

Says Who? SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

Hello, Edgebrookians.

Ah, summer! Skies are blue. The sun is shining. We rush outside and immediately return to put on warmer clothes. I hope fall will be a little kinder.

It's been a couple of months since my last posting so here's a recap of ECA activities. My first thoughts are of the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, which this year featured THREE bands: the Black Flag Hipster Band, the marching band of the Rickover Naval Academy (thanks to Michael Biehla), and Edgebrook's own illustrious Celtic Groundhogs, an inspired assemblage featuring the music of Ireland and so much more. Grand Marshals were Jody McDowell and Jim Quinn, who should have been Marshals long before now. The picnic featured, among other attractions, a return to old-time amusements—a sack race, an egg and spoon race, and a hula-hoop toss—the sorts of things that really make kids look like they are having fun, which they were. Thanks to Jim Zeija of Wildwood Park and the Chicago Park District for their wonderful assistance.

For the future, your ECA is investigating:

- increased noise levels of new runways at O'Hare, especially at night
- flooding and water management at Jeff Green (choo-choo) Park
- adding more benches at the Metra station to "round out the set"
- installing a chain-link safety fence at the Metra station
- maintaining and planting trees and foliage throughout the area

I'm looking at the membership increase compared to last year, a reflection both of the energy and commitment of this year's Board of Directors and the greater interest from people who live in the community. The ECA is an effective volunteer organization that needs your membership, active participation, and donations. Whatever we do, we do with your help. Be sure to check our Web site at www.edgebrookcommunity.org.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the ECA.

Jeff Manuel—President
Edgebrook Community Association

We can't do this without you!

A 2009 yearly membership to the ECA is only \$30.
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September General Meeting Meet Chicago's Movers and Shakers

Whether you're a lifetime Chicagoan or a newcomer to the city, you're sure to learn some fascinating and fun facts about our town at ECA's next general meeting—this Tuesday, September 15 at 7PM at the Edgebrook Public Library, 5331 West Devon Avenue.

Once again the ECA is joining forces with our friends at the Edgebrook Historical Society to present "Movers and Shakers," a program in which some of the more colorful characters in our city's rich history come alive through the narrative efforts of local historian and stellar storyteller Hy Speck.

From the notorious (Hinky Dink and Bathhouse John) to the respectable (Marshall Field and Mies van der Rohe), you'll meet the figures who were so influential in building and framing Chicago that they're on a first name or nickname basis with the city's history.

To make a sweet evening even sweeter, the event will be topped off with a complimentary ice cream sundae bar provided by a true mover and shaker of Edgebrook—Ron Mondel, owner of The Chocolate Shoppe at 5337 West Devon Avenue.

Fourth & Long Ago

The success of this year's 4th of July celebration was due in large part to the generous contributions of the following sponsors: the Chicago Park District, Happy Foods, the Chocolate Shoppe, Koenig and Strey, Edgebrook Ace Hardware, Marti Corcoran, BQS Realty, Moher's Public House, Chris Schultz (State Farm Insurance), Aqua Salon, Devon Central Currency Exchange, Trading Post Cigars, My Sister's Closet, Edgebrook Cyclery, Karen Vanourek Quality Antiques,



Our theme, Saturday in the Park, inspired some great poster and T-shirt designs. This year's competition winner was Hannah Contreras, a fourth grader at St. Mary of the Woods.



This young fellow, pictured with his wife, Mary Lou, is Jim Quinn. In addition to serving as one of this year's Grand Marshals, he is ECA Treasurer, the person who makes sure our books stay balanced.

Edgebrook "Curves", Wildwood School PTA, Citizens For Doherty, Cannizzaro Law Offices, the Nail Lounge, Edward Jones' Matt Fishburne, A Vintage Bloom and "anonymous donors" who "just like to see cool stuff in the parade."

The ECA thanks you for helping to make July 4, 2009 a Saturday in the Park to remember.

The Garden Corner

You've no doubt seen Mary Jo Garnier up to her elbows in mulch—planting and seeding, panting and weeding—in downtown Edgebrook at dusk or dawn. That's the sort of perk that goes with the lofty title ECA Beautification Director. In what may become a regular column, Mary Jo issues an alert about a nasty little critter on the loose—the bagworm.



The bagworm caterpillar in its "bag."

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Bagworms have been found in trees and shrubs along Devon and Central. They can defoliate conifers and deciduous trees, thereby killing them.

The Chicago forestry department has been notified and should mechanically remove them later in the fall when the leaves drop and the bagworms are more obvious.

Meanwhile, residents should check their own yards for these voracious pests. One control method that I particularly like is to attract a natural enemy to the bagworm. A University of Illinois study found that planting flowers from the *Asteraceae* family attracts one of the bagworm's few predators—parasitoid insects. Put in some Shasta daisies, New England Asters or Gazania nearby and let nature take care of those bagworms for you!

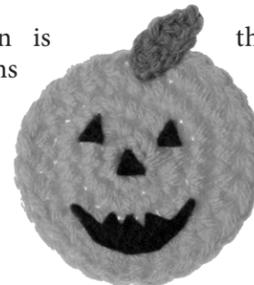
To learn more, go to: <http://gardening.about.com/od/gardenproblems/qt/Bagworm.htm>.

M.J. Garnier,
your neighborhood master gardener

Fall Ahead

Don't look now but Halloween is around the corner. Which means it's not too early to start thinking about decorating your house. Do a scary good job and you could earn an honorable mention in the annual ECA Spooky House contest.

Further along the road, take note of



these dates on the ECA calendar of fun:

- **Triangle Lighting Ceremony**
Sunday, November 29 @ 6PM
Devon & Kinzua
- **Holiday Party**
Saturday, December 5 @ 10AM
Edgebrook Community Church

Visit Us on the Web

If you haven't done so already, we strongly recommend that you visit the ECA website (www.edgebrookcommunity.org) the next time you're surfing the Internet. Host to a wide variety of useful information and resources, the ECA website also spotlights

lots of other fun stuff.

"Such as?" you ask.

Such as our *Pets of Edgebrook* photo board, where it's always reigning cats and dogs. Think of it as a virtual pet park for our community.

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Now is the time to add your name to this list.

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