

Edgewater Glen Association 2023 Spring Newsletter

Spring Plant Swap - Saturday May 20th

Edgewater Glen's Spring Plant Swap will be held Saturday, May 20th from 10 am to noon in the backyard at 1420 W. Glenlake, weather permitting. The rain delay alternative date is Sunday, May 21st (same time, same place). Spring is a great time to thin & share hostas, ferns, and any other plants or gardening paraphernalia that you'd like to find a home for. Even if you don't have anything to share, come and meet your gardening neighbors. We often have leftovers that need a home. For more info contact Kim Kaulas at kaulas@rcn.com or 773-368-3949.


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50th Annual EGA Garden Walk - Sunday, July 9th - noon to 5pm

Our 50th Anniversary Garden Walk will be 'Free like in '73!' If you live in the 1400 -1500 blocks of Edgewater Glen, and wish to be in the EGA Garden Walk, use one of the options below.

On this special anniversary, we are featuring 'Edgewater Glen Music-Makers' performing on the front porch at 1420 W. Glenlake. **We invite our local musicians to sign-up for 15-minute slots from noon to 4:45pm that day to serenade our GW attendees.** No amplification or plug-ins allowed and maximum 4-6 participants per set based on porch size.

Contact Kim Kaulas at kaulas@rcn.com to sign up for a music slot, submit ideas to celebrate, or ask questions.

Option 1: Sign up on your phone or online at https://edgeglen.com/gw/	Option 2: Complete this form and drop it off at 1353 W Norwood St
	Name:
	Address:
	Phone:
	Email:
	Both Front & Back Yard <input type="checkbox"/> Front Only <input type="checkbox"/> Back Only <input type="checkbox"/> Poison Free <input type="checkbox"/>
	Special features of my garden are:

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28th Annual Edgewater Yard Sale - Saturday, June 3th - 9am to 5pm

You must be registered and paid in advance to be a seller. Registration is \$10.00 per dwelling unit. If you live in a condo or apartment unit, the cost is \$10.00 per each household participating.

The yard sale is a collaboration between many block clubs and organizations. The fee helps pay for advertising, marketing, map/permit distribution, and a portion of each registration goes directly to [Care for Real](#).


This year registration is fully digital. Use this QR Code to register on your phone or find the form on the website www.edgewateryardsale.com. The deadline to register is May 18th. Contact egachicago@gmail.com if you have questions.



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Join or Renew Membership in the Edgewater Glen Association:

Dues are \$10.00 per year for individuals and families. Please see the payment options below – *we prefer online payment!*

Option 1: Sign up on your phone or on the website at https://edgeglen.com/	Option 2: Fill out this form and drop off a check or cash
 <p>Scan. Pay. Go.</p>	Checks can be made out to Edgewater Glen Association Drop off payment at 1535 W Hood Ave
	Name:
	Address:
	Phone:
	Email:
	Date:
	I'm also interested in joining the Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/>



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About the EGA

The mission of the Edgewater Glen Association is to create a viable urban community, united by geography and common 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. Learn more at our website www.edgeglen.com.

EGA does more in the community than you think. In addition to our core programming (Garden Walk, Plant Swap, Yard Sale, Corner Grant Program, and Fall Public Meeting) we provide coordination, training, and support for preserving our community's urban canopy, as well as gathering residents input and representing the community interests on zoning and infrastructure changes.

Changing Leadership in the 48th Ward

EGA congratulates Alderwoman Elect Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth on her victory as well as Joe Dunne on a hard-fought race to represent the 48th Ward. This returns the Ward to a long tradition of being led by women. During this election cycle, we worked with the other block clubs and the three local Chambers of Commerce to provide voters with different ways to get informed about the candidates, including a 35-question survey (which we made available to the public), a general election forum, and a runoff forum. EGA also recognizes Christina Pfitzinger, the Executive Director of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, for her outstanding contributions during this cycle.

Adopt-a-Parkway Corner Grant Program

EGA would like to continue our efforts to encourage extra 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.

Protecting and Growing Trees is Our Priority

Addressing the threats to Chicago's urban tree canopy is a key priority for the EGA. The environmental and social benefits are numerous including reducing air pollution, preventing soil erosion, and sustaining wildlife. Here's our impact:

- We coordinate with the Alder's office for city funded parkway tree plantings.
- We are engaging directly with the new Urban Forestry Advisory Board.
- We support the ongoing efforts of the Edgewater Environmental Coalition (EEC). They coordinate tree plantings through Openlands Treekeeper's grants <https://www.edgewaterenvironmentalcoalition.org/project/openlands>.
 - *This year alone, 9 new, native, parkway trees were planted in Edgewater Glen. Thanks to the neighbors who requested these trees and committed to caring them.*
- We conducted a full tree survey of EGA, and we are working with the Edgewater Historical Society to expand this effort through training and data aggregation.
- *If you have questions about the health of a parkway tree, please reach out to egachicago@gmail.com*

Schedule Your Block Parties and Let us Know!

We will have a new alder soon, so get your permit now instead of waiting until June! Let us know when block parties are scheduled by emailing egachicago@gmail.com. We post them to our website, so neighbors can plan for parking, deliveries, parties, etc. *We request that no Block Parties be scheduled on Saturday, June 3rd (Yard Sale) or Sunday, July 9th (Garden Walk) as these are high-traffic events & we'd like to keep our streets open.*

Get Involved with the EGA

Attend an EGA Meeting	EGA Board Meetings are open to the public and typically the second Monday of each month. You can find the full schedule on www.edgeglen.com under the 'Events > Calendar' section'.
EGA Email Sign-Up	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. <i>Search for "Edgewater Glen Association" and click follow!</i>
Join the "EGA Neighbors" Facebook Group	Our Facebook Group is called "EGA Neighbors". 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. <i>Search for "EGA Neighbors" and click join.</i>
Join the EGA Board!	The EGA is seeking engaged residents to join the EGA Board for the 2023-2024 year. You must be a member to join the board. Applications are due before July. <i>Please email egachicago@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in joining!</i>

2022-2023 Board Members

President: John Dale, Vice President: Marjorie Fritz-Birch, Treasurer: Chris Slivon. Board: Steve Bishop, Jason Eliason, Cynthia Espy, Susan Green, Kim Kaulas, Steve Meiss, Andrea Raila, John Wyman

