

ECA says "Let's Party!"

★ ★ ★ Celebrate Independence Day ★ ★ ★

Enjoy a bedazzling parade, picnic fare, family games, great music and award-winning art.

Lineup for the ECA's **July 4th Parade** begins at 10:30 AM, Monday, July 4th, at Edgebrook Elementary School. The Parade starts at 11 AM, heading west on Hiawatha to Central, south to Devon, west to Lehigh, north to Hiawatha, and west to Wildwood Park. Visit the ECA's website (edgebrookcommunity.org) for the parade route map.

The picnic starts at 12 PM at Wildwood Park.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, and brats will be available at the picnic. The **Boy Scouts** will be offering watermelon and roasted corn on the cob. Dessert will be provided by **The Chocolate Shoppe**.

This year's celebration features two concerts. On the Main Stage, Edgebrook favorites **The Country Doctors**, will perform at 12:30 PM. The Children's Stage, new this year, features **Laura Doherty & Friends**

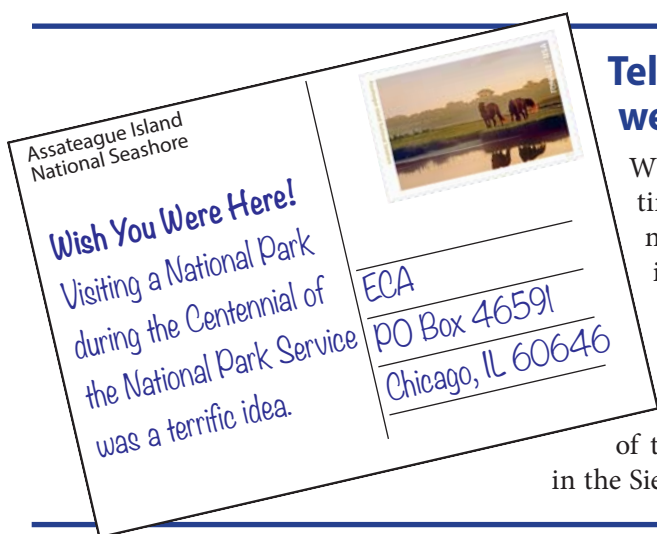
at 12:30 PM. Laura may be familiar to **Edgebrook Branch Library** patrons—Children's Librarian Sandy Art plays Laura's CDs during Story Time.

A gallery of artwork from the ten prizewinners of the ECA's **July 4th Poster Contest** will be on display for your viewing enjoyment.

Add games, prizes, photo ops with our Founding Fathers, and a bouncy house to the mix and the ECA's Celebration is a not-to-be-missed event!

Whether you start at the beginning in the Parade, watch from the sidelines, or wait for the picnic and concerts to start at the park, you don't want to miss the event residents enthusiastically enjoy every year.

Sara salutes Thomas Jefferson who recorded the first recipe for ice cream in America.



Tell us where you vacationed and we'll post your card on our website.

With 59 national parks to explore, there is no better time to start visiting them than during the centennial of the **National Park Service**. Cuyahoga Valley is the closest park to Edgebrook. It's less than 400 miles—about a six-hour drive. The furthest east in the continental U.S. is Acadia National Park, where America sees the first sunrise of the day. The park with the highest elevation in the lower 48—and 5 of the world's largest trees—is Sequoia National Park in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. For water-enthusiasts,

Biscayne National Park is 95% water and features mangroves and barrier reefs.

The most beautiful park? Well, that's for you to decide.

Send the ECA a postcard from your summer vacation and tell the Edgebrook community about a breathtaking sight you saw that should be on everyone's bucket list. Our address is ECA, Box 46591, Chicago, IL 60646. We'll post your colorful cards to the ECA's website. We agree that there's no place like our Edgebrook homes, but what fun we have visiting America from sea to shining sea.

ECA members sponsor art and reading programs

Remember the summer reading club you joined as a kid? After finishing a stack of books, you were awarded a sticker or bookmark. The Chicago Public Library's summer reading program, the **Summer Learning Challenge**, encourages participants to read, discover, and create—all learning counts.

This year's theme is **Explore on the Go!** Visit the Edgebrook Branch Library to learn more about the challenge as well as specifics on individual events.

The ECA is proud to be a part of the Summer Learning Challenge by underwriting two events.

Planes, Trains & Boats: Art With Bernadette Foch

Thursday, July 7, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Create beautiful and unique works of art with presenter **Bernadette Foch** as you Explore on the Go! this summer. *For ages 7 and up.*

Mark Nichol's Puppet Place

Saturday, July 30, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Program participants will be invited to attend a performance of Mark Nichol's Puppet Place. The live theater performance is possible thanks to members of the ECA who are kids at heart and remember how thrilling fairy tales can be.

With all that the Edgebrook Branch Library has to offer your children, grandchildren, nieces and

nephews, there is no reason they can't be entertained, challenged, inspired, mystified, amazed, and comforted. Their world can be expanded.



2016 Edgebrook Garden Walk

On **July 24** a dozen generous families will share their flower and vegetable gardens at the height of their summer beauty. Be prepared for gorgeous colors, interesting arrangements, soothing sounds, harmony, curiosities, and gardening tips from your hosts. Leave the tour with a to-do list of ingenious

and why-didn't-I-think-of-that! ideas to incorporate in your garden.

The Garden Walk's welcome tent is at the **North Branch Arts Garden** on Kinzua just north of Devon. Hours are **11 AM to 4 PM**. The suggested donation is \$10, with discounts available for ECA members and seniors.

In the NBA Garden you'll find the ECA's lemonade stand, a planter auction, whimsical bird houses, and a raffle for local restaurant gift certificates.

The Garden Walk is an NBA-ECA joint production.



To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.
Alfred Austin



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