

Says Who?

SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

Dear Fellow Edgebrookians,

We're in a new year and membership is doing better than ever. Maybe this ECA for the people by the people thing is catching on. The new Board of Directors is great, imaginative, and working together well on some interesting projects. We'd like to see the underpass on Lehigh repaired and possibly decorated(!) this spring. Jeff Green "Choo-Choo" Park has been filled in (it used to be a skating rink) and should be ready for the much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt. We've been talking with Metra in an effort to improve safety at the railroad crossing. We are encouraging local businesses to "adopt" their adjoining sidewalk planters to make up for the end of a grant we have been using to maintain them. And while the fire at Edgebrook Lutheran Church was a tragedy, we're thankful that no one was hurt and join all of Edgebrook in wishing them a swift recovery. From the heart of winter, we look forward to a great Spring and a great year.

Jeff Manuel—President
Edgebrook Community Association

March General Meeting



Staying happy and healthy

The Edgebrook Community Association will host its next public meeting on March 10, 2010. The meeting, which is open to all ECA members, friends and neighbors, will take place at 7:00 PM at a new location: the Edgebrook Community Church, 6736 N. Hiawatha Ave.

The ECA is pleased to welcome Dr. Erin Garofoli who will speak about how to stay happy and healthy. Dr. Garofoli, a Princeton graduate, was the Chief Resident at Loyola University Medical Center. She lives in the Edgebrook area and has a pediatrics practice in Evanston. She will cover topics ranging from keeping school age kids healthy, the importance of diet in everyday life, H1N1 vs. seasonal flu, to the care and feeding of young athletes.

There will be refreshments and plenty of time for questions and answers afterwards. Contact Carolyn Zafiris at 773/775-0390 with questions.

General Meeting
Wednesday
March 10
7 PM
Edgebrook
Community Church

Easter Egg Hunt

Scramble over to ECA's annual hip-hop fest



If you've got children or grand kids, circle Saturday, April 3rd on your calendar. That's the day before Easter when a multitude of neighborhood youngsters will swarm to Jeff Green "Choo-Choo" Park and take part in a search-and-enjoy mission that has become ECA's annual rite of spring: the Easter Egg Hunt. All kidding aside, it's more fun than a barrel of bunnies.

The festivities begin at 10AM sharp – rain, snow or shine – and continue until the last egg is found – usually about 10:05! For details, check the ECA website: www.edgebrookcommunity.org

There's no place like homepage

Looking for some neighborhood hospitality? Trying to find out when the next general meeting takes place? Hoping to volunteer in the beautification plan for Edgebrook? Visit us on the web: www.edgebrookcommunity.org.

Service Hours Anyone?

Anyone with teens in their household knows that one of the major ongoing challenges – aside from getting them to wake up and talk – is finding opportunities to earn service hours.

The Chicago Police Department is happy to assist in this worthy effort. Students are invited to attend their local CAPS meeting which lasts about one hour. Students help set up the room prior to the meeting and distribute and

collect CAPS materials. They will receive approximately 2 hours of community service credit for each meeting attended. The attending officer will award service hours after the meeting.

All district beat meetings begin at 7 PM. Use the schedule below to find your local CAPS beat meeting. Or call the 16th District CAPS office at 312-742-4521 for more information.

BEAT	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1611	3rd Thursday of the month	St. Thecla (Queen of Peace)	6333 N. Newcastle
1612	1st Tuesday of the month	Olympia Park	6566 N. Avondale
1613	2nd Tuesday of the month	Oriole Park	5430 N. Olcott
1614	4th Tuesday of the month	Pavilion Apartments	5441 N. East River Rd
1621	3rd Monday of the month	Edgebrook Library	5331 W. Devon
1622	2nd Wednesday of the month	Dunham Park	4638 N. Melvina
1623	3rd Wednesday of the month	16th District Police Station	5151 N. Milwaukee
1624	4th Wednesday of the month	Biagio's Banquets	4242 N. Central
1631	1st Thursday of the month	Hiawatha Park	8029 W. Forest Preserve
1632	2nd Thursday of the month	Schorsch Village Hall	6940 W. Belmont
1633	3rd Tuesday of the month	Merrimac Park	6343 W. Irving Park Rd
1634	4th Thursday of the month	St. Bartholomew Church	3601 N. Lavergne

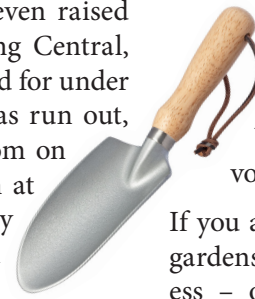
The Gardening Corner

Flowers and plants and shrubs, oh my

The Edgebrook Community Association has acquired custody of some "garden orphans" in the neighborhood and is looking for partners to adopt them. Until last year, seven raised beds in the business district along Central, Devon and Tahoma had been cared for under a state grant. But that funding has run out, and it's up to us to keep the bloom on that rose. In addition, the garden at the intersection of Prescott, Lundy and McClellan in Old Edgebrook has been ceded to the ECA, and we need a caretaker there as well.

These gardens present an opportunity for individuals, groups or businesses to show off their green thumbs and creativity – not to mention their community spirit. Anyone can

"adopt" a garden. The ECA and a master gardener will offer support, assistance, and camaraderie. The community will offer thanks.



Another thought that has been incubating in my mind over the winter is to organize an Edgebrook Garden Walk. To do this, we need residents to volunteer their gardens for display.

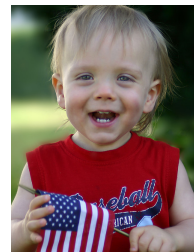
If you are interested in nurturing one of the gardens or sharing your landscaping prowess – or if you just want to get involved in keeping our neighborhood in bloom – contact Mary Jo Garnier (773-775-4065 or reinrag6@gmail.com).

M.J. Garnier,
your neighborhood master gardener

Help wanted

We need a theme for the July 4th Parade & Picnic

Each year around this time, the ECA brain trust starts brainstorming to come up with a theme for our annual 4th of July parade and picnic. Last year's theme was "Saturday in the Park." In 2008, it was "Good Sports in Edgebrook."



This year, we're asking our friends and neighbors to take part in the grand scheme of themes and share their ideas for what the 2010 theme should be. Submit your suggestion at the "Contact Us" link on the ECA website (www.edgebrookcommunity.org).

You can also email us directly at: edgbrookcommunity-web@gmail.com.

If we use your suggestion, we will award a prize. "What is the prize?" you might ask. Well, we're still brainstorming that. But we guarantee it will be bleepin' golden.

We're in this together!

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

Join or renew online today at
www.edgebrookcommunity.org

Your 2010 ECA Board

We're your neighbors; we're your friends. Chances are you know at least one of us. You'll see us celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Moher Public House, feasting on Brazilian jazz at Al Primo Canto, discovering exotic

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fare at Pampanga's Cuisine or enjoying a cup of joe at Edgebrook Coffee Shop. 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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