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EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

A SUPER HALLOWEEN

EGA residents did an outstanding job of decorating for Halloween again. Once again the 1400 block of Hood did a unified, spectacular job of lighting up the night as did the 1500 block of Glenlake. Of special commendation are Chester and Linda Sikora at 1413 W. Norwood, Mike & Maureen Volini at 1417 W. Norwood, and Chris and Laurel Thomas at 1443 W. Hood, such delightful decorations they had. We missed the usual creative, spooky porch at 1322 W. Hood...the house has been sold! Thanks folks for helping to make it a light, bright Halloween.

And, where did all the trick or treat goblins come from? Patty Kohn on Glenlake counted 500 kids. Amazing, wasn't it? We're lucky none of the kids were hit by a speeding car or motorcycle. Some of our streets don't have speed humps yet. But, that's another story.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

It was with all good intentions that we tried to get this newsletter out before the holidays. But the monster snow storms that arrived prohibited us from asking the block reps to climb the snow mounds to deliver the papers. And speaking of block reps, now is a good time to thank them for the diligence and determination with which they have faithfully delivered the newsletters and flyers. **MANY, MANY THANKS TO: Tim Wicklin, Steve Meiss, Betty Barclay, Carol Anderson, Mary**

Kennedy, Ted Baran, Ceci Murphy, Judy Wuertz, Catherine Corbett, Theresa Resch (who served two blocks), Jeanne McCurry, Ellen McDermott, Ellen Baren and Luann Paladino. GOOD JOB!

EDGEWATER GLEN TRAFFIC CALMING CONTINUES

EGA will be receiving another round of traffic calming implementation this spring. 40th Ward Alderman, Pat O'Connor approved speed-humps last fall for the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Glenlake and Hood. The speed-hump installation was delayed till this spring due to missing the fall installation deadline caused by the change in weather. Alderman O'Connor's office has assured EGA that they will fight for us to be first in line for spring construction. EGA has requested advance notice of installation dates and exact locations so that we can inform the neighborhood.

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION OF TAX DELINQUENCY

Alderman Mary Ann Smith's office has informed EGA of a new service to taxpayers of Cook County property taxes. The new service would allow property owners to request that a third party, such as an adult child, neighbor or community organization be notified if the property owner's taxes become

delinquent and subject to tax sale. Those interested in obtaining more information on Third Party Notification of Tax Delinquency Program should call the Cook County Treasurer's Office at 312-603-5647.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FREEZE PROGRAMS

The Cook county Assessor's Office reminds property owners to take advantage of the Senior Citizen Exemption and also the Senior Citizen Property Tax Freeze Program. The Senior Citizen Exemption is available to property owners sixty-five years or older and is in addition to the Homeowners Exemption. The Senior Citizen Property Tax Freeze is available to qualifying seniors whose households have under \$40,000 in annual reportable income. To learn more about these programs contact the Cook Count Assessors Office at 312-5603-5300 or online at www.cookcountyassessor.com.

FIRE HOUSE AT CLARK AND PETERSON APPROVED

The Chicago City Council has approved authorization and funding for the acquisition of property at two of the corners of Peterson and Clark Streets to construct a new Regional Firehouse. The addresses of the property to be acquired include both the entire triangle surrounded by Peterson, Ridge and Clark along with numerous, contiguous parcels beginning with the Firestone Tire Store to the one story Worship

building to it's north.

After reading about the new addition to our neighborhood in the Lerner Newspaper, EGA contacted the 40th Ward Alderman, Pat O'Connor's office to get more information. O'Connor's Office said the 14,000 square foot Regional Firehouse would replace Engine 70's quarters on Rosemont and include multiple other types of fire apparatus. Exact details as to the precise location and orientation of the firehouse was still being determined.

MEMO FROM ALD. SMITH

"The City of Chicago will be removing lawn furniture and other objects that have been used to reserve parking spots on our residential streets. In the 48th Ward, the City will be collecting these objects beginning Tuesday, January 16.

Please inform your members and neighbors to remove any objects from the public way parking spaces and parkways by Monday, January 15. Your on-going cooperation is most appreciated."

Ald Mary Ann Smith

CRIME STATISTICS

Did you know that you can get up to date crime statistics in our neighborhood? You can do this by going to the City of Chicago web site at: www.ci.chi.il.us and then clicking on: Citizen ICAM-Police Database. In addition to this information, the City of Chicago web site has a great deal of information

which is helpful to citizens.
courtesy Steve Meiss

RAVEN THEATER COMES TO EGA

The Raven Theater Group has now finalized the purchase of the former supermarket at Clark and Granville. Won't it be nice to have theatrical productions in walking distance? It looks like there will be a parking lot there also.

EGA BOARD MEETING

The next EGA Board Meeting will be on Monday, February 5, at 7 pm at the residence of president, Mike Evans, 1409 W. Norwood. Call Mike at 743-2131 or Betty at 764-2475 if you wish to attend.

SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Once again the Glen outdid itself with beautiful holiday decorations! The 1300 and 1400 blocks of Norwood, the 1200 block and 1500 block of Glenlake, the 1400 block of Hood really looked great. The Evans and Sikoras on the 1400 block of Norwood had some very brilliant decorations. The Koconis Family on Glenlake had their home looking pretty glittery too. It was touching to hear that Fran Kohn of the 1500 block of Glenlake asked that the decorations be put up as usual, just before he passed away.....they looked great! Thank you neighbors for

lighting up the nights.....these winter nights can be long and dreary!

THANKS FOR SHOVELING!

Pearl Richards of the 1200 block of Hood had many neighbors shoveling her walks for her during our unusually deep snow storms. We hope that all the senior citizens in the Glen had such wonderful assistance. Thanks to all of you who did shovel your own walks and looked out after your neighbors too. Also, thanks to the merchants who shoveled, enabling us to walk to Broadway and to the shops and trains with ease.

SHADE PLANTS FOR CITY GARDENS

...A class for the Chicago Botanic Garden to be held at Lincoln Pk. Cultural Center by Kim Kaulas on Jan. 22 & 29, 2001 at 6:30-8:30 pm.cost \$39 for Chicago residents. Call 761-3668 for details.

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Adult Book Discussion Group
3 pm on first Saturday of each month.

Classic Book Discussion Group
7 pm on second Tuesday of each month.

information for next newsletter will be welcome at Rita Thomson's 465-7055, 1218 W. Hood or Betty Morita's at 764- 2475, 1229 W.Hood.

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