



Friends and Neighbors!



Winter is approaching, and it is time again to think about snow plowing. We continue to get great feedback about our current contractor, and he was able to offer the same services with only a slight increase in price to cover insurance cost increases. **Dues for 2014-15 will be \$35.**

We also are honored to have Alderman Mary O'Connor visiting us at Wildwood School on Wednesday, November 12th at 7 PM. She will give us a State of the Ward and then take questions. The Association will have a general meeting immediately following. Please use the school entrance on the south side of the school in the parking lot behind the gym.

Please remember that our service dispatches snow plows when the snow accumulates to more than 2 inches. Our neighborhood enjoys curb-to-curb service, so parked cars prevent the streets from being effectively cleaned. Please remember to pay attention to the weather and move your cars off the street if we are expecting more than 2 inches of snow. This will ensure that the parking space in front of your house will get plowed to the curb.

Our current contractor has been working with us for a few years now, and we have received mostly good feedback about the service. He works with us to figure out a plan for some special areas in the neighborhood that are difficult to plow well, so he is very receptive to feedback. There was certainly an increase in feedback last year with the heavy winter and the snow that never melted, but it's years like that when it's good we are contracted for unlimited snow removal. Streets will be cleaned from December 1st through February 28th. Beyond that available funds will be used if we get a big snow that doesn't melt.

Walking around delivering newsletters, many neighbors comment that this membership is the best money they spend all year. It keeps our streets clean of snow so we can safely get in and out of the neighborhood. This is also a great way to contribute to the community in a way in which we can all benefit. Please support the North Edgebrook Association again this year.

Erick Robertson
NECA President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Alderman O'Connor at Wildwood School "State of the Ward" Wed Nov 12, 7 PM
- ◆ Snowplowing Season December - February
- ◆ "Unwelcome Water in the Home: Causes and Solutions" at our TBA Spring Meeting by Jeff Parks, President of Parks Plumbing

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MEMBERSHIP
CHECKS PAYABLE
TO "NECA"
SHOULD BE SENT
TO THE
MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRPERSON
KATHY RODDEN
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IF YOU HAVE
SOME WEB
DEVELOPMENT OR
ADMINISTRATION
EXPERIENCE, WE
NEED YOU!

THANK YOU TO
OUR MEMBERS.
YOUR EFFORTS
HAVE NOT GONE
UNNOTICED, AND
WE ARE EXTREMELY
GRATEFUL!



NorthEdgebrook.org Financial Status

We are still falling short of 50% participation rate, yet we remain dedicated to growing our membership. We have raised dues from \$25 to \$35 this year because we can no longer rely on an increase in membership to cover rising snow plowing costs over the last several years. With these dues, we hope to also collect enough to cover any landscaping costs, which we were unable

to do this year. Last year, we did not collect enough and neighbors had to pay out of pocket or do the work themselves. We are also still working on a plan to transition maintenance of our two largest areas to the park district or other city services. There is no guaranteed timeline on this process. The board will continue to keep the community updated at our regular meetings.

The general membership also approved \$300 to be spent as the board sees fit towards efforts to increase membership. So far, the board has hosted a couple events where dues were collected. These events are being covered in the Reporter and announced on the Nextdoor Edgebrook website, and have already yielded some new members!

NECA Board and Chairpersons

We welcome Norma Hartnett to the board as our new Treasurer. She was elected at the last general meeting to this important board position. We also appointed board members Steve Benson and Kathy Rodden to chair position, as Publicity and Membership chairs, respectively. We are very grateful to everyone who is able to give their time and

energy to our community by volunteering.

One area which needs help is our association website. We have the hosting resources, but we need someone who knows how to make a website so it looks good and we can update it easily. If you have some experience with this, and would like to volunteer to help out, please

contact Erick Robertson at 773-631-7938.

There are still several Director positions available on our board. They can be filled at any time through a nomination at a general meeting. If you know someone in the community who should be on our board, bring them to the meeting and nominate them! It is great to have more people involved with ideas and an extra pair of hands from time to time.

Joining NECA

To join or renew your membership to the North Edgebrook Civic Association, please use the enclosed envelope to send a check for \$35 to our membership chairperson, Kathy Rodden, at 7083 N. McAlpin Ave. Our snowplowing payments are due starting in December, so please do not delay.

Curb-to-Curb snowplowing service is a benefit provided to the whole neighborhood thanks to the support of our members. Everyone benefits from this service, so please send in your dues to support our association, which needs your support to continue serving our neighborhood.

The NECA board is growing and discussing more ways to serve our neighborhood. If you would like to be a part of this conversation, come to our meetings or volunteer to join our board as a director. Joining NECA is a great way to play a positive role in helping our local community.