



Letter from the President



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The North Edgebrook Civic Association (NECA) is an organization that serves almost 800 homes in our neighborhood. We collect money each year to pay for snowplowing on our streets and landscaping of our public areas. This is a voluntary membership open only to residents and businesses of our neighborhood, and we appreciate

the support we continue to get from the community.

Membership in NECA is available to our neighbors between Caldwell and Lehigh from the "Welcome to North Edgebrook" signs along Hiawatha and Ionia to the small subdivision north of Touhy connected through Meade Ave. We can offer our community services only through your support through membership. Please return the attached envelope and card with a check for \$25 made out to North Edgebrook Civic Association or NECA. You may also pay through the NorthEdgebrook.org website, although this year we will ask for an additional \$1.25 to cover PayPal processing fees.

Our snowplowing service remains the same this year, with rates and service unchanged. We make this effort every fall in order to supplement the City of Chicago's plowing. Our service brings trucks to our neighborhood more quickly to keep our streets passable during a snowfall. It also cleans our streets curb-to-curb once the snow has stopped. During a major snowstorm, the city remains focused on the large streets and won't have time to take care of our streets sometimes until well after the snow stops. So it's important to have an additional service so that we can get where we need to go when Winter does its worst.

The other service that we provide is landscaping for our common areas. These are "The Island" in the middle of McAlpin by Hiawatha and "The Triangle" at Caldwell and Estes. In an effort to cut costs, we are entertaining bids for a new contractor to maintain these common areas. If you know any landscapers who would be interested in this job, please ask them to call Erick Robertson at 773-631-7938.

There are other ways you can help out the association, too. The most important is that we are looking for a new Treasurer. This is an important board position, and we should try to fill it as soon as possible. I will be doing the job this year, and I hope to make some additional website enhancements to handle some of the bookkeeping. Hopefully this will result in this position requiring significantly less time. Please see the back of the newsletter for other opportunities to help out our neighborhood.

Finally, I would like to thank Laura Drohan for her years of service to our community. She has done a great job as treasurer, and we wish her and her family all of the best.

Erick Robertson
NECA President

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

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◆ The new website now contains data from the NECA archives about membership. We are also looking for copies of old newsletters.

◆ The Association needs a new Treasurer!

◆ Help us find a new home for the NECA sign north of Touhy.

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WELCOMES YOU

NorthEdgebrook.org Membership Drive Status

MEMBERSHIP
CHECKS PAYABLE
TO "NECA"
SHOULD BE SENT
TO THE PRESIDENT,
ERICK ROBERTSON
7136 N. MCALPIN

We would like to thank the 43% of NECA homes and businesses that supported our efforts last year. In order to continue providing our services, however, we will need at least a 50% participation rate this year. This shouldn't be such a tall order, since we had 70% membership as recently as the 1990's, but we will have to do something more.

Each of the last two seasons, we have asked for volunteers to be block captains to help spread the word to our newest neighbors about NECA. We have had quite a few volunteers, but we never put this program into motion properly. With our new website membership data, we should be able to get this started.

If you're interested in helping NECA by being a block captain, you are now empowered to do so, just by being a member. When you return your card, check the box to be listed as a block captain on the website. Then, simply look in the membership project for neighbors near you who have not been members and stop by and say hello!

VISIT OUR
WEBSITE TO SEE
NEW HISTORICAL
DATA ABOUT
NORTH
EDGEBROOK

NorthEdgebrook.org Historical Membership Project

Membership details have been added to our website, NorthEdgebrook.org. We went through the President's archives and were only able to find historical membership data for a handful of years. If you have any old newsletters with a membership roll on them, please send them to Erick Robertson at president@northedgebrook.org

Typically these newsletters were sent out around May. We currently have membership data historically for 1944, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1985, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 2008 to present. If you have a newsletter with the roll for any other years, please let us know. If you are interested in viewing the data, please visit northedgebrook.org/membership

Please note that in order to respect the privacy of our neighbors, the website will not display the name of the current resident on the website.

Memberships from past years in the same name as the current resident are simply displayed in the history as "Current Resident".

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

NECA Signage

We are in need of some help for restoring the "Welcome to North Edgebrook" sign that was installed north of Touhy. This sign was removed when the gas main work was performed, and we have not received permission to re-install the sign. We have reached out to a couple of owners of potential sites, but have not been able to come to an acceptable agreement.

At this point, we need some help. Additionally, the sign was damaged during removal and broke apart during relocation. So currently the sign is in two pieces behind Erick's garage. One piece has a giant clump of concrete attached to the base of the support pole which will need to be removed.

We would be grateful for any help you could offer assessing the damage to the sign. More importantly, though, is that we need a place to put it. Please feel free to reach out to your neighbors or businesses which are on the corner and ask for permission. If you find a place, please contact someone on our board. Thank you!