

Edgewater Glen Association Spring Newsletter 2024

Spring Plant Swap - Saturday May 4th

Edgewater Glen's Spring Plant Swap will be held Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to noon in the backyard at 1430 W Norwood St, weather permitting. The rain delay alternative date is Sunday, May 5th (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 Paul at paquaintance@yahoo.com or 773-750-6928.


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51st Annual EGA Garden Walk - Sunday, July 14th - noon to 5pm

Our 51th Anniversary Garden Walk will feature the gardens of east Edgewater Glen. If you live in the 1200 -1300 blocks of Edgewater Glen, and wish to be in the EGA Garden Walk, use one of the options below.

Visitors are encouraged to donate and/or renew their EGA membership at our registration table on the day of the event.

Members can vote for new board members at the table. Contact Kim Kaulas at kaulas@rcn.com if you have any 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:
	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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29th Annual Edgewater Yard Sale - Saturday, June 1st - 9am to 5pm

You must be registered and paid in advance to be a seller. Registration is \$10 per dwelling unit. If you live in a condo or apartment unit, the cost is \$10 for participating household. Group sites are available!


Registration is fully digital. Use this QR Code to register on your phone or find the form on the website www.edgewateryardsale.com.



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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 at https://edgeglen.com/	Option 2: Fill out this form and drop off a cash or check (made out to Edgewater Glen Association) at 1535 W Hood Ave
 Scan. Pay. Go.	Name
	Address
	Email
	Date
I'm also interested in joining the Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/>	

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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.

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 and support for preserving our community's parkway trees, civic education and outreach, and providing meaningful opportunities for neighbors to meet each other and engage with city officials.





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Broadway Armory

The EGA Board thanks those who provided aid to migrants at the Broadway Armory Park, including individuals, organizations, and the Alder's staff. Now that the mayor's office has begun the process of transitioning the Park back to normal programming, we are committed to working with the park advisory council and park staff to restore programming and participation to pre-pandemic levels.

School Board Elections

In November, Chicago residents will vote for school board members. The new school board subdistricts do not reflect ward boundaries, and the election process is somewhat complex. These positions are important as CPS faces a \$600M structural deficit and the school board is considering big changes, including some that may impact the selective enrollment model that allows students to attend schools outside of their neighborhoods. We have included a few resources to help you prepare for the election, including a link to upcoming CPS community forums. The EGA Board will investigate options for surveying candidates and offering chances to meet them ahead of the upcoming election.

New School Districts Map (Edgewater Glen is in Subdistrict 2b)	Chalkbeat article: "Six things to know..."	School Board Resolution Regarding New Five-Year Transformational Strategic Plan	CPS Community Forums Registration
			

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 of trees are numerous including reducing air pollution, preventing soil erosion, and sustaining wildlife. EGA works with a variety of partners to ensure our neighborhood has healthy parkway trees. This includes regular surveys of our neighborhood's parkway trees. If you have questions about the health of a parkway tree, please reach out to egachicago@gmail.com.

Edgewater Glen Association Heritage Tree Study	Edgewater Historical Society Heritage Tree Survey and Arbor Day Celebration	Morton Arboretum: Dealing with the 2024 Cicada Emergence
		

Schedule Your Block Parties and Let us Know!

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 for Saturday, June 1st (Yard Sale) or Sunday, July 14th (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 2024-2025 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>

2023-2024 Board Members

President: John Dale, Vice President: Marjorie Fritz-Birch, Treasurer: Chris Slivon

Board: Justin Colombik, Jason Eliason, Cynthia Espy, Kim Kaulas, Anthony Nove, Daniel Otto, Paul Quaintance, Andrea Raila