



# EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**WINTER 2003**

SAVE THE DATE!  
**EGA COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING**  
**Monday, March 10, 2003**  
At THE RAVEN THEATER  
6157 N. Clark Street

Mike Quigley, our representative on the Cook County Board  
And a representative from the Department of Water Management  
will be the featured speakers.

This will be a great opportunity to hear what's happening on the  
Cook County Board (remember? They're the folks who built the  
new Stroger County Hospital, send us our Real Estate Tax bills and  
Are responsible for the forest preserves.)

Also, Sheridan Road will be undergoing a major sewer renovation  
beginning this month and traffic will be rerouted down Broadway,  
impacting Edgewater Glen a great deal. The representative from  
the Department of Water Management will speak to us about the  
issues and will respond to any of our inquiries.

Sheli Lulkin, president of ASCO an association of Sheridan Road  
Condo owners has stated in the February 2003 issue of The  
Malibu East Dialogue: "ASCO is working on getting more police  
officers assigned to help with traffic diversion. We are also  
looking forward to experimenting with traffic diversion techniques  
that we have been recommending for years. One example is  
diverting southbound traffic down Broadway so that their access to  
Lake Shore Drive is from Hollywood. We are asking that there be  
two left turn lanes off of Broadway." Will this impact Edgewater  
Glen? It sure will!

All Edgewater Glen residents are invited and urged to attend this  
important and informative meeting as well as meet and greet  
neighbors after a long, cold, confining winter. Hope to see you all  
There!

## GRANVILLE BROADWAY PROPOSALS

The Edgewater Development Corporation, an offshoot of the  
Edgewater Community Council presented a study and proposal  
prepared by the Smith Group, JJR for the Granville Broadway  
corridor at a meeting in December. This plan is to be submitted to  
developers and major retailers in the hope of attracting them to  
invest in this site in Edgewater. This study also has analyzed the  
demographics of the neighborhood, the attractive qualities as well

as the design needs of the area. EGA has obtained one copy of this  
plan, call Betty Morita if you would like to see it.

## EGA MEMBERSHIP HITS RECORD LEVEL

Paid membership in the Edgewater Glen Association, one of  
Chicago's oldest incorporated neighborhood associations, is now  
approaching the two-hundred mark. Treasurer, Steve Meiss  
reported that as of September 9, 187 residents had become official  
members by paying dues. The fee, \$10.00 helps underwrite the cost  
of the newsletter, the Annual Garden Walk and other community  
efforts. The annual fee, for most residents, comes due in July of  
each year. If you have been a member in the past, but haven't paid  
your dues, please re-consider. If you are new to Edgewater Glen,  
please join us in helping to keep this one of Chicago's premier  
neighborhoods.

Send your dues to:

Michael Evans, President EGA  
1409 West Norwood  
Chicago, IL 60660

Be sure to include your address, telephone number and  
email address.

## A NEW ATHLETIC AND SWIM CLUB IN EDGEWATER

An announcement was just received from the EDGEwater Athletic  
and Swim Club located at 1040 West Granville (in the Sovereign  
Hotel). It promises: a junior Olympic size pool, steam room,  
newly remodeled fitness and locker facilities, state of the art  
equipment, rooftop tanning garden, towel service, personnel  
training, aerobics, yoga, dance, pilates and aqua fitness training.  
Phone # is: 773-262-2455, email: edgewaterathletic.com

## RAVEN THEATER TO CELEBRATE TWENTY YEARS

Clifford Odet's classic, "Golden Boy" will herald the twentieth  
anniversary of the Raven Theater Company, opening on March 16  
2003 at 7:00 p.m. Previews will be held March 8, at 8pm, March  
9, 3pm and March 11, 13, 13 and 15 at 8pm. Preview tickets are  
\$12. In the Studio theater, two Harold Pinter plays, The Room  
and Victoria Station will continue until February 23 on Fridays and  
Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. tickets are \$12.

For kids, Sophie's Stories, three modern fables Walter the Wolf, Pepito's Story and Monkey Trouble will be presented on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 p.m., tickets are \$7.00. Group rates and birthday parties are available.

Call 773-338-2177 for more information for all Raven programming and reservations.

**EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE  
SPRING BOOK SALE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2003  
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Used books at very modest prices, \$.50 for hard cover books and \$.25 for paperbacks, will be available as well as magazines. The Friends of the Library will welcome volunteers to help sort books and set up the sale, as well as donations of used books. Contact Terry at the library or call (312)744-0718.

Meanwhile, Homework help will continue at the library on Monday, Feb. 24, Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Tuesday Morning Book Club will be discussing "Voyage of the Narwhal" by Andrea Barrett at 10:00 a.m. February 24 and The Creative Writing Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 27.

**YES, SPRING IS COMING!**

Kim Kaulas, resident Edgewater Glen Perennial Gardener will be teaching a class at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Monday, February 24 about "Perennials for City Gardens." Call Kim for details : 773-761-3668.

**THE LINGERING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

A few twinkling lights, a Santa here, a beribboned wreath there, remind us of the holidays just passed when Edgewater Glen was decked out in all it's glory. Thanks to all the residents who participated in lighting up the nights. A cruise around Edgewater Glen was beautiful. The 1300, 1400 blocks of Norwood, the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Norwood, the 1200 block and 1400 blocks of Hood were all spectacular. Thanks to the apartment dwellers who decked out their porches and windows, they really enhanced the neighborhood.

**VOTE DRY ENDEAVORS**

There is an effort underway in our neighborhood (Edgewater) to have a vote dry referendum placed on the February 25 ballot. The issue revolves around two liquor stores at the corner of Granville and Winthrop in the 32<sup>nd</sup> precinct of the 48th ward. These stores have been a safety issue for years and repeated efforts to gain the cooperation of the owners have been mostly futile. These two stores hold the only liquor licenses in the precinct. Only these two stores are affected by the referendum. The Edgewater Community Council and neighborhood supporters of the vote dry issue will hold a vigil at the corner of Winthrop and Granville on Sunday, February 23 at 3 pm. in hopes of drawing more attention to this issue. The corner of Winthrop and Granville has been a top priority

at CAPs beat 2433 meetings since the meetings began nearly ten years ago. In addition to the problem of the two liquor stores anchoring opposite sides of the street, the corner is the scene of prostitution and drug dealing.

In December and January, a petition drive to get the vote dry issue on the February ballot was mounted by the neighbors with the help of the Edgewater Community Council. More than the requisite number of signatures was obtained. As expected, the stores have mounted a huge effort, including a court challenge to the validity of the petitions, to prevent the issue from getting on the ballot. So far, the storeowners have prevailed in court by challenging the validity of the signatures on our petitions.

The judge ruled against us at almost every turn, including our request to present witnesses who would swear to the validity of our signatures. We were also ready to present witnesses who would testify to intimidation by the owners when asking petitioners to revoke their signatures supporting the referendum.

The vote dry group will appeal to the Illinois appellate court this week, in hopes that the judges will overturn the lower court order requiring the Cook County Election Board remove the vote dry question from the ballot. Winning this appeal will permit the vote to go forward.

The following are ways that EGA members can assist in the VOTE DRY campaign:

1. Attend the community-wide meeting Wed 2/19 at 7 pm at the Armory;
2. Make phone calls to voters in the precinct on Sunday and Monday evenings
3. Attend a "vigil" at the corner of Winthrop and Granville on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm
4. Help on Election Day with reminding voters in the precinct to vote and getting voters to the polling place

Please email or call Anne Sullivan at [Annesulli@aol.com](mailto:Annesulli@aol.com) or ECC office 334 -5609 if you can help.

**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT**

Neighbors are reminded to keep their front porch lights on during the night, as a crime deterrent. And where possible, have back porches lighted or a motion detecting yard light. There have been occasional burglaries and garage break-ins so it's a good idea to be ever vigilant.

**DID YOU NOTICE THE TREE TRIMMING?**

Last fall, Michael Evans, EGA president and Ernie Constantino from Ald. Mary Ann Smith's office toured Edgewater Glen and singled out trees that obscured street lights and street signs or overhung the sidewalk, causing hazardous conditions and had the City forestry Department cut back the trees. The pruning also will enhance the trees' growth. We are grateful to Ernie and to Mary Ann Smith for attending to this safety factor. Many thanks!

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