



OCTOBER 2012

Letter from the President



Dear Neighbors,

We would first like to thank all of you for your support during the 2011-2012 membership drive. We had one of the highest membership rates in years, at almost 50%. Almost all of these funds are put towards our curb-to-curb snowplowing service throughout the 800 homes which make up North Edgebrook. The remainder is used

to maintain our public greens: the island on McAlpin at Hiawatha and the triangle at Caldwell and Estes.

We are now collecting dues for 2012-2013 and they remain at \$25 per family. There has not been an increase in many years, so please take the time right now to return your membership dues payable to North Edgebrook Civic Association and return it to our treasurer Laura Drohan with the envelope provided or you can pay online via PayPal at our website. With the rising cost of snowplowing, it remains critical that we maintain the high rate of membership we enjoyed last year. So please send in your dues today.

If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome! This year, we will be asking block captains to visit our new neighbors and introduce themselves. It is important that we continue to welcome new neighbors to maintain a sense of community and help keep North Edgebrook a great place to live. If you see our block captains walking around, please say hello and thank them for their time invested helping our cause. If you would like to help out by being a block captain, please check the box on the enclosed card.

There are a couple new ways to keep in contact with NECA electronically this year. We have updated our website and moved to a new address: northedgebrook.org. The old address will still point to us, but this will give us better search engine coverage so it's easier for people to find us without knowing our website. There is also a community social media website at <http://edgebrook.nextdoor.com> which serves the greater Edgebrook community. More and more residents are signing up there every day and people are using it to address community concerns and connect with other neighbors.

We have had some changes to our board, and we are calling a meeting for elections and to discuss plans for the future of the association. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13 at 7 PM at St. Mary's of the Woods Parish Hall and all residents are encouraged to attend. Joe Vitek has resigned his position as president and Shaun has indicated that he will not be able to continue as our secretary. Erick Robertson has been selected by the board to serve the vacancy of president and we will be looking for a new secretary. There are also several open at-large board positions that we would love to fill with enthusiastic neighbors.

Erick Robertson
NECA President

Newsletter Highlights:

www.necachicago.org

- ◆ Please send \$25 for the 2012-2013 Membership Drive
- ◆ Meeting in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 7 PM on Nov. 13th
- ◆ New Contractor for Snowplowing this Winter
- ◆ Neighborhood Connection Project Update

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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!

Edgebrook Connection Project



Metra underpass before connection Project

This past summer, association leadership worked with the Edgebrook Connection Project to support their efforts to re-

store the underpass which connects the two sides of Edgebrook below the Metra tracks at Hiawatha and Lehigh. Due to their efforts, the crumbling drainage area and other safety concerns were addressed by the city and aldermanic funds were used to repair the gaping crack along Lehigh. The project is now working on beautification and maintenance efforts.

Representatives from the project will be giving a presentation at

our upcoming meeting. They will be presenting the design choices for beautification and are seeking community input and involvement in the project.

If you are interested in helping out, come to the meeting or contact Jac Charlier at 773-266-1420.

Snow Plowing

Our snow plowing this year will begin at 2" of snowfall. Please remember to move your cars off the street when we are expecting a snow so that the streets can be cleaned effectively.

We would also like to remind residents on corner homes - especially without curbs - that reflectors are an excellent way of

marking where the corner is.

We don't anticipate any problems with our experienced contractor, but lawn features near the street can be difficult to see when there is a foot of snow on the ground. Every property is different, so please remember to mark rockbeds, railroad ties, and corners before the ground freez-

es if you are concerned about this.



Special Thanks

We would like to extend a special thanks to the Wildwood Seminole football program for their financial help with the new signage. We are very happy to have welcome signs at the entrances marking our neighborhood boundaries. These signs help us identify ourselves as a neighborhood and raise awareness of our association. Thank you all your continued support,

and we hope to see you all at the meeting.

Please remember that we are looking for people who would like to become active, organize a community event, and join the board as at-large members. If you would like to participate but are unable to make the meeting, please contact one of the board members and we would be more than happy to talk about it.

Have a wonderful winter, and we will be in touch again this spring with plans for new events for 2013.