

Spring arrives in Edgebrook

Wednesday, April 1

6 PM

Peter Rabbit & Company

What better way to celebrate spring than with a puppet show?

The ECA is pleased to present, in cooperation with the **Edgebrook Woman's Club**, those fabulous **Melikin Puppets**, offering three tales from the Beatrix Potter collection. Come see *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, *The Tale of Two Bad Mice* and *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Beatrix Potter and her timeless stories shine in this new production. Curtain time is **Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 PM** at the Edgebrook Branch Library, 5331 W. Devon Avenue.



Saturday, April 4, at **Jeff Green "Choo Choo" Park**, mingle with your neighbors. Share a story or two, examine the updated park, and watch as your kids gather, with gusto, thousands of colorful eggs concealing tasty treats. (*If only they were as diligent at picking up their rooms.*)

The fun begins at **10 AM** at Tahoma and Algonquin. The event is open to the neighborhood. Come on by, have a cup of joe, shoot the breeze, watch the kids go crazy, and welcome spring to our neighborhood.

Saturday, April 4

10 AM

ECA Easter Egg Hunt

It's not just about the eggs.

While your youngsters are scrambling for eggs, it's time for you to break out of your shell and re-

acquaint yourself with your neighbors. We've had what seems like a never-ending winter, with record-breaking temperatures, and it's time to get hopping.

Saturday, May 30

NOON - 6 PM

Destination Devon

Everyday Edgebrook and **Local First Chicago** present *Destination Devon, a Street Side Festival*, May 30th from **NOON** to **6 PM** along Devon Avenue in Edgebrook. Bring the family and enjoy musical performers, artists and more from Kinzua to Minnehaha.

Making Edgebrook Beautiful: Meetings, Partnerships & Projects

Monday, April 27

6:30 PM

Revitalizing business districts

Learn how neighborhoods are banding together to bring back Main Street.

Though the Edgebrook business district is home to many wonderful local businesses, there are too many empty storefronts. A lack of significant foot traffic plagues our downtown. Throughout Chicago, there are business districts that have had major transformations and are now thriving hubs of activity, which benefits the local businesses and the neighborhood at large. Representatives from the *Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie*, the *Six Corners Association*, and the *Andersonville Chamber* will participate in a panel discussion and a question and answer session on how they successfully changed the face of their business districts.

Let's take back our downtown and bring new life and ideas to the community. Join your neighbors at the **Edgebrook Branch Library**, 5331 W. Devon Ave. on **Monday, April 27th at 6:30 PM** for lessons learned from other business districts.

Adopt-a-planter initiative

The **Edgebrook Community Association** and the **Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce** are collaborating on a project to benefit businesses and neighborhood residents. **Greenlawn Landscaping** will plant, mulch, trim, and spruce up the downtown area planter boxes. ECA members and local businesses are sponsoring boxes by covering the maintenance fee. Ready to help improve Edgebrook's curb appeal? Please contact Bob Madiar (773-775-0378) or Jackie Boland (312-961-6951). The planter boxes will look terrific with your help.

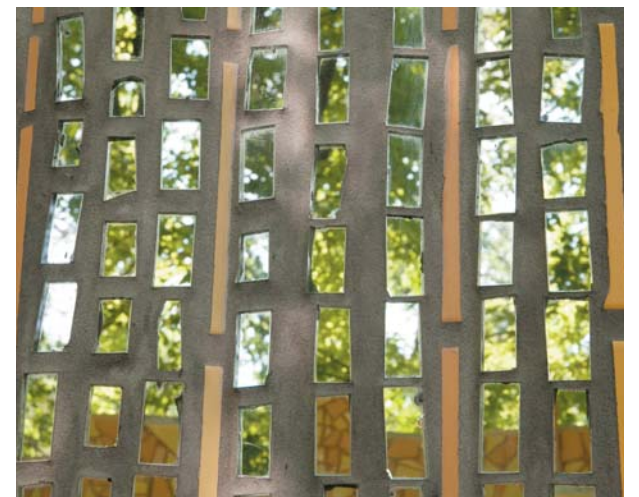
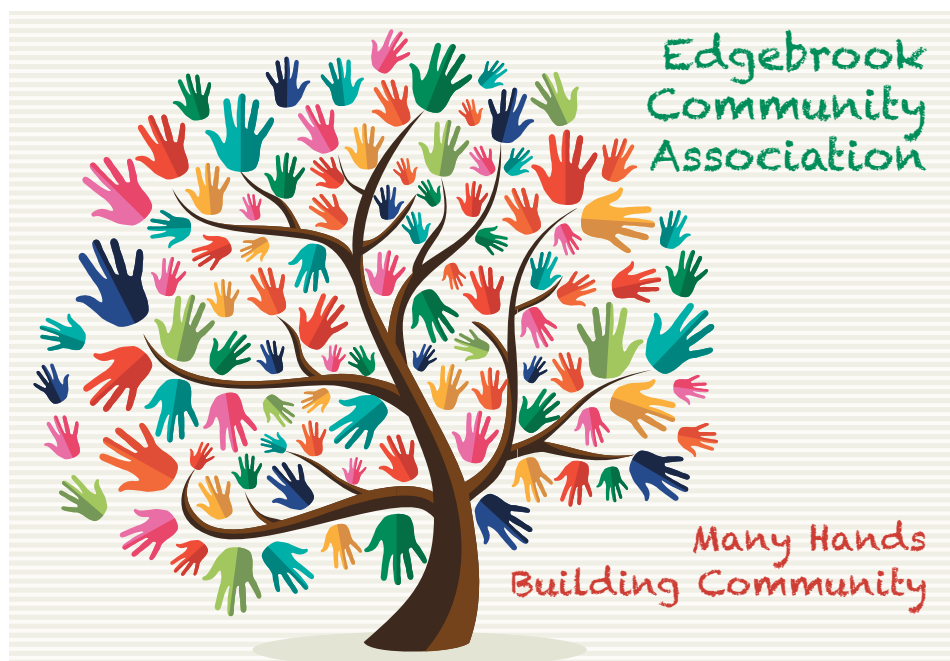


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Light at the end of the tunnel

The Neighborhood Connection Project (NCP) is gearing up for 2015. The ECA was an early backer of NCP and continues to support this citizen-led initiative to build community by beautifying the Metra underpass at Kinzua, Hiawatha and Lehigh. Community residents are needed to complete the final phase of this effort that connects Edgebrook, Wild-

wood and North Edgebrook. Local teens in CPS high schools will again have the opportunity to earn one of 30 paid apprenticeships. The final stretch will connect the East (2013) and West (2014) sides of the mural. When completed this summer, NCP will be the largest outdoor bricolage mural on Chicago's northwest side. For more information contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com.



ECA membership—an expression of community

The Edgebrook Community Association brags about its members and their community spirit. We know that it is our neighbors who set the tone for our locale. And our neighbors are great.

Consider this. In response to our 2015 membership drive, we received a renewal from a long-term resident who wrote, *"Keep up the good work. We have moved and will be selling our house, but wanted to support the ECA."* That's a great neighbor.

The Edgebrook Community Association builds community. We do that by helping out in winter with snow removal. We sponsor a fantastic July 4th Parade, Concert & Picnic. We hold an exciting Holiday Party and Cookie Walk. We contribute to our schools, scouts and library. We listen to our neighbors and help them with zoning issues. We partner with other organizations like FAiR, the NCP, North Branch Arts, and Everyday Edgebrook, to strengthen our neighborhood. And we work hard to make our green spaces shine.

Give us a hand. Visit edgebrookcommunity.org to join or renew. Or, send your pledge today to ECA, PO Box 46591, Chicago, IL 60646-0591. And then give yourself a high five for being a community builder.

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