

## A few words from our president...



*Fellow Edgebrookians,*

Happy autumn! I write this on Halloween when snow, hail, and rain were scarier than the ghouls and goblins asking for treats. Summer has faded, fall is waning and the holidays are coming around again.

There's new playground equipment at Jeff Green Park, thanks to the Chicago Park District, and it looks stunning. Our old wooden train has been shunted to Monee, where it will be rehabilitated with sound and special effects. Grass along the tracks of the Metra station has also been rehabilitated, as befits our neighborhood.

Membership in the ECA has surged this year due to your commitment to community. Thank you. The board and volunteers are encouraged by your growing support. And a big shout out to the neighborhood block party for their generous gift to the ECA.

We continue to work with Aldermen Laurino and O'Connor to resuscitate empty storefronts in the business district, to fix the handicap ramps on Central and Devon and to ameliorate stalled construction in residential areas. Discussion continues as to the Bike Trail extension.

We have our snowplows ready to go and will deal with whatever winter brings us.

In short, Edgebrook is doing better than ever, and it is due to your continued support and assistance.

*Jeff Manuel—ECA President*

## ECA Holiday Party

### Carolers, Claus, Cookies and Community

An absolutely lovely way to cap off the long Thanksgiving weekend is to join your Edgebrook neighbors at the ECA holiday gathering. The golden days of fall are behind us, the good cheer of the holiday season is upon us, and the New Year's welcome is within sight.

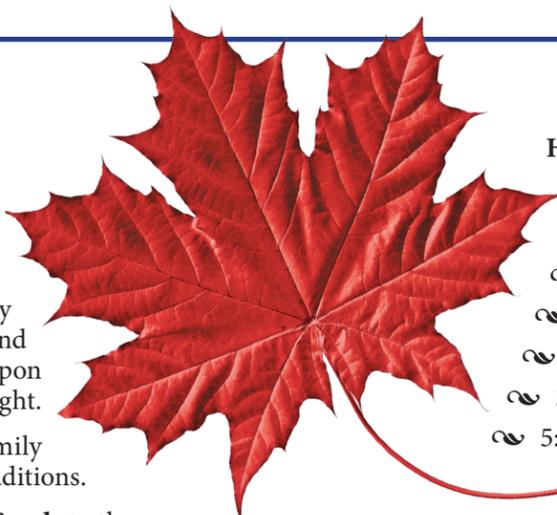
This is a party for young, old, friends, family and neighbors. It celebrates old and new traditions.

Stroll the cookie walk from **Ivy's** to **Local Goods** to the **Edgebrook Coffee Shop** to **Happy Foods**, visit local businesses, take a photo with the **Real Santa** (*you will believe*) at **Sweetivo!**, and help yourself to pizza and cider at the **NBA Garden**.

**Sunday, November 30, 3 PM - 6:30 PM**

Here's when the excitement and magic takes place.

- ☞ 3-5 PM Cookie Walk
- ☞ 3-5 PM Pictures with the Real Santa
- ☞ 3-5 PM Ornament making at North Branch Arts
- ☞ 3-5 PM Ornament gift wrapping at Ivy's
- ☞ 3-5 PM Hot cocoa at Ivy's
- ☞ 3:45-5:15 PM Strolling Canterbury Carolers along Devon Avenue
- ☞ 5:00 PM Triangle tree lighting ceremony at corner of Devon and the Metra station (overlooking the Triangle) followed by a sing-along with the carolers
- ☞ 5:15-6:30 PM Pizza and hot cider at North Branch Garden around a bonfire with friends, family and the Real Santa



## Protect Yourself

### You don't need to be afraid, but you need to be prepared.

Personal safety is a topic that concerns all of us. Continuing our series of public information meetings, the ECA is bringing children, teens, women and seniors a one-hour class to teach you to be alert, ready, and safe.

**Alexa Arnold**, an instructor from **Villari's Martial Arts**, 5351 W. Devon, will provide practical information on simple steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. She'll help prevent you from being a victim by avoiding the attention of opportunists and making sure you aren't a target. She'll also cover

**Thursday, November 13, 7 PM - 8 PM**

how to handle yourself in emergency situations.

Join your neighbors on **Thursday, November 13, 7 PM** at the **Volunteer Resource Center, 6100 N. Central**, and learn how to remain safe and sound. *Safety Tip No. 1: Bring a friend – there is safety in numbers.*

*Thanks to the generosity of CAPS, the first 20 seniors and females to arrive for this important meeting will receive a personal key chain alarm.*

Prior to Alexa's instruction, the ECA's nominating committee will offer the 2015 slate of board nominees.



## Coming Soon to Edgebrook



### Let's Make a Difference!

Make a difference in our community by dropping off food and cold weather clothes at the Edgebrook office of Baird & Warner, 5430 W. Devon. *Donations accepted until November 15.*

## The Puppets Are Back!

### Would it really be the holidays without them?

The ECA is pleased to present, in cooperation with the **Edgebrook Branch Library**, the fabulous **Melikin Puppets**. Whether presenting classic fairy tales or seasonal stories, the Melikins deliver. Past performances have delighted standing-room-only audiences who reveled in the magic of this neighborhood favorite. Come see the Melikins, **Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 PM** at the Edgebrook Branch Library, 5331 W. Devon Ave.

*ECA-sponsored events are open to the public and free of charge.*

## Holiday Crochet

Holiday trees are adorned with heirloom ornaments. From a child's Dixie-cup angel, dusted with glitter, to a grandmother's fine needlework, each ornament tells a story and rekindles a memory.

On **Wednesday, December 10, 6 PM**, join your neighbors at the **Edgebrook Branch Library**. Frances Freeman will show you how to create an ornament (or candy cup or pot holder). Bring your middle-school child, teen grandchild, best friend, or new neighbor. Come for helpful crochet instruction, creative discussion and good company.

## ECA membership—an expression of community

Renew your ECA membership online at [edgebrookcommunity.org](http://edgebrookcommunity.org). Click the link to join/renew and use the online service PayPal or download a membership form to mail to the ECA.

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