

A few words from our president...



Fellow Edgebrookians,

Exciting things are happening in our neighborhood this summer and you can read about them below. But first, step into the Wayback Machine. I've set the dial to 1957.

Fifty-seven years ago the **Jinny Mose Memorial Garden** didn't exist. In its place was the gas station you see on your left. Owned by Bob Sayles, the station was in operation for many years. Picturesque as it was, it had to be removed later because it became a safety hazard.

The resultant mound of earth was leveled, planted, nurtured, and weeded to make a lovely gateway to Edgebrook.

Your neighbors who are ECA members finance the landscaping in the Jinny Mose Garden. Please help with the "heavy lifting." Become a member of the ECA. Participate in a neighborhood cleanup day. Adopt a street planter and make it shine. Contact me at (773) 775-4065 and we'll work together.

ECA work continues all summer. With your partnership, we can make a big difference. See you on July 4th at our Parade, Picnic and Concert. Have a great summer!

Jeff Manuel—ECA President

Edgebrook Garden Walk 2014

All natural. No artificial coloring.

Explore beautiful Edgebrook, Wildwood, and Old Edgebrook during **Edgebrook's Garden Walk 2014** on Sunday, June 22 (*rain date: Sunday, June 29*) from 11 AM – 4 PM.

Registration takes place the day of the event at the **North Branch Arts Garden**, 6431 N Kinzua (north of Devon and Lehigh). A \$10 donation is requested. Discounts are available for seniors and ECA members and there is no charge for children under 12. *Proceeds benefit the ECA and North Branch Arts.*

The event features:

- ☞ Self-guided tour of a dozen local gardens
- ☞ Container Garden Silent Auction
- ☞ Insect Petting Zoo
- ☞ Pre-owned Art Sale
- ☞ Guessing game raffle for kids and adults
- ☞ Business district **Garden Walk Specials**

For further information, visit northbrancharts.org or edgebrookcommunity.org.

Sunday, June 22, 11 AM - 4 PM



Photo | Christine Rosenberg

Our neighborhood's parade, picnic & concert



Art | Noah, Grade 4, Edgebrook School

Memo

To: Edgebrook Neighbors
From: ECA Members
Re: A Star Spangled Fourth

Our popular parade begins at 11 AM at Edgebrook School. It wends its way west to Central, south to Devon, north on Lehigh, west on Hiawatha and culminates at Wildwood Park. March it or watch it; it's great fun.

Edgebrook School science teacher and Golden Apple Award recipient **Rozy Patel** and Edgebrook School Principal **Chad Weiden** are this year's Grand Marshals. We are honored to recognize these neighborhood superstars.

Friday, July 4, 11 AM - 4 PM

Decorate your bikes. Polish your snappy rides. Dress up your pet. Wear your red, white and blue and parade with your neighbors. And work up an appetite because ECA Board members will be on hand to serve traditional picnic food. (*This is the ECA's annual fundraiser so come hungry.*)

Enjoy the free outdoor concert by an Edgebrook favorite – The Country Doctors.

Neighborhood students created poster art recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the Composition of the Star Spangled Banner. Visit edgebrookcommunity.org and click on the link for the 2014 Poster Contest.

Join the neighborhood in a salute to America!

The new bike path

Merrily we'll roll along?

Construction is slated to begin Spring 2015 on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's extension of the North Branch Trail south from Devon & Caldwell to the Irene Hernandez Woods.

But will the new bike path be a benefit to the neighborhood? How many trees will be lost? Have all safety issues been considered? Are there alternatives?

The ECA is sponsoring a **general meeting, July 10, 7 PM at the Volunteer Resource Center, 6100 N Central** so you can learn what the new bike path means for our community. Pamela Sielski will present the FPDCC plan. Sue Arnold will describe the 39th Ward Advisory Committee Alternate Plan.

There will be a Q&A session. *This meeting is open to ECA members and the general public.*

NCP update

The Neighborhood Connection Project, a citizen-led initiative to repair and beautify the Metra railroad underpass at Kinzua, Hiawatha and Lehigh, continues its work between July and August. This phase of the project will use 30 teen apprentices to beautify the West side of the underpass. Community days are every Saturday from 9 AM - 2 PM.

NCP will complete the project in Summer 2015 when the two bricolage murals are joined.

Neighborhood volunteer artists, high school apprentices, and Green Star Movement professional artists helped the NCP create this project. After School Matters is a funding partner with NCP.

For further information contact ECA Vice-President Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com.

Free shred event



Bring documents you wish to shred to **Baird & Warner**, 5430 W Devon, Saturday, June 28, 10 AM - NOON only. This is your chance to safely dispose of that mountain of paper you've been meaning to trash.

ECA memberships still available

Haven't renewed your ECA membership? Don't fret. Renew online at edgebrookcommunity.org. Click the link to join/renew and use the online service PayPal or download a membership form to mail to the ECA.