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SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

Dear Fellow Edgebrookians,

Welcome to March, the month with more days than February but fewer holidays. Spring is still a rumor but Chicagoans are optimistic of its appearance. In Edgebrook life is, of course, as good as it gets.

There was a neighborhood buzz about the renewed offering of a seven-story apartment building where the Brazilian restaurant used to be (5408-16 W. Devon Avenue). The proposition was reviewed at a Zoning Advisory Council meeting headed by Alderman O'Connor on Feb. 6. While the support for a zoning variance of that level seemed negligible, it was agreed that downtown Edgebrook needs help. Additional discussions between all concerned parties will continue.

The much-anticipated Blue Cart recycling program is scheduled to begin in Edgebrook this Spring. This will entail using new blue carts for recyclables, as opposed to the weekly drive to the recycling center we all make now. (Don't we?) These carts will be collected every two weeks. Be careful, though. Mixing garbage with recyclables will result in losing recycling bin privileges along with the bin itself. Please review what's okay to recycle at www.bluecartschicago.org.

Finally, we are pleased that Ivy's, the gourmet hot dog and sandwich shop, wants to help the neighborhood by supporting the ECA. More details can be found in the **Community Calendar**. Remember to visit Ivy's and the other fine stores in downtown Edgebrook.

So, until winter departs, stay hunkered down and bundled up as Spring creeps back northward and the legendary Edgebrook bluebirds return.

Jeff Manuel—President, ECA

Thank you new and renewing members.

For 75 years we have been serving the community with your help. If you haven't become a 2013 member yet, why not visit our website (<http://edgebrookcommunity.org>) to join online? It only takes a minute and you will be building a better neighborhood.

The Gardening Corner

by M.J. Garnier

Call for 2013 Garden Walk Candidates



The Second Annual Edgebrook Garden Walk is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 11 AM—4 PM (rain-date, Sunday, June 30). If you are a resident of Edgebrook, Old Edgebrook, North Edgebrook or Wildwood and are bursting with pride about your garden hardscape, landscape, and/or container garden and would like to share it with other gardening enthusiasts in the 2013 Garden Walk, please send an e-mail with your name, address, and contact information to talk2eca@gmail.com or leave a message at (773) 230-6724. The deadline for submissions is April 27, 2013.

Would you like to nominate your neighbor's garden for the Garden Walk? Please email us the garden address and owner's name at talk2eca@gmail.com. We'll take it from there.

Mayor's Clean and Green Day

Volunteers are needed to help clean up Edgebrook as part of the Mayor's Clean and Green Day. We'll meet Saturday, April 20, 10 AM at the North Branch Garden across from the Metra station on Kinzua. Information about the forthcoming Blue Cart program will also be presented.

ECA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

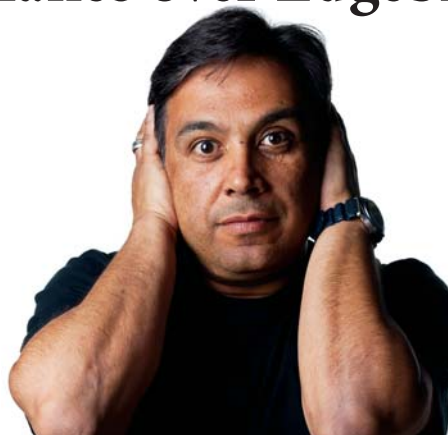
Special Events for the Neighborhood

Thursday, March 14 • 7:00 PM • Volunteer Resource Center

Fasten your seat belt... even more planes over Edgebrook

In response to community concerns about the increase in aircraft noise, the ECA is sponsoring a meeting Thursday, March 14, 7:00 PM at the Volunteer Resource Center, located at the Edgebrook Golf Course, 6100 N. Central Ave.

This forum will help Edgebrook neighbors develop an appropriate and informed opposition to the increase in air traffic in our community. The O'Hare Modernization Program has scheduled further increases in air traffic in the 33rd, 39th, 41st and 45th Wards by late 2013. **Air traffic will increase 500% during the night and 40% during the day, according to The O'Hare Compatibility Noise Commission.**



Confirmed speakers at this important meeting are Andy Ginochio, 39th Ward representative for the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and James Argionis, a Commissioner on the Park Ridge O'Hare Noise Commission.

Don't miss your chance to learn more about what these changes mean for Edgebrook and what options we, as residents, have.

Voice your concern by visiting <http://www.oharenoise.org> or call (800) 435-9569. Working together we can be heard by aviation officials over the whine, rumble and roar of low-flying planes.

Sunday, March 17 • 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM • Ivy's, 5419 W. Devon Ave.

ECA Appreciation Day at Ivy's

Ivy's loves Edgebrook. And Edgebrook loves Ivy's, our neighborhood's newest restaurant. To boost community spirit, Ivy's is sponsoring an ECA Day—the third Sunday of every month—pledging a portion of the proceeds to the ECA. *That's right.* When you buy a meal or snack at Ivy's on ECA Day, not only will you receive good eats at a fair price, you'll be supporting your community association.

It's a win-win situation.

The first ECA Appreciation Day will be held March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) and thereafter every third Sunday of the month. Have a tasty meal, support a local business, and help the ECA.



Saturday, March 23 • 10:00 AM • Jeff Green Park

Easter Egg Hunt

You may not believe your eyes when you see a few hundred kids find thousands of treat-



filled Easter eggs in less than ten minutes, but residents can attest that it happens every year at the ECA's Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt opens at 10 AM, rain or shine, at Jeff Green "Choo Choo" park.

Prepare to be amazed.

Even if your kids have their own kids, you're still welcome to meet with your neighbors, celebrate Spring's arrival, and watch kids scramble for eggs. The coffee will be fresh, the muffins homemade, and the fun contagious.

ECA Mailbag

From a quick note on a recent membership card to a heartfelt letter, the ECA hears from its members. We appreciate these signs that we are doing right by the neighborhood.

One member offered a "Thank you for all you do!" A family took a moment to tell us that they enjoyed "The July 4 Parade & Picnic, The Garden

Walk and The Witches of Oz". A long-time member enjoyed the ECA's Year in Review and said, "We moved here in 1959. Everything you published about 'We are your neighbors' is the truth. You are always there when needed."

We appreciate your kind

words and promise to "Keep up the good work."



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