

Edgewater Glen Association 2020 Summer Newsletter

Garden Walk Cancelled, New Front Yard Showcase Series Announced

The pandemic has led to the unfortunate cancellation of many beloved annual events, including the plant swap, the Edgewater Yard Sale, and block parties. The EGA Board regretfully adds the annual Garden Walk to this list. The Board elections are being deferred until the Fall, and we fully plan to hold our 47th Garden Walk next year.

In lieu of the Garden Walk, we are announcing a special Gardening in the Glen Front Yard Showcase Series. This will run all summer and will give Edgewater Glen residents a chance to showcase their front yards and parkways, while also providing a safe, walkable destination that is free of crowds.

To include your front yard in the series: contact Kim Kaulas, (kaulas@rcn.com) with your address, contact info, and details about any special interest with approximate dates for best viewing.

To address any privacy concerns: *we will only publicize locations through our EGA email list* rather than our Website or Facebook. No contact details will be included in the emails, just the address and plant information. If you haven't subscribed to our emails see the section below.

Many plant loving Edgewater Glen residents have not subscribed to our email list, but it's easy to do: To subscribe to our emails, go to www.edgeglen.com and select Get Email Updates from the menu.

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Join or Renew Membership in the Edgewater Glen Association

Most EGA funding is generated by membership dues, and most new memberships and renewals occur at our annual Garden Walk. Because it is cancelled this year, we strongly encourage you to sign up or renew using the paper form below or online at www.edgeglen.com.

Dues are \$10.00 per year for individuals and families. For businesses and institutions, dues are \$25.00.

Checks can be made out and mailed to: Edgewater Glen Association, 1318 W Norwood, Chicago, IL 60660.

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:

I am also interested in joining the Board of Directors (see reverse for details)

Comments:

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Adopt-a-Parkway Corner Grant Program

EGA would like to continue our efforts to encourage the beautification of our parkway corners by offering matching grants of up to \$100 of material expenses for pre-approved parkway corners. If you live near a parkway corner that could look better and are able to commit to long-term care and maintenance, we'd like to help you by reimbursing the first \$100 of expenses for materials for pre-approved locations.

For pre-approval contact Kim Kaulas at kaulas@rcn.com or 773-368-3949.

About the EGA

The mission of the Edgewater Glen Association is to create a viable urban community, united by geography and vested interests, committed to the betterment of the area and its people, organized to confront the problems of urban life and carry out activities that nurture a community spirit. We host and sponsor events throughout the year, including public meetings, plants swaps, the Edgewater Yard Sale, and the Garden Walk. We also partner with other groups (see Partner Spotlight) and elected officials. Learn more at our website www.edgeglen.com.

EGA Board Meetings are open to the public and typically the first Monday of each month. You can find the full schedule on www.edgeglen.com. Meetings are being conducted virtually this summer. If you would like to attend, send an email to egachicago@gmail.com.



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Visit our Website and Subscribe to EGA Email Updates

Sign-up for timely emails about neighborhood events by going to www.edgeglen.com and selecting 'Get Email Updates' in the navigation bar.

Follow EGA on Facebook

You can get the latest information on EGA Events and Activities via our Facebook page. Search for "Edgewater Glen Association" in Facebook's search bar and then click follow.

Join the Conversation on the "EGA Neighbors" Facebook Group

This group is intended to be a space for neighbors to communicate about what is going on in and around our neighborhood and build positive connections between neighbors on all our blocks. If you would like to join in the discussions over there, search for "EGA Neighbors" in Facebook's search bar, and then request to join the group.

Partner Spotlight

- The EGA regularly partners with a variety of great organizations. We encourage you to check them out.
- Care for Real (<https://careforreal.org>)
- Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project (<http://www.sustainedgewater.org>)
- Edgewater Historical Society (<http://www.edgewaterhistory.org/ehs>)
- 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman (<http://48thward.org>)
- Helix Cafe (<https://www.helixchicago.com>)
- St. Gertrude Catholic Church (special thanks for their generous use of space) <https://stgertrudechicago.org/>

Special Thanks to Covid19 Volunteers

EGA partnered with the Alderman's staff and over a dozen Edgewater Glen residents to conduct outreach at the outset of the epidemic, and many of them continue to do so. A special thanks goes to Rose Cancilla, Erin Doyle, Rachel Ganser, Katie Huffman, Tim Later, Patricia Levine, Annie O'Neil, Hallie Palladino, Lee Strausberg, and others who asked not to be named.

Eat & Shop Local

In addition to carry-out, many restaurants are opening up their patios and outdoor seating. Many storefronts are opening in a limited capacity as well. We encourage you to patronize local business and share your positive experiences and photos on social media (e.g., our Facebook Group). You can find more about businesses by visiting the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce (<https://www.edgewater.org>) and the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.andersonville.org>).

Complete Your Census

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. If you haven't already, please participate and ensure we are counted!

Join the EGA Board!

The EGA is seeking engaged residents to join the 11 member EGA Board for the 2020-2021 year. The time commitment is minimal. The Board typically meets the first Monday of every month. To be eligible to run you must be an Edgewater Glen Resident and paid EGA member. *To run for the Board either check the box on the membership form OR fill out the form on www.edgeglen.com.*

2019-2020 Board Members

Board Officers: President: John Dale, VP: Marjorie Fritz-Birch, Secretary: Jason Eliason, Treasurer: Amanda Passmore
Board: Holly Anderson Burns, Steve Bishop, Erik Didriksen, Kim Kaulas, Tim Later, Steven Meiss, & Andrea Raila

