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Letter from the President



THE NEW SIGNAGE CAN BE FOUND ON A BLOCK NEAR YOU!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

Greetings. There is a sense of community here. As president, I have tried to focus my attention on strengthening that sense of community. Several developments over the course of the year help bear this out.

First, as many of you should have noticed, our new signs have been posted around the neighborhood. They are a refreshing change to the old ones.

In a small way, the signs help

shape our identity as a community – not just of a geographical boundary, but as neighbors and friends. My many thanks to all who helped- the neighbors who donated to fund the installation costs; to all who helped dig post holes and install the signs; and to the Orr family for all of their help.

Second, in conjunction with the Edgebrook and Wildwood associations, NECA has jointly sponsored a letter to our elected aldermen, seeking their help to place all three neighborhoods into one aldermanic district. All three associations share more than similar boundaries, we all face many of the same issues and concerns. Sharing an alderman may help focus attention on the issues that all three associations face.

Third, NECA is working with the Edgebrook and Wildwood associations on the community connection project. As many of you know, the passageway that connects all three associations is badly in need of repairs. Plans are underway to address the types of repairs needed, as well as ways to fund them. My thanks to Jim Hankin for all of his help on this project.

In this year's membership dues drive, I hope everyone participates in our growing sense of community by making their \$25 contribution. With a successful dues drive, we may once again fund the snowplowing services for December, January and February. By undertaking the funding for private snow plowing services, we not only help ourselves clear a path in and out of the neighborhood; we also help our neighbors find their paths too. It takes a community!

Joe Vitek
NECA President

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- ◆ Pay \$25 membership Dues online.
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WELCOMES YOU

MEMBERSHIP
CHECKS PAYABLE
TO "NECA"
SHOULD BE SENT
TO THE
TREASURER,
LAURA DROHAN
7041 N MANKATO

PLEASE MOVE
YOUR CARS OFF
THE STREETS IF
MORE THAN 2
INCHES OF SNOW
IS EXPECTED!

THANK YOU TO
THOSE WHO
DONATED. YOUR
EFFORTS HAVE NOT
GONE UNNOTICED,
AND WE ARE
EXTREMELY
GRATEFUL!

Dues



**DON'T GET SNOWED IN!
SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY.**

The number one expense for NECA is snow plowing, and winter is fast approaching. This year, AccuWeather.com is predicting 50-58 inches of

snow. With news of a colder and wetter winter, please submit your **\$25 dues** by November 30th, if not sooner.

You can also pay your dues online and make a donation directly through our website, necachicago.org. The total amount received will be the determining factor in extending the terms of the snow plowing contract throughout the winter.

Please **DO NOT** count on the generosity of other NECA

members to cover for you! Out of the 789 households in our NECA community, only 320 (or 41%), paid their 2010-2011 dues.

In addition to the snowplowing December-February, your dues also cover landscaping of the common areas at Estes/Caldwell and the island on McAlpin between April-November. We would like to thank those of you who contributed last year and ask once again for your financial help taking care of our neighborhood.

Snow Plowing

NECA will be once again offering snow plow service to its residents this year.

Our contract is to plow curb-to-curb beginning when **2-3 inches** of snow are on the ground and continuing until the snow stops.

Please pay attention to the weather forecast and move your cars off the street if we expect

snow. This will help the streets get plowed cleanly and quickly and will make sure you don't have to spend hours digging out your car.

If your street was missed or there is some other problem which needs the attention of our plow service, please contact

Erick Robertson (7136 McAlpin) at 773-631-7938.



Block Captains

Even with the new signs, there are still neighbors who don't know who we are or what we do. In the past, we have had block captains to help spread the word and get to know our new neighbors.

This year, we have decided to renew our efforts to get a working block captain program in place. There are 789 households in North Edgebrook, and we

would like to make sure that we have a block captain for every one of them. The more people that volunteer to participate, the fewer houses each person will get, so don't be shy!

Participating as a block captain won't take much of your time. We'll contact you next Spring and let you know which houses near you we haven't heard from. Pay a visit to the

houses on the list and see if you can introduce yourself to the people who live there. Talk to them about the association and make sure they have a copy of our newsletter. That's it.

If you're interested, just check the box on the contact card when you send in your dues. Thank you in advance for helping us reach out to all of our neighbors.