



EGA NEWS

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Edgewater Glen is bounded by the west side of Broadway, the east side of Clark, the south side of Granville and both sides of Norwood.

The **EGA Board** meets the first Monday of every month at 7pm at the Edgewater Community Council office, 6044 N. Broadway. All are welcome.

For more information about EGA, contact Steve Meiss at smeiss@ameritech.net

Edgewater Glen Association Reception & Meeting February 26th 6:30pm

Please save the date to attend the EGA Winter Reception & Meeting Thursday February 26 in the St. Gertrude's school cafeteria [insert address here]. We'll start with a "get-acquainted" reception at 6:30 followed by the formal meeting. State Representative Harry Osterman will attend to offer a state update. Doug Fraser, Chief of Staff for 48th Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith, will present a Ward Report. Robert Remer will talk about upcoming plans for the observance of the Edgewater Community Council's 50th Anniversary. Also invited is 40th Ward Alderman Patrick O'Connor (representing residents on the north side of Hood from Greenview to Clark).

Zoning: R2 vs. R3

Currently the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, and Hood are zoned R2, while the 1200 and 1300 blocks are zoned R3. What does this mean? These classifications determine lot size, building square footage, minimum rear yard, floor area ratio (FAR), and height. Clear as mud? Indeed the City's Zoning Code can be difficult to understand.

A zoning classification (e.g. R3) determines how large a structure can be built on a lot for both new construction and rehabilitation. For example, R3 zoning allows for a larger single-family home on a smaller lot built further onto the backyard. In addition, R3 allows two-flats on certain lot sizes, while R2 only permits single-family homes.

Some neighbors have expressed concerns about "mega mansions" appearing in the R3 portion of Edgewater Glen. (Cont'd. p2)

Aldi's & Edgewater Meet March 5th 7pm

The Edgewater Community Council ("ECC") and Edgewater Development Corporation ("EDC") invite neighbors to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 5th to consider a proposal for a new Aldi's grocery store in the new high-rise condo building at Granville and Broadway. The meeting will be at the ECC offices at 6044 Broadway. Aldi's position on the following and other issues important to Edgewater residents will be discussed:

Sustainability: Aldi's position on making this a "Green" project (building design, shopping bags, food distribution, etc.)

Employee Benefits: Aldi's position on living wages since 49th Ward Ald. Moore, in whose ward this is located, advocates for living wages

Food Quality: Plans if any for organic, fair-trade, and/or locally produced choices

Accessibility: How will seniors and physically challenged people get around, bag their groceries, etc.

Liquor License: EGA and other groups fought long and hard to eliminate problem liquor stores on Granville. Will Aldi's want a liquor license?

Traffic: What provisions will Aldi's make to balance the needs of pedestrian, bicycle and auto traffic and to support our goal of a walkable neighborhood?

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Re-zoning to R2 might be an option to mitigate "mega mansions". Re-zoning is also possible for sections of the neighborhood; for example Glenlake, and/or Norwood are good candidates since these streets have a larger number of single-family homes than the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Hood. This is one of the items on the agenda of the February Community Meeting. Please come to gain a fuller understanding of the potential benefits and negatives of re-zoning, ask questions, and voice your opinion.

Where (exactly) is Edgewater Glen?

If you live in the area bounded by the west side of Broadway, east side of Clark, south side of Granville and the south side of Norwood, you live in Edgewater Glen. These have been the neighborhood boundaries for over 40 years when EGA was formed to serve its residents.

The fact that the real estate community brands projects outside these boundaries as being in Edgewater Glen is a sign of our neighborhood's desirability. While EGA welcomes new members, we may want to inform residents in the new "Edgewater Glen" condo building at Rosedale and Broadway they are actually in E.P.I.C. a great area, but not Edgewater Glen.

Permit Parking in Edgewater Glen?

Currently, the 1500 blocks of Glenlake and Norwood have permit parking, which gives the residents of these streets exclusive right to public on-street parking spaces 24/7. Meanwhile, neighboring Edgewater Glen residents in the 12-1400 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood, and Granville often have no parking available after 9pm. What do you think is a fair and holistic approach to on-street parking in Edgewater Glen? Should all of Edgewater Glen be a single permit parking district? In meetings with Ald. Smith, we have discussed the idea of expanded permit parking in Edgewater Glen. Parking and traffic issues often lead to spirited discussions. It took us nearly a decade to reach a consensus on speed humps so likely the permit parking discussion will also be a long one.

Keep up the Good Work, Harry!



Kudos to our own Edgewater Glen resident and Illinois State Representative Harry Osterman for proposing legislation last year for much-needed Illinois campaign contribution limits. In light of recent highly-public abuses by our state officials, this type of legislation is obviously needed. Please offer your support to Harry as there are many forces in Springfield who are working against this effort.

Need A New Sidewalk? Call 3-1-1

Have a cracked sidewalk in front of your home? Call "3-1-1". Chicago's 311 operators will process your request. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis. You may receive approximately \$3.00 per square foot, and perhaps less for qualified senior citizens.

Have a Safety Concern? Attend CAPS

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. CAPS brings the police, the community, and other City agencies together to identify and solve neighborhood crime problems, rather than simply react to their symptoms after the fact. For more information, visit www.cityofchicago.org.



EGA Garden Walk Showcases 1200 & 1300 Blocks

This year's EGA Garden Walk on July 12th will feature the gardens of East Edgewater Glen. Our new format is a smaller area so participants can enjoy the quality rather than quantity of gardens. This year showcases the 1200 and 1300 blocks from Granville to Norwood. More information will follow...

Not as Bad as the Blizzard of '67

Edgewater Glen residents Jr. and Betty Morita found these family photos of the great Blizzard of '67 when Chicago was stuck under 23" of snow that fell over a 29-hour period. People could not get to work and those at work could not get home! The record for a one-calendar day snowfall was set January 2, 1999 when 18.6" fell. The 1967 record was for a 24-hour period (5:02am January 26th – 10:10am January 27, 1967.)



Left: Hood & Broadway (Sindair sold gas for 38 cents a gallon). Below: Broadway looking South at Hood Ave.



Left: Looking east on the 1200 block of Hood Ave.



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Business Community Updates

Bornhoffen's is now Holzkopf's

The transfer took place more than a year ago, so it might be time for you to stop in and get acquainted with Mark Holzkopf. He has kept the best of what the Bornhoffen's offered and put his own touch on the landmark establishment. This is the type of meat market where your grandparent's shopped. In fact, it is so historic that rumor has it that the market will be featured in an upcoming History Channel program on old-time meat markets.

Bananas Foster "spends it local" by buying their meat from Holzkopf's.



Mark fills an order (third from right) while John Clarke (showing off nice chops) helps on busy weekends.

Bananas Foster Warms It Up

The much anticipated opening of Bananas Foster arrived February 2nd at the southeast corner of Granville and Broadway. The menu offers full Irish breakfast (beans, tomatoes, soda bread and Irish loin bacon) and French toast. Lunch and dinner offer fried fish and chips, shepherd's pie and French lamb stew. EG residents Steve Meiss and Gina Caruso were the first customers at 6am on Day 1. They report having a delicious ham and egg breakfast washed down with great LaVazza coffee.



Walk to your Workout



Karla Shelton is moving her renowned "Know no Limits" workout facility from Andersonville to Edgewater Glen at the corner of Hood and Clark. Karla's

state of the art facility will occupy the entire first floor of the former funeral home and blighted corner. The second floor will continue to serve as residential units. Find out about "Know no Limits" at www.know-no-limits.com.

The Pumping Company...Again!



In the 1920s, the Pumping Company in Edgewater supplied local fire trucks with fuel and water. Today, the Pumping Company Bar & Grill supplies a different kind of fuel – great food and drink selections. The new management is committed to good food at affordable prices, such as grilled burgers, pizzas and ribs.

Village North Theater: The Sequel

The Village North Movie Theater (formerly the 400 Theater) at 6740 N. Sheridan has closed its doors, but will open in late Spring 2009 under new ownership and extensive interior and exterior renovations. The new owner plans to continue to show first-run movies in all four theaters, and also plans to occasionally show art films and provide some live performances in the largest theater, such as poetry readings, comedy acts, children's activities and other cultural events. A movie theater within walking distance is another great amenity for our community.

Feed Your Inner Swede

The Swedish American Museum located at 5211 Clark offers fun programs that bring out everyone's inner Swede:

Herring Breakfast & Entertainment Sunday, March 1, Noon – 2pm
Features a traditional fried herring breakfast, potato sausage, and entertainment by Karen Linblad. \$20 members; \$25 non-members

Pancakes with Pippi Saturday, March 14, 9am
Join Pippi Longstocking for Swedish pancakes, crafts, and dancing, Pippi-style. Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members.

Celebrate "VÄFFELDAGEN" & the Nordic Voices of Chicago
Sunday, March 29, 3pm
Enjoy Swedish waffles and cheerful singing! The Nordic Voices of Chicago sing traditional and contemporary Scandinavian songs. Cost: \$12 members; \$15 non-members.

For reservations for these and other programs, call 773-728-8111.

Edgewater Environmental Plan 2020

An Edgewater Community Council committee is developing an environmental plan to make Edgewater the most sustainable community in the city. To learn about the Plan, contribute, and to see how you can benefit, attend their next meeting on Thursday March 12th at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan from 7pm – 8:30pm; parking is available.

As Edgewater residents implement appropriate parts of the plan, our homes should be more comfortable, we should save money on our energy costs, shopping should be more convenient, and our community should be a more desirable place to live.

Really Care: Help Care for Real

Care For Real™ provides food, clothing, household items and referral services to the Edgewater Community. Most of their clientele come from low-income and below-poverty level households; all are residents of Edgewater or the immediate area. They make referrals to other food pantries for residents outside of their service area. They also serve infants to seniors. They accept donations of dry food, canned goods, and household items. To donate, call Care For Real at 773-769-6182 or email them at careforreal@juno.com. Their facility is housed in the Edgewater Community Council building at 6044 N. Broadway.

Local News Source at Everyblock.com

www.everyblock.com offers current information on local crimes, property transfers, restaurant inspections, and much more. Click on 'Chicago' and then enter your zip code or street address.

Ding Dong...Dig!

The City launched a sidewalk snow removal campaign to encourage businesses and residents to shovel snow from public sidewalks in front of their property. The friendly door hanger encourages owners to be a good neighbor and remove their snow. To download the door hanger and instructions on its use visit www.cityofchicago.org - search for "snow removal door hanger".

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Winter Fun Day
at the Broadway Armory Park
3517 N. Broadway St

Saturday, February 28
11am - 3pm

Games, Music, and Snacks
Bring Your Family!

For more information, call 773-784-2882

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Yes – I support my community. I support EGA.

Your membership donation helps support EGA's community advocacy, the Annual Garden Walk, the Parkway Planting Rebate, this newsletter, and other supportive services to Edgewater Glen residents.

Want to volunteer or have questions? Contact Steve Meiss, EGA President at 73-502-6229 or smeiss@ameritech.net.

Thank you!

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Dues: \$10 per household per year
Membership Cycle: July to July
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