

Says Who? SEZ OUR PREZ! *Jeff Manuel*

Dear Fellow Edgebrookians,

The Prez misses the summer. Edgebrook in the summer has a tasty flavor and quiet bustle, train-crossings aside, that probably has been seen in villages for hundreds of years. At the same time, it also makes progress, like the sumptuous improvements to the landscaping at the Jinny Mose Triangle at Lehigh, Caldwell and Devon, along with a more prominent location for her memorial stone. We had a charming Fourth of July parade and picnic. Neighbors and business people took care of the little hemi-demi-semi parks that dot the neighborhood. Now the baseball fields and parks have been seeded and leveled, and fall is in the air. Kids walking to school, leaves blowing, Hallowe'en decorations haunting the hood!

All in all, a beautiful place to live. A place worth maintaining, a place that can, nonetheless, always use more help from its intelligent and caring neighbors. You can make it even better. Please join the Edgebrook Community Association!

Thanks.

Jeff Manuel—President

The Neighborhood Connection Project Light at Both Ends of the Tunnel

The ongoing shared effort of four local community groups to renovate and beautify the Metra underpass is on track and moving along with the swiftness of an express train.

Jac Charlier, the ECA's project coordinator, reports that volunteers have reviewed a survey and overhead photo of the tunnel and surrounding area and considered various proposed artistic themes for the murals that will adorn the walls.

The design suggestions have been narrowed to three themes: Edgebrook historical, green nature, and modern, with preference expressed for the first two. The project's next goal is to create drawings based on each theme.

Charlier plans to follow up with Alderman Brian Doherty regarding necessary repairs to the structure. He also will contact the Chicago Public Art Group, which works with communities on projects such as this to determine its feasibility. After that, the drawings will be formally presented at meetings of the four community groups (ECA, Edgebrook Historical Society, and Wildwood and North Edgebrook civic associations). The hope is that the entire process, including feedback, will be completed in six months.

If you would like to get involved with this exciting project, want to attend the next meeting, or just wish to stay informed, feel free to contact Jac directly at 773-266-1420 or jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit the ECA website: <http://edgebrookcommunity.org>.

The Gardening Corner

by Mary Jo Garnier



Ah . . . autumn. Crisp fragrances, bright colors, cool days, and cooler nights. This is the time of year when many gardeners think about putting the garden to bed or adding a design feature by planting a shrub, spring-blooming bulbs, or a discounted perennial.

For those ready to clean up for winter, be sure to separate diseased leaves and vegetation to prevent that damage from making a comeback next year. This is a good time to add mulch or compost to the soil, as the nutrients have time to nourish and flourish, and the plants will be stronger and more disease-resistant. When cleaning up the ornamental garden, leave some perennials standing. The seed heads, flowers and stalks will attract wildlife, which you can enjoy watching during the winter. The birds and insects overwintering need the sustenance, and we all know that an environmentally friendly garden will always have lots of bugs in it.

If you decide to plant some new bulbs, it's a good idea to make note of them or record their location on a garden map. That way, in the springtime, you won't be wondering where all those "unforgettable" tulips came from.

ECA General Meeting – Wednesday, November 10 High School Confidential

If you have a child in the fifth grade or higher, you don't want to miss ECA's second annual presentation on high school options – this Wednesday, November 10, at 7 PM, at the Edgebrook Community Church, 6734 North Loleta (corner of Loleta and Hiawatha). If you have a sixth or seventh grader, this event is a must-attend!

Representatives from the Chicago Public Schools, Taft High School, and the Catholic Archdiocese will provide information on their respective schools and answer your questions about how to navigate the sea of

considerations known as the Chicago high school admissions process.

This is your chance to get a clear view of the entire picture – from the coveted CPS selective enrollment spots to the quality and cost of neighborhood and private school options. Learn about everything from testing and application procedures to class sizes, academic offerings and extracurricular activities.

In addition to the program, there will be printed materials available to take home. And, as at every ECA General Meeting, refreshments will be served.



Is Edgebrook going to the birds? Actually, it's just Hallowe'en and Edgebrook residents dressing up their houses.

Juliette Kinzie Returns to Chicago December 1st

In 1830 Juliette Magill married Indian agent John Kinzie and settled at Fort Winnebago, Wisconsin. Four years later the couple moved to Chicago and were active in the city's social and civic development. One of the Kinzie's achievements was the creation of the Chicago Historical Society. Mrs. Kinzie was also an author who chronicled her frontier life in an extraordinary travelogue titled *Wau-bun – The Early Day in the Northwest*, which includes a dramatic account of the Fort Dearborn massacre.

Actress and historian Betsey Means has adapted Mrs. Kinzie's book into a dramatic one-woman show and she appears in period costume as she brings Mrs. Kinzie to life.

The ECA is proud to sponsor Betsey Means' dramatic presentation on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 PM at the Edgebrook Branch Library. This free event has something for the entire family.

"Betsey Means is one of our city's most eloquent performers," Steve Scott, Associate Producer of The Goodman Theatre said. Barbara Gaines, Artistic Director of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre added, "Don't miss an opportunity to see her perform." The ECA heartily agrees.

Did you know that Juliette Kinzie's granddaughter, Juliette Gordon Low, introduced Girl Scouting to America in 1912?

Early Warning: Holidays Ahead

Sunday, November 28, 6 PM

Holiday Lighting at the Triangle

Join your friends and neighbors as we flip the switch and "ignite" the spirit of the season, with perhaps a beverage and carol to add to the warmth of the occasion.

Saturday, December 4, 10 AM

Holiday Party at Edgebrook Community Church (corner of Loleta and Hiawatha)

Our annual morning of season's greetings and good cheer provides our kids with an opportunity to meet the *Real Santa Claus*.

www.What a Wonderful Website

Not to boast, but it's one great virtual place to visit, filled with everything from photos of the spookiest houses in the neighbor-

hood and fall's changing leaves to listings of community events. Come see for yourself: <http://edgebrookcommunity.org>.

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neighbors who have paid their annual dues (only \$30) to the Edgebrook Community Association, you'll get no argument here. Please take a moment and sign up at the ECA website: <http://edgebrookcommunity.org>.