

Says Who?

SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

Dear Fellow Edgebrookians,

So much to mention, so little space! In not particularly sequential order, Jeff Green “Choo-Choo” Park was filled in and re-seeded, hopefully to reduce the “lake effect” that was attracting ducks and fishermen. The September ECA general meeting, held in conjunction with the Edgebrook Historical Society, was a big hit, as will be the next one, on Wednesday, November 18, 7 PM, at our library. It will feature “The Selective Enrollment Process and Public and Catholic High School Enrollment Options.” Representatives from the Chicago Archdiocese, Chicago Public Schools and specifically Taft High School will explain their different programs and answer your questions about who gets to go where, and how. As an additional bonus, we’ll have the presentation of this year’s Spookiest House Awards, and you’ll get to meet and vote on the ECA slate of officers and directors for 2010.

You may have noticed that there is now a full set of benches at the Metra Station. Be assured that we are still working with Metra and the city on safety issues at the station and the “triangle” crossings.

Commemorating candlelight processions of old, there will be a Holiday Triangle Lighting ceremony, however brief, on November 29 at 6 PM, at the triangle of Lehigh, Caldwell and Devon. To kick the Christmas season off there will be, of course, the Holiday Party with the Real Santa, at Edgebrook Community Church, December 5, at 10 AM.

This year we’ve had a sizeable increase in membership and a hard-working bunch of officers and directors doing their best for our community. To them, and to you, thanks and best wishes for the upcoming holidays and New Year. Be sure to visit our web site at www.edgebrookcommunity.org, and remember that we always welcome new members and volunteers.

*Jeff Manuel—President
Edgebrook Community Association*

November General Meeting Of schools and ghouls and ECA elections

The final ECA General Meeting of 2009 will take place next Wednesday, November 18, at 7 PM in the Community Room at the Edgebrook Library, 5331 West Devon Avenue.

The meeting will be a veritable three-for-all, featuring a valuable info session on area high schools, the election of new ECA board members and directors, and the announcement of the winners of our annual spookiest house contest.

**General Meeting
Wednesday
November 18
7 PM
Edgebrook Library**

The main event will be a timely presentation by representatives from the Chicago Archdiocese, Chicago Public Schools and, in particular, the area’s regional public high school, Taft. If you have a 6th or 7th grader at home, you don’t want to miss this opportunity to learn about your various high school options and the process for applying to the city’s Selective Enrollment high schools.

This meeting is also ECA’s annual “Meet the Board” night, at which community members have an opportunity to pepper ECA board members with their questions (and heap praise, if they wish.) The ECA will elect a new President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as additional new members of the board of directors for 2010.

If the prospect of sending your youngster to high school and voting for community representatives isn’t scary enough, the meeting will also be your chance to learn who in the hood had the spookiest houses on Halloween (as judged by ECA certified volunteers).

Come join your neighbors for what is sure to be an informative and enjoyable evening.

No Go on the Caldwell Stoplight

You may recall hearing (or reading in this space) that consideration was being given to the installation of a traffic light on Caldwell Avenue near the entrance to the Bunker Hill forest preserve. The ECA recently received

word that the required traffic study determined that a traffic signal was unwarranted at this time. The ECA begs to differ with the study’s conclusion and continues to support the idea in the interest of neighborhood safety.

The Garden Corner

With a little bit of prodding, we were able to get Mary Jo Garnier, our resident master gardener and ECA Beautification Director, to stop raking fall leaves long enough to provide us with this near-year-end report on the state of Edgebrook’s public spaces.

The gardens have been put to bed for the winter, and they should be able to weather the winter just fine. In all, this season, ten truckloads of mulch were put down, and more than 1000 perennials, annuals, bulbs and bushes were planted and 60 bushes and trees were pruned. This year end marks the conclusion of our state grant, which helped care for the raised beds in the business district. The final funds from the grant were spent on a major planting of asters to help in the control of the bagworms.

You may have noticed that three trees were cut down on the south side of Devon Avenue between the railroad tracks and Central

Avenue. The city did this, as the trees were heavily damaged by the pests. These should be replaced in the spring. Several trees remain afflicted with bagworms—the forestry department is to remove the bagworm shelters in the coming month.

The Ginny Mose Triangle Garden soon will be decorated by Girl Scout troop 20373 to light up our little corner of the world. Join us November 29, 2009, at 6 PM for our annual lighting ceremony, at which carols, cookies, hot chocolate, and good cheer will be served!

*M.J. Garnier,
your neighborhood master gardener*

Edgebrook Forecast: Warm & fuzzy holidays ahead

Tis the season once again. In order to get in the proper frame of mind and spirit, don’t miss the opportunity to take part in these two annual events, which have become a time-honored neighborhood tradition:

- **Triangle Lighting Ceremony**
Sunday, November 29 @ 6 PM
Devon & Kinzua
- **Holiday Party**
(featuring the Real Santa)
Saturday, December 5 @ 10 AM
Edgebrook Community Church
6736 North Loleta Avenue

We can’t do this without you!

**A 2010 yearly membership
to the ECA is only \$30.**

**Join or renew online today at
www.edgebrookcommunity.org**



On Halloween Eve, a brave panel of volunteers undertook the daunting and haunting task of wandering the darkened streets of Edgebrook in search of the spookiest houses in the hood. This house was deemed one of the winners, with especially strong support from the judges who are parents of recent college graduates. If you’d like to learn the identity of this creative homeowner and the identities of other winners in our annual contest, visit the ECA website (www.edgebrookcommunity.org) or come to the ECA General Meeting at the Edgebrook Library on Wednesday evening at 7 PM.

You’re invited...to visit us on the Web

Next time you’re online, sneak a peek at the Edgebrook Community Association website. You’ll find lots of useful information and plenty of fun stuff, like our Pets of Edgebrook

picture board, photos of the spookiest houses in the hood and recaps of ECA events.

Check it out: www.edgebrookcommunity.org

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 getting our car detailed at **Central & Caldwell Service**, picking up a pizza at **Villa Rosa**, admiring renovations

by **Edgebrook Construction** or having a sofa recovered at **John’s Upholstery**. If you have a concern or an idea—and especially if you want to volunteer to make our community better—don’t be shy. Give us a call.

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