in the left column
- If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities listed above, or for more information, please contact our First Vice President, Steve Bishop at Bishop342@aol.com

Farmers Market – June 28th Opening

Edgewater Glen is fortunate again to be the home of this summers Edgewater Farmers' Market. The Farmers' Market, sponsored by Alderman Mary Ann Smith, the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and True Nature Foods, promises to be better than ever.

Beginning **Saturday, June 28** and running through Saturday, October 18, 7 a.m. - Noon, you'll find the finest and freshest produce

and flowers, at the corner of Broadway and Norwood (6034 North). Returning vendors include Ellis Farms (fruit), Schringa (vegetables), B&LGardens (organic vegetables), Earth First Farms (apples and cider), Red Hen Bakery, Country Cottage (eggs and chicken) and Edgewater Soaps. Mark your calendar; come on out, eat the best of fresh, and shop local!!

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Coming to Edgewater Glen on June 7

Saturday June 7 (rain or shine) is the date set for our annual all neighborhood garage/yard sale. Edgewater Glen, along with other neighborhoods in our immediate area, get together to create a very large event that attracts customers from a wide area. The event will be heavily advertised. The cost is \$5.00 per seller. When you register for the sale, you become officially a part of this licensed event. Deadline for registration is May 24th. This is what you need to do to participate.

1. Write a Check for \$5.00 Payable to the Edgewater Glen Association
2. Write your name and address on a piece of paper and tell us if you will be in your garage or in your front yard. This is crucial information.
3. Mail the check and information to Steve Meiss 1242 West Hood, or just **drop in the mail slot.**

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Remember the Alley Behind Your Home...It Needs Cleaning Too

If you don't do it, it won't get done...cleaning the alley that is. The city does not clean them, but relies on you to do the chore.

We got word recently of a Good Samaritan wielding a broom in the alleys in the 1400 block of Glenlake. Bill Gaynor, who grew up on the 1300 block of Glenlake, is the good mystery saint who has been cleaning up the alleys. He lives in a condo on/Elmdale, and is doing this because it needs to be done. What a guy. The message here is that we should get out and take care of our own mess.

Car Alarms...Oh How They Annoy Us!

Recently the alderman's office got word of some chronic noise pollution on Granville in the form of car alarms going off on a nightly basis. So, here is a reminder of just what the law is. If you have a problem on your block, just call the police!

9-76-150 Burglar alarms.

(a) In any vehicle equipped with a continuous or intermittent audible signal device which acts as a burglar alarm, such device shall be limited in operation to four minutes after activation and shall be incapable of further operation until reset to become active again.

(b) No person shall install or maintain in any vehicle registered in the city any continuous or intermittent audible signal device for use as a burglar alarm unless the

device is equipped with an automatic shut-off mechanism to terminate the alarm sound after four minutes and an automatic reset mechanism to reengage the alarm for further operation. No person shall operate or park on any roadway any vehicle equipped with any continuous or intermittent audible signal device for use as a burglar alarm unless the device is equipped with an automatic shut-off mechanism to terminate the alarm sound after four minutes and an automatic reset mechanism to reengage the alarm for further operation.

(c) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each offense. Any person who violates this section a second time shall be subject to a fine of \$75.00, any person who violates this section a third or subsequent time shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00. Each installation and each use of an alarm in violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense; provided, however, it shall not be a violation of this section to operate a device for a period of time in excess of four minutes if the device is designed to be triggered by the unauthorized opening of the hood, trunk or door of the vehicle, or by the breaking of a window, and the operation of the device in excess of four minutes was so caused. A violation of this section on a roadway is hereby declared a public nuisance which may be abated by removing such vehicle to a city vehicle pound or authorized garage. **(This means towing!!)**

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.

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. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and is a great way for you to share your concerns about neighborhood safety with the Chicago Police Officers who patrol our streets.

ECC...You Should Become a Member

Nearly two hundred residents of the Glen are dues paying EGA members. This is fantastic, but you should also think about joining ECC, our big umbrella neighborhood organization, which advocates for us on a daily basis. To find out all about them, visit the web site at: <http://www.edgewatercommunitycouncil.org/>

Doggy Do Do...It's a No No

Remember to pick up after Fido. It is the law, but it is also just common courtesy and common sense. Rats love to eat dog poop, so please pick it up before it becomes a banquet for a rodent.

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GARDEN WALK 2008

SUNDAY, JULY 13

12 NOON TO 5 pm

Starting point – 1420 W. Glenlake

For maps and information and to make your

\$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 13, 2008

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.