

## Says Who? SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

In this winter of 2009, we are all looking forward to a thaw in the economy and the weather. Your ECA, like many of us, suffered a revenue dip last year, making your membership dues and donations more important than ever. True, if you don't send in any funds, you'll still enjoy the same benefits. The ECA Board of Directors and other volunteers will work just as hard to provide our community with the same landscaping, snowplowing and other social, informational, recreational and governmental liaison services that they always have. But chances are you'd feel guilty about our doing it all for free. Wouldn't you?



But do what you want. Don't worry about us. We'll be fine...

We have a revamped website going up at [www.edgebrookcommunity.org](http://www.edgebrookcommunity.org), chock-a-bloc full of tidbits and tidy bits of valuable local information, including a calendar of ECA events and links to neighborhood resources that we'll bet some of you didn't even know

existed. On April 11th, we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt – it's more fun than ten barrels of bunnies, even when ECA volunteers and helpful neighbors are pressed into emergency snow-removal services by the dawn's early light. Whether sun or rain (or snow), the show always goes on and many, many kids take part and have a great time. Do us a favor and show up as **paid-up** ECA members. Come the summer, the annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic will feature a Drum and Bugle Corps, and maybe an additional marching band, right here in our neighborhood like a Norman Rockwell poster. All work done by volunteers and paid for by local and ECA funding.

To sum up, we all can make the next year a great year, at least around here. And everything's done by you – the neighborhood residents who make up the ECA. Be a part of it in some way, and by the time December arrives and the annual ECA holiday party rolls around, I've got a feeling we'll all be feeling better than ever about everything. It's up to you, and all of us.

Jeff Manuel – President  
Edgebrook Community Association

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### ECA Special Events

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11 (*day before Easter*)  
Jeff Green Park, promptly at 10 AM

#### July 4th Parade & Picnic

Saturday, July 4 at 11 AM  
The parade begins at Edgebrook School (Central and Hiawatha) and ends at Wildwood Park with a Picnic to follow

#### Triangle Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, November 29 at 6 PM  
Devon & Kinzua

#### Holiday Party

Saturday, December 5 at 10 AM  
Edgebrook Community Church

### ECA General Meetings

(Library 7-9 PM)

#### Thursday, March 19

Fred Christensen will lead a discussion on the topic "Sauganash's Father, Captain William Caldwell, and his Son, Billy Caldwell" (co-sponsored with the Edgebrook Historical Society)

#### Wednesday, May 20

A community workshop sponsored by the University of Chicago's Civic Knowledge Project will focus on Increasing Green Space, Recycling and Sustainability.

#### Wednesday, September 23

Program to be announced at a later date.

#### Wednesday, November 18

Program to be announced at a later date.

## Keeping Edgebrook Beautiful!

It may be snow-going around the hood right now, but it won't be long before we're knee deep in flowers and plants and... weeds oh my! If you have a green thumb to show off or a spade to spare, the ECA could sure use your help. There's big talk of starting a gardening club and some chat-

ter about organizing a neighborhood garden walk. How do you like them petunias? Getting involved is easy as calling Mary Jo at 773-775-4065. Do it. It's good karma.



## Your 2009 ECA Board

We're your neighbors; we're your friends. Chances are you know at least one of us. You'll see us at getting our hair cut at Jon's or the works at Aqua, noshing on noodles at the Elephant or having one more at

Moher's. If you have a concern or an idea – and especially if you want to volunteer to help us make our community better – don't be shy.

Jeff Manuel (*President*)

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Mary Jo Garnier

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Dennis Henley

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Tom Pleines

Dan Trevino

Tom Wolff

Carolyn Zafiriz

**Be sure to visit the new ECA website! [www.edgebrookcommunity.org](http://www.edgebrookcommunity.org)**



## Join the ECA Today!

The Edgebrook Community Association is working year-round to help maintain the quality of our community.

From landscaping to snowplowing to public safety to special events and much more, we offer valued community services and represent the concerns of the residents of Edgebrook.

### A 2009 yearly membership is only \$30.

Become a member today so that we can continue to serve our community and keep it strong!

Join online at  
[www.edgebrookcommunity.org](http://www.edgebrookcommunity.org)

See you at the ECA-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt and 4th of July Parade and Picnic!

## CLIP HERE AND JOIN TODAY ✂

Mail your check or money order, payable to ECA, with this completed form to:  
ECA Membership • PO Box 46591 • 5424 W. Devon Ave. • Chicago, IL 60646

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Can You Do More?** Your extra donation supports Edgebrook and enhances the green space that makes our neighborhood a garden in the city.

General Membership \$30

*I would like to make an extra donation.*

Friend \$20

Supporter \$50

Patron \$100

Benefactor \$150

Sustaining Member \$200

*I would like to donate for more plantings.*

Beautification/Landscaping: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Membership amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me! I would like to volunteer my time at ECA events or with gardening.

I would like my contribution to be acknowledged in the next ECA Nadig Newspaper Ad.