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EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we enter the year 2002, the Officers and Board members of EGA wish a most healthy, happy New Year to all the residents of Edgewater Glen. We know that there was a lot of real estate activity in the late fall and we welcome all the newcomers to Edgewater Glen and hope that they will be happy in their new residence and that they will find the fulfillment of their hopes and aspirations here. To those who have left or are in the process of leaving, we wish you the best of fortune on whatever paths your lives lead you.

FANTASY IN LIGHTS!

Wow! wasn't this a most brilliant holiday season in Edgewater Glen? The lights started appearing from right after Thanksgiving and increasingly and in greater profusion as the Christmas holiday approached. Was this a symbolic response to 9/11 that some things reign eternal and that we will not be terrorized? Maybe it was just the warm weather. Whatever it was, the Glen looked great! Thanks to all who lit up the nights. These winter nights can be long and dreary. Bob and Theresa Resch, the Mike Evans, Mike Volini,

and Chester Sikora families on Norwood, the 1200, 1300, 1400, and 1500 blocks of Glenlake, The Peter Koconis Family, Patty Kohn, Richard Webster and Bart Dahlstrom on Glenlake, Rita Thomson, Nick Desmond, Doc Morita, Darren Szrom, Rick Proppe and the 1200, 1300 blocks of Hood, and the Chris Thomas family and all the residents of the 1400 block of Hood did outstanding jobs of decorating. It was great to see the condos and apartment residents lighting up the night. And the back porch decorations at the residence of Steve Moore and Jennifer Chase on Glenlake were cheerful to look at also. Maybe one year Channel 5 will find us!

THE PUMPKIN LIGHTS WERE AWESOME TOO!

The 500 trick or treaters didn't appear this year as in previous years but the neighborhood kids came out full force. The costumes were really great. Some of us were left holding quite a few bags of candy. Some neighbors donated theirs' to the ECC Silent Auction pinata. Once again the 1400 block of Hood and the 1500 block of Glenlake outdid

themselves with the brilliant decorations. Thanks a bunch!

BUT THIS IS STILL THE BIG CITY...

Neighbors are asked to be aware that there has been a gang of kids who have been assaulting folks in Edgewater Glen. Be careful and notify the police (911) if you are aware of groups of young thugs roaming the area.

MEET YOUR ALDERMAN

We are in the process of lining up the elected representatives of our area for an Edgewater Glen meeting. Tentative date is Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gertrudes. A Flyer will be sent out with specific details. If you have a topic of interest or an issue that needs to be addressed, please come. We are interested in the status of the TIF district on Clark and Broadway, traffic calming in Edgewater Glen, crime in the neighborhood, remapping of the Ward Boundries and progress on the new fire station.

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

Appeal your Property Tax Bill with the help of the ECC

The Edgewater Community Council has been very successful in assisting homeowners in our area with reducing their Cook County property tax bills. 90% of Edgewater property owners who filed an appeal through the Board of Review with the ECC help received an average of \$1,200 savings on their Year 2000 tax bills. The ECC has made the process easy and simple. They have done all the work like finding comparable properties and then deliver the Appeals downtown. All you need to do is complete and sign the appeal forms. Call the ECC offices at (773) 506-4015 and speak with Clare Tobin or stop by 9 am to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1042 West Bryn Mawr.

CITY CLERK'S OUTREACH PROGRAM, January 23

Come to the 48th Ward Office on January 23, Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with City Clerk officials regarding assistance in obtaining a U.S. passport, the KIDS I.D. program, forms to make a claim against the City for damage to a car from a pot hole & various senior programs. The 48th Ward Office is located at 5533 N. Broadway Please contact Ann Felger at 773-784-5277 for further information.

Ward Remapping affects our Neighborhood

As of April 2002, the majority of Edgewater Glen will sit within the boundaries of the 48th Ward. Alderman Mary Ann Smith

informed the EGA of this change late last Fall. 40th Ward Alderman Patrick O'Connor will retain the Northside of the 1500 block of Hood and the Southside of the 1500 block of Granville, including the renovated space that will house the Raven Theatre.

The City urges you to Call 311 for needed city services & info

Dialing 311 accesses the system that is making it even easier and quicker to access City services for our neighborhood, get information on upcoming events and programs, and to take care of non-emergency police matters. Coupled with new, enhanced computer software and multilingual operators, the City's 311 system is designed to continue to improve service provided to residents of Chicago. It will also help both the City and the resident to monitor service delivery and ensure that services are provided in a timely manner. So remember, if it's an emergency, call 911. But for other services and an easy route to City Hall, dial 311.

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

1210 W. Elmdale
(312)744-0718

- 1/10 H& R. Block Tax Program
Thurs., 11:00 a.m.
- 1/12 Science Fun-Crystal Creations Saturday,
1:00 p.m. ages 7 and up
- 1/15 Book Discussion - *A Town Called Alice* by Nevil Shute.
Tues., 7-8:45 p.m..

1/19 Mad Hatters, Family Program Saturday.
11: 00 a.m.

1st Saturday of each month
Mini-Book Sales
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mon.-Thur. Homework Help 3 to 5 p.m.

BROADWAY ARMORY PARK

5917 N. Broadway
312-742-7502

REGISTRATION for Winter Classes After School Classes in Theater, Art, basketball, fitness and dance. New program for toddlers also available. Yoga, Aerobic and conditioning classes are available for adults and seniors. Call for more information.

Congress passed an appropriation bill in December which makes almost \$3 million available for capital improvements at the Broadway Armory Park. It has been recommended that the heating, ventilation and air conditioning needs be addressed first.

Broadway Armory Park Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Armory. Contact Ann Douglas at (773)334-5609 if you would like to participate.

PLANTING TIME IS COMING

Kim Kaulas, local perennial garden authority will be offering classes , for the Chicago Botanic Garden on *Shade Plants for City Gardens*, January 21 & 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center. Call Kim for details: 773 761 3668