

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Friday, April 4:**
Fun Friday, Fish Fry
6:30p.m.
- **Saturday, April 26:**
Home and Lifestyle
Expo 10a.m.-2p.m.
- **Monday, April 28:**
Adopt a Highway
9a.m.
- **Friday, May 2:**
Fun Friday, White
Elephant Bingo
6:30p.m.
- **Saturday, May 17:**
Volunteer Fair
10a.m.-12p.m.
- **Sunday, May 18:**
Lifelong Learning,
"Malts, Shakes &
Happy Days" 1p.m.

First Annual Volunteer Fair



Volunteer Fair

Saturday, May 17

10a.m.-12p.m.

Have you always wanted to volunteer but are not sure where the volunteer opportunities are? Are you interested in giving back to the greater Elgin/Fox Valley area?

We will be hosting our first Annual Volunteer Fair on Saturday, May 17 from 10a.m.-12p.m. We have invited a variety of organizations that are always looking for volunteers. We expect more organizations to register, however, the following organizations have registered to attend our Volunteer Fair:

Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Boys & Girls Club of Elgin

Elgin Choral Union

Fox Valley Food for Health

Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice

The Salvation Army

City of Elgin Parks & Recreation

Senior Services Associates

Elgin Lions Club

Food for Greater Elgin

Advocate Sherman Hospital

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

Administer Justice

Do you volunteer somewhere that is looking for more volunteers? Do you know of any type of organization that is in need of volunteers and could benefit from being at our Volunteer Fair? If so, please submit the organization name, contact, and mailing address to Carrie Schneider and she will send them an invitation.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our first Volunteer Fair!

If you are interested in being on the Volunteer Fair Committee, please contact Carrie to learn about the next meeting date and time!

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Creekside Lodge Hours & Contact Information

Creekside Lodge

2554 Edgewater Dr. Elgin, IL 60124
(847) 695-6130

Creekside Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 5:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday: 6:30a.m.-7:00 p.m.

November 15-March 31:

Saturday/Sunday: 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Children's Swim Hours:

Sunday-Saturday 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Concierge desk: (847) 695-6130 ext. 10

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Saturday/Sunday: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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Chartered clubs are in italics

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BAGGERS CLUB:

Pete 847-289-9915

BEATEN PATH WALKING GROUP:

Marina 847-841-8456

BICYCLE GROUP:

Marina 847-841-8456
Judy 847-372-7359 (Slow Spokes)

BOCCE:

Barb 224-535-8246

BUNCO:

Barb 224-535-8246

CHAPTER ONE BOOK CLUB:

Judi 630-250-7686

CHESS CLUB:

Pier (Pete) 630-629-3492

Christian Adult Fellowship at Edgewater (CAFÉ):

Bruce & Judy 224-238-3868

COMPUTER USERS GROUP:

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COUPLES GOLF:

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Edgewater by Del Webb Committee Members

Civic Committee: Linda Gallien,
Ken Holliday, John Licht, Richard House,
Wayne Whelpley, Marta Wortman

Finance Committee: Bill Baker, Chuck Bradley,
Bob DelGuidice, Pete Dubin, Bob Pasek

LifeStyle Committee: Judy Carnell, Bob Okarski,
Joe Podraza, Bob Siwy, Rick Tornberg, Kathy Bosh,
Diane Scheurer

Modifications Committee: Roland Brabant,
Joyce DelGuidice, Sharon Fisher-Larson, Bill Taylor

Property & Grounds Committee: Janet Asdel, Dave
Kirkpatrick, Jerry Michalski, Roy Roush, Judy Stoney, Leo
Szwiec,

Opportunities to hear and be heard!

Open Homeowners' Board of
Directors Quarterly
Meetings for 2014:

June 11 1:30 p.m.

September 10 6:00 p.m.

November 12 1:30 p.m.

**All open homeowners' meetings are
held in the Ballroom at the Creekside
Lodge**

Upcoming neighborhood
meetings with your
neighborhood representatives.
All meetings are at 7 p.m.

Neighborhood #1:
Monday, May 12

Neighborhood #2:
Tuesday, May 13

Neighborhood #3:
Wednesday, June 4

Neighborhood #4:
Tuesday, May 27

Neighborhood #5:
Wednesday, May 21

New Resident/Creekside Lodge
Orientation
May 21 at 6 p.m.

Creekside Lodge
Please register with the concierge at
847-695-6130 x 10.
All residents welcome!

Creekside Lodge Holiday Hours

Easter, 4.20.14: Closed

Memorial Day, 5.26.14: Close at 4 p.m.

4th of July, 7.4.14: Close at 4 p.m.

Labor Day, 9.1.14: Close at 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day, 11.27.14 Closed

Christmas Eve, 12.24.14: Close at 12 p.m.

Christmas Day, 12.25.14: Closed

New Year's Eve, 12.31.14: Close at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day, 1.1.15: Closed

It's more than a place to live . . .

It's a Lifestyle!

A HISTORY OF DEL WEBB



January 1st, 2010 marked the 50th Anniversary of Sun City in Arizona!

Born in 1899 in a very young Fresno, California, Del Webb learned carpentry as a hobby and baseball as a passion at a very early age. Del's life started out on a somewhat privileged note. Before he finished his freshman year in high school, however, his father's company ran into financial problems, and Del was forced to quit school to become a carpenter's apprentice. Though he enjoyed carpentry, Del's love of baseball was still the driving force in his life. He would work only for companies that had a baseball team, always waiting for the call to come from the big leagues.

The Move to Phoenix

In 1927, when Del was 28, he contracted typhoid fever, an event which changed the course of his life. On the advice of a friend, Del and his wife, Hazel, moved to Phoenix to recuperate. It was while working in Phoenix that Del Webb finally gave up his dreams of playing baseball professionally and poured all his talents into carpentry. Webb often claimed that much of his success came from applying the rules of baseball to business. He found that boldness, showmanship, teamwork and steady performance under pressure served him well in both arenas. In 1928 Webb decided to start his own company. As his business began to expand he hired his first employees, several of whom would continue to draw a paycheck from Del for over 20 years. Del's company continued to grow even through the Depression years. By the late 1930's, his contracting business was one of the largest in Arizona and, as such, was offered numerous defense contracts to help the country prepare for war. Several contracts called for building entire cities, foreshadowing the kind of development work that would make Del Webb famous in the years to come.

Post-War Success

Del Webb's innovative problem-solving during the war gave him a reputation which would launch him even further into the major leagues. Webb continued working on peace-time projects for the government after the war ended. These projects were not only lucrative, they also introduced Webb to some very influential people. One of the most interesting was Howard Hughes. Webb and Hughes became fast friends. Often Hughes would join Del and his golfing buddies, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and the Goldwater brothers, Barry and Robert, for a game. Webb and Hughes also shared a love of flying. So, when Hughes got a defense contract to build planes, he turned to Del to help him build the factory. In addition to government projects, Webb's home-building reputation was growing. He had always been available

to help homeowners "make-due" during the war. Now that the war had ended, people were anxious to build new, and they remembered Del.

Turning a Passion Into Profit

In 1945 Del and a partner bought the New York Yankees. The purchase turned out to be a profitable investment as the Yankees won the World Series 10 times during the 20-year span in which Del owned them. Webb's experience in building entire cities for the military paid off in a project in Tucson. In 1948, in response to the post-war demand for housing, Webb was hired to build Pueblo Gardens. The project called for 600 homes and an entire shopping complex to be built in the open desert. **On January 1st, 1960, the start of the new decade brought a new kind of eminence for the Del Webb Corporation. Sun City, an innovative community that was designed exclusively for retired people, was opened.** After working for over five months to convert a cotton field into a city, complete with a golf course, recreation center, shopping center, and five model homes, Del hoped that 10,000 visitors would attend the New Year's Day opening. Instead of 10,000, more than 100,000 people toured the property over the three-day weekend. As a result of the success of Sun City, a *Time* magazine cover story and the gratitude of thousands of active adults, Del Webb, like his community, became a legend. Yet he never lost touch with the individual residents. They knew that if something wasn't right, "Del Webb would fix it."

Years of Diversification

Hotel development would provide additional opportunities for the company's success. Webb had helped introduce the concept of "motor hotels" in the post-war years. What really brought Del Webb notoriety in hotel development, however, was the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas for underworld figure Bugsy Siegel. In the years to come, Del Webb himself would become involved in gaming with the Sahara-Nevada Hotel. Webb's entry into gaming was lauded by the Nevada Gaming Commission, which hoped his name would bring other reputable businessmen to Nevada. It did. Howard Hughes joined in, and the two were instrumental in polishing the image of Las Vegas. On July 31, 2001, the merger of Pulte Homes, Inc. and Del Webb Corporation formally closed. The combined companies have become the nation's second largest homebuilder, with a size, geographic presence and product portfolio unrivaled in the homebuilding industry. Whether you are a first-time home buyer, trading up or exploring a unique lifestyle in one of our active adult communities, Del Webb and Pulte Homes holds leading market positions throughout the United States. This \$14.3 billion homebuilding powerhouse invites you to become a Homeowner for Life, so you, too, can experience the true customer satisfaction backed by decades of delivering quality homes and lifestyle amenities.

News from the Community Association Manager

There has been a great deal of talk in the Lodge and around the Community recently concerning the eventual “transition” of Edgewater by Del Webb from Pulte/DelWebb to a fully-controlled resident Board of Directors. Many questions have been asked and will continue to be asked and that is why my Community Association Manager’s report at the open homeowners’ meeting attempted to address some of the questions and misconceptions. During the next few months, my monthly article in “Lifestyles” (Edgewater’s monthly newsletter) will discuss many of the aspects of “transition”. And as always, please feel free to ask me any questions you may have.

Transition is a process of transferring control of the homeowners’ association from the developer (Pulte/DelWebb) to the owners. This is a process (not just one event) that begins when the community is established and governing documents are filed and continues until the last step of an election of a full Board of Directors made up of residents. Until the time of the first annual meeting of the Association and election of the resident Board of Directors, the Developer Control Period is in effect and the developer has control of the Board with a majority of members being Pulte/DelWebb employees. One of the most visible aspects of a phase of transition is the appointment of residents by Pulte/DelWebb to the Board of Directors.

During the transition time, educating owners in governance and ongoing communication is done to make the transition a smooth process. The first step in education is the “New Homeowner Orientation” which is held every other month. Ongoing communication takes place through the monthly newsletter, the portal, establishment of standing committees as well as neighborhood representation and neighborhood meetings.

One of the first active steps of self-governance and final transition preparation begins with early committees and progresses with additional committees and then ultimately the formation of a transition committee. There are some specific tasks that are done in preparation for the “final transition”. Many of these tasks are already being done here at Edgewater. Here are a few—

- Financial audit to protect the financial integrity of the HOA (homeowners’ association). This is currently done on an annual basis by an outside auditing company

- Physical and structural evaluation of facilities. Edgewater has had a baseline Reserve Study completed with updates and will have another update done in 2014. An engineering company is hired to do this.
- A legal audit of the governing documents is done to ensure appropriate operating procedures are followed. The Association has hired its own attorney (it is not a Pulte/DelWebb attorney) who advises and guides in legal matters.
- Make sure that contracts and business documents are available for residents to review. These are available in the Business office in the Lodge.

Once a 7-member resident Board of Directors is elected, Pulte/DelWebb will continue to be a “resource” for the Association. They will continue to participate as they “wind-down” their involvement in the Community. Please remember, transition/turnover does not affect any warranties on your home. If you have concerns involving structural aspects of your home, as you currently do you will continue to go to DelWebb.com then to Owner’s Entry and list your question/concern.

Various services throughout the community are provided by vendors who have contracts with the Edgewater by Del Webb Community Association. These contracts are not with Pulte/DelWebb. Some examples of these service contracts are landscape/snow, detention basin maintenance, fountain maintenance, association management, gatehouse guards, common area irrigation maintenance, goose control, and many others. In future articles, I will explain these in greater details.

As I said, I will continue to discuss aspects of transition during the next few months’ articles but please do feel free to ask me questions. The goal of transition is to be able to turn over a fully-functional operating Association to a resident Board of Directors. With all of our committees already in place, I have no doubt that this will be done.

Lyn Haars

Community Association Manager

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First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Summary

The 1st quarter 2014 open homeowners'/Board of Director's meeting of Edgewater by del Webb community Association was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. The following is a summary of information presented to the homeowners in attendance.

*Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors consisted of the following:

- Acres Group: Approval for replacement of common area removed trees, antidesiccant to common area pines, additional willow wicking work, dormant pruning of common area dogwood bushes
- Approval of maintenance contracts for:
 - * Naturescape – common area irrigation
 - * Marine Biochemists – fountains and detention basins
 - * Butler Domestic – janitorial
 - * Clarke Environmental – mosquito abatement
 - * Atomatic – HVAC maintenance
 - * Christopher Burke – Native maintenance work

- Approval of method of delivery of fiscal year budget
- Approval of Association Calendar Year 2014 Budget

The President reported that the issues with the tennis courts will be addressed this spring as the weather warms. The Lodge stone issue has been turned over to the insurance company. Comments concerning transition from a developer-controlled Board to a complete homeowner Board of Directors were made. More details were presented during the Community Association Manager's report.

Residents were urged to complete the LifeStyle Suggestion Survey which was in the March newsletter. This will help the LifeStyle Committee determine desired amenities of the community.

Various reports were given by Association committee representatives.

The developer update reported that as of 3/12/14 there are 72 lots remaining to sell and close. There are 13 different floor plans available to select from for homes to be built and the goal is to sell out all lots in 2015. That is only the goal.

News from the Sales Team

Happy Spring from your Edgewater Sales Team! We are happy to report we sold **34 homes** over the winter! Joe Bajko, our field manager, is going to be a very busy bee! By now, you have seen some of foundations going in the ground. Construction is underway and dust is in the air!

The response to our new floor plans has been fantastic! We are on the final countdown to sell out! We have approximately 72 home sites remaining to sell; most of which are located in Neighborhood 5. With Sun City Huntley sold out, Edgewater may be the last opportunity to build a new Del Webb home in the northwest suburbs!

We hope you have told all your friends and family to stop in and visit the new models. We appreciate the referral and are happy to give them the grand tour!

Your Edgewater Sales Team

News from the Landscape/Snow Contractor

It is officially spring! With the new season comes a new employee here at Acres Group to help you out and assist you with your landscaping needs in anyway. I would first off like to introduce myself to everyone here at the Edgewater community. As you may have heard, Brian Elliot has left the company to pursue other fields of aspirations. I, Rob Rottmann, have had the opportunity and the privilege to become his replacement and Acres Group's representative. I have recently graduated with my Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University. At the University, I majored in Agricultural Business with extensive studies in sales, agronomy, and most importantly horticulture. Along with my education, I have had substantial years of work experience in the landscaping fields consisting of; landscape construction, design, planting, and maintenance of any grounds. I also worked at the famous Morton Arboretum where few have had the opportunity to be able to work in such a professional setting, and I will always bring that aspect of work ethic with me wherever I may go. I am greatly looking forward to being part of the Acres Group crew due to their knowledge and professionalism which I can continue to carry with me. Most importantly, I am looking forward to being able to meet the community and assist with any future needs that this spring and summer will bring.

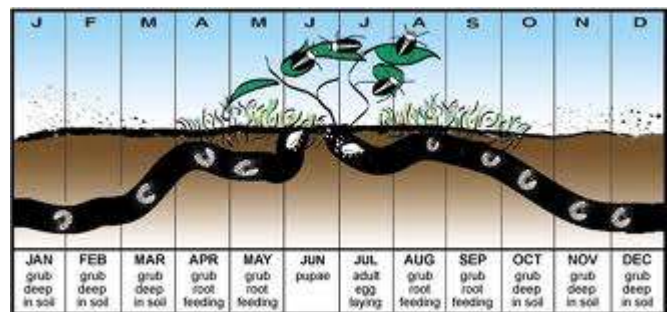
First off, as you may know, "April Showers bring May flowers". We sure have had enough snowfall this previous winter to replenish the water tables and then some. However, as most of you know, we should be expecting that same wet weather to carry on into the spring. A fun fact to remember that 1 inch of rain is equivalent to 10 inches of snow! This winter has brought the total snowfall amount to over 66.2 inches! That's about the same as 6.6" of rainfall. If the spring weather is consistent or anything like what we had in the winter, expect large amounts of rainfall in large quantities or dispersed in intermitted periods with long gradual rainfalls. All of this rain water needs to go somewhere. If you notice consistent pools of water sitting around on or near your property, I will be happy to analyze and assist to see if there is any drainage complication and will act accordingly.

As you may have noticed, we have started to assess the superficial damage caused by the snow removal and are continuing to do repair work and are

re-seeding the turf grass areas affected. We are providing the initial watering which is critical to both get the soil to adequate moisture content as well as to activate the seed growth process. However, the new grass seed will need to be watered everyday to prevent the drying out of the seeds once initially watered. It would be both greatly appreciated and beneficial if you could take it up on yourselves to water these areas of newly planted grass seed patches. It is recommended to water the new seed with a daily soaking of 1" or more for two weeks after the process of planting (when the new grass starts to grow and thicken), preferably in the morning or the evening to beat the sun's heat from having the water evaporate during the heat of the day. Usually a good tip to remember is you can stop watering typically after the first time the new grass is mowed.



As April comes to an end, May is right around the corner. May 2014 is Invasive Species Awareness Month in Illinois (ISAM) and that tells us that the Japanese Beetle arrival is not far behind. June is the time the Association does grub control and soil drench for Japanese Beetles.



If you find yourself spraying to keep your flowers alive, you are only touching the tip of the iceberg and ultimately fighting a losing battle. Adult Japanese beetles can fly several thousands of feet away from where they came out of the soil (that's a few football fields!) That's why it is important for you to take an active part in trying to manage your grounds early in the year to kill the grubs because it is the best and easiest way to do so. Japanese beetles burrow in the ground during winter months, they are grubs in the early stages of development and can be treated the same way.

News from the Landscape/Snow Contractor



As many of you have roses and take great pride in the care and beauty, you may have noticed that the Japanese beetles love to devour them in a grotesque and efficient manner. The concern of pesticide and insecticide spray as you would have with a garden is not as important and common spray bottles such as the brand Seven or other garden sprays work wonders in killing the beetles in a quick fashion. These products are usually safe for health concerns, especially when it comes to grandchildren and dogs playing and rolling around in the yards because these chemicals are typically localized and water soluble and will dissolve and degrade once there is a rainfall. However, if you do purchase garden sprays like this, it is important to not go overboard when spraying as the wind may carry the excess chemicals and harm other insects that are native and critical for the ecosystem. This should not be of a greater concern though as the Japanese beetles weaken local ecosystems by themselves on a larger scale. Although tempting to knock the beetles down to the ground and crush them, it actually will do more damage as the female beetles will release a pheromone when crushed that will attract many

more males to the area. The spraying chemicals do a wonderful job and are much less of a health hazard than your typical agricultural chemicals.



I am very excited for what this year has to bring as I start my new path assisting the lovely community of Edgewater. I will confidently be able to use my years of work experience along with my extensive studies and education to be able to meet any demands that you or your community have. I also want to say THANK YOU for letting us be a part to further maintain the impeccable quality of life that Edgewater hold. Please feel free to continue to reach out to the Edgewater Landscape & Snow Hotline with any questions, comments, or concerns or if you would like estimates for additional landscape work of any kind for the upcoming season.

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Customer Service Specialist

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News from Creekside Lodge



It is hard to read the newspaper when portions are being ripped out of it.

If you would like to take portions of the newspaper, please come back at night

and you may do this.

We have received many complaints from residents who would like to read the newspaper during the day, but this is what they come across.

Is this your shirt?
It was lent to the Chapter One Book Club for the September exhibit
THE THINGS THEY CARRIED. It is a USMC shirt, size small with the



name P.O. Schultz inside the collar. We have been trying to return it to the rightful owner. If it is yours; please contact Carrie Schneider so that it can be returned to you.

News from the Lifestyle Director

When we are involved in something for so long, it is often hard to see it from a different perspective or through another lens. Sometimes when we are so involved with something we do not see what is wrong, where the mistakes are or what we can do to improve it or understand how others view it. This may simply be the case with the Social Planners Committee. We often times refer to our Social Planners Committee as the committee that plans, organizes and carries out the events that are held in our community. At New Resident Orientation, Open Board Meetings, Neighborhood Meetings & Newsletter articles we are often times discussing the Social Planners Committee and how to get involved with it in order to get more people to come to our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7p.m. Yet, we often times see the same faces around the table at Social Planners and we would love for some new people to join us!

Well we may have cracked the code. . . .

I was in a meeting before I had to write my newsletter article and I have learned that the

perception of the Social Planners Committee is there may be a commitment of X amount of time. That to some people committee means just that; commitment. The committee meeting I was in discussed this and felt that quite possibly Social Planners should just be considered a Group, not a Committee. There is no set time commitment, come as you are and often or few times that you would like. When you attend a Social Planners Meeting, there is no commitment; come, listen and see what is going on and see how you might be able to get involved. There is no pressure from the Chairperson of the group (me) to get on a committee for a special event. As one resident said, "It was fun to be there, be around people and see what I can get involved with."

Please join us at one of our next meetings: Monday, April 7 or May 5 at 7p.m. You'll be glad you did!

Carrie Schneider, Lifestyle Director

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News from the Civic Committee

It is the mission of the Civic Committee to: "Work with units of government at all levels and with agencies and organizations outside of Edgewater on issues that affect the quality of life for its residents. Encourage participation in the many opportunities – commercial, cultural, educational, political, recreational, and more – that are available to its residents in the broader community of which Edgewater is a part"

The Civic Committee invites you to check out **OurEdgewater.net** website, Civic Committee.

You can sign up for the Civic Committee emails by sending your name and email address, requesting for your name to be added to the list. When you sign up, you will receive occasional items of community or civic interest edgewater.civic.information@gmail.com is the place.

You can contact committee members directly by using www.ouredgewater.net address book.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 10:00 am.

What happens on a monthly basis with respect to money received and invoices paid by the Edgewater Association? Describe some of the controls involved.

Assessments – Money received for monthly assessments is deposited into our operating checking account.

Invoices – Association bills are paid twice a month from the operating checking account.

- Bills are coded by the Community Association Manager (CAM) to the appropriate account listed on the income and expense statement
- Invoices are then sent to the accounting company for review and processing
- Checks are prepared and sent to the management company
- Checks are reviewed and signed by an executive member of the management company
- Checks are then returned to the CAM who reviews and sends out the payments

Reserve Fund Checking Account – During 2014 \$34.23 of our monthly assessment for each home is transferred out of the operating account into the Reserve MaxSafe account- (somewhat like a savings account). This money is used for investments and for capital expenditures as outlined in the long-term Reserve Study and/or as approved by the Board.

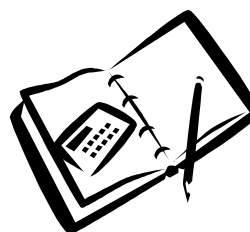
Financial Information –Every month the accounting company prepares a complete financial packet – balance sheet, income statement, general ledger, etc. which is presented and reviewed by the Finance Committee. This review gives an overview of the finances of the Association. Once reviewed by the Finance Committee, this packet is then presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval. Finance Committee Minutes along with the monthly Balance Sheet and Income Statements are available for review by the residents and are also posted on the portal.

Annual Audit – Edgewater has had a yearly audit completed by an independent CPA firm for the last 7 years. The Finance Committee meets with and reviews the results of the examination with the Auditor. After this review is completed the Committee meets with and recommends acceptance by the Board. The full Audit is available for review by residents and is also posted on the portal.

Reserve Fund Investments – The Reserve Fund is comprised of various Certificates Of Deposit (CDs) at different financial institutions. The goal is to have these investments in a laddering pattern so all CDs do not mature at the same time. Currently the Association has 19, 24, 36, 48 and 60 month CDs all maturing at different times. Before any investment is made, a recommendation is made by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. This Fund is intended to provide the resources for capital expenditures as outlined in the long-term Reserve Study and/or approved by the Board.

This article is a brief overview. If there are questions, please ask a member of the Finance Committee or Community Association Manager Lyn Haars.

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Please submit your suggestions for future Finance Committee articles and questions to Lyn or any Finance Committee member. Your name and address is required but will not be published.



News from the LifeStyle Committee

LIFE Style

The Lifestyle Suggestion Survey was in the March Lifestyles Newsletter. We hope everyone had the opportunity to fill the survey out and turned it in by March 31. The results will be calculated in April and published in the May Lifestyle Newsletter. Remember your suggestions are very important to make enhancements to our community. The funds in the LifeStyle account are used only for enhancement purposes and money used does not affect the homeowners monthly assessment fees. Also, one lucky winner will be drawn from the surveys submitted and will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Meijer's. Winner will be announced in the May Newsletter.

The Wii and Ping Pong activities have not been used very much. So Rick & Marta held a tournament on March 22 and hope we had a good turnout and encourages residents to make use of these and all other activities that are available to residents and guests.

Since the weather seems to be improving somewhat the LifeStyle Committee plans to tour the community for possible sites for additional benches. First we have to wait for the two feet of frozen ground to thaw before installation of the benches would begin and after the Board of Directors approves the committee's recommendation. Hopefully that happens sooner rather than later!



News from the Modifications Committee



Welcome to new members Peter Sardina and Jack Burr who began their official duties at the March 18 meeting. We also welcome Spring? At least I hope so! If not, hopefully it will arrive soon and with it will be requests for patios, decks, and other outside projects which must all be approved by the Modifications Committee.

Please be sure to get an up-to-date application from the concierge or off the web portal and fill it out completely with dimensions, color, etc. And, don't forget to initial on all requested items. In April, the committee will meet at 2 p.m. on April 8 and at 9:15 a.m. on April 22. Beginning April 29, the committee will begin revision of the *Design Guidelines*.

News from the Property & Grounds Committee

After receiving over 60 inches of snow, it is a relief to see it finally melting! Because of the long period of time the snow cover was present, your lawn may show signs of snow mold or vole damage. Repairs are the responsibility of the homeowner. To help your lawn recover from any damage, rake the areas effected as the snow melts.

Landscape crews will be performing their spring cleanup which includes inspecting lawns for any damage done from snow clearing operations. Acres will repair any damaged turf caused from snow clearing operations.

If you have experienced any property damage from the clearing of snow, complete a Snow Maintenance Concerns form (available at the Lodge or on the

portal) and return it to the Lodge front desk as soon as possible.

Other landscape activities occurring during April include a general cleanup of the grounds, edging of plant beds and a fertilizer application with pre-emergent crabgrass control.

During April the roads and Lodge parking lot will be inspected and any repairs will be addressed.

The ongoing review of which areas of the Lodge are in need of painting or maintenance are in process.

Remediation of the severe soil erosion from muskrat activity in the wetland area off Tuscan View is now in process. The winter weather has slowed this work.

Baggers Club *Chartered Club*

The Baggers Chartered Club meets every Monday and Tuesday from 3:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. from August – May

Teams are decided by a draw of cards. All skill levels are warmly accepted.

Come out and see what all the noise is about on

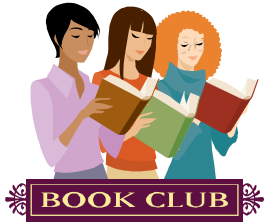
Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

It sure beats watching Dr. Phil & Judge Judy!!

Pete Dubin/President – 847/289-9915



Chapter One Book Club *Chartered Club*



Please join your fellow 'Literature Lovers' on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 PM as we discuss the novel by **Susan Vreeland**, "**Clara and Mr. Tiffany**".

Susan Vreeland graduated from San Diego State University, she taught high school English in San Diego beginning in 1969 and retired in 2000 after a 30-year career.

During the Gilded Age just before the turn of the twentieth century, Tiffany forged his reputation in stained-glass. His highly recognizable style blended Art Nouveau, the exoticism of the Aesthetics Movement, and his own adoration of nature.

Driven by the Tiffany Family imperative to honor his father, owner of Tiffany & Co., by surpassing his elder's fame and financial success, Tiffany confronts the central issue in the Arts and Crafts debate: art versus industry, and its concomitant, creative indulgence versus financial restraint.

Yearning to establish herself as a creator of exquisite pieces of art, and to be recognized publically, Clara is a vibrant, intelligent, wry

woman, a leader whose challenge, like that of many women, is to decide what makes her most happy—the professional world of her hands, or the personal world of her heart.

The novel interprets her creative and personal life, her loves, losses, triumphs, and her startling decisions.

Chapter One Book Club welcomes everyone to their monthly meetings. Have a question or need addition information please contact Rosalie @ 847-742-6654 or email bozanrw@prodigy.net.

May book selection is '**And The Mountain Echoed**' by Khaled Hosseini.

Also, mark your calendar to attend our "Jane Austen Speaks" program at the Lodge on **Sunday, May 4, at 2:00 p.m.**, when the beloved 19th Century author is brought to vivid life in a delightful portrayal by actress Debra Ann Miller. The cost is just \$7 per person. Sign up with the concierge, check payable to Chapter One Book Club and bring a friend.

Contract Bridge *Chartered Club*

If you would like to join the Contract Bridge Group, call Joni at (847) 429-9207 or Connie at (847) 841-1684.

If you are interested in Duplicate Bridge, call Susan at (847) 742-4632.

Information about the groups may be found in Lifestyles or you may call any of the numbers if you have additional questions.

Edgewater Couples Bridge *Chartered Club*

Couples bridge is just one of several opportunities to play Bridge at Edgewater. Couples bridge meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon.

Everyone, win or lose, enjoys a great time with friendly people, wonderful conversation, and lots of laughs. Plus, it is not uncommon for people who are available to go out to dinner after bridge to brag, complain, and rehash the hands.

Incidentally, you don't have to be a *couple* to play couples bridge! Many of the players in the group are singles. You just need a *partner* and there are subs available who would be happy to play with you. Haven't played in a while? We'll be happy to help you brush up on the game. For more details just call our current President, Pat Kirkpatrick, at 224-238-7129.

Creekside Cookers *Chartered Club*

CREEKSIDE COOKERS PRESENTS

IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN

APRIL 17, 2014

6:30P.M.

Kathleen Carr will bring a little bit of spring to our meeting this month. Kathleen began growing and selling plants and vegetables when she was 11 years old. This interest in growing led her to a degree in Agricultural Sciences from Texas A & M University. With degree in hand, she taught horticulture, then worked for several well respected nurseries in the Midwest. In 1996, Kathleen and her husband Chris founded THE GROWING SCENE, INC. THE GROWING SCENE, located in Marengo, Illinois includes a garden center, landscaping services and a farm stand.



On the 17th, we will be learning how to create a herb garden or salad garden in a container. Fresh herbs make any recipe taste better. Herbs and greens are perfect container garden plants and will thrive if you provided them the right growing conditions. Please join us to learn from Kathleen how to put together a container garden we can enjoy on our patio and in our kitchen.

The meeting is at 6:30p.m. in the Creekside Lodge, doors open at 6p.m. The fee for the evening is \$5.00 for members or guests. Resident guests are welcome to attend two meetings a year before joining. Membership is \$20.00 effective September 2013 through August 2014. If you need more information contact Rosalie Bozan at bozanrw@prodigy.net, Sue Rowe at susan.c.rowe@comcast.net or Maureen Hammond at reenie549@yahoo.com.



Krafty Needlers *Chartered Club*

The Krafty Needlers purpose is to learn, gain knowledge of and enhance our sewing, knitting, crocheting and other needlework techniques, to share members' time, talent, ideas and thoughts; to observe and participate in demonstrations, preparation; to enjoy socialization with members of the club.

Krafty Needlers **Quilt Bee Work Session** day and meeting date is the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The monthly meeting begins at 4:00 p.m.

Krafty Needlers **Knitting Bee Work Session** takes place every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts room. Join us any time with a project you are working on or looking for a project to start. Join in the conversation. Our cabinets have been reorganized and there is yarn available to make items to donate. Join us to choose a pattern and some yarn to get started.

Annual donations of the Krafty Needlers:



Edgewater Singles *Chartered Club*

It seems that each month we say that we are looking forward to better weather and we are. Hopefully, April will bring us the sunshine and warmer temperatures we are wishing to see and feel.



The singles ended February with a great Single Bunco Sunday on February 23rd. We had a great lunch with chicken from Beef Villa and each

member brought a favorite dish to share. The 29 members and one guest had a wonderful time and didn't mind the cold weather outside.

Then on February 25th, 26 members had dinner at JuRin Restaurant in South Elgin. This is a favorite place to go and have your dinner cooked right in front of you. Members laughed and had a fantastic time.



Our March 12th, breakfast was held at Randall's Restaurant and seven hearty members braved the snow and icy streets to attend. Thank you Diane Dilbert for planning these breakfasts and our lunches out.

Our monthly meeting was held on March 18th. Members enjoyed the time planning and discussing new events for the club.



For the month of April, we will be having our monthly meeting on April 15th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The lunch planned for April 17th will be held at Elgin Community College at their Spartan Terrace Restaurant in Building H at 11:30 a.m. The lunches are prepared and served by students in their award winning culinary arts and hospitality program.

On April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. club members will be attending our dinner out at Maciano's Restaurant. Signup sheets will be at the meeting so we will be able to make reservations at this small but great Italian Restaurant.

As always, new single residents may come to two events before they pay dues and join the club. Come and join the singles and you will have fun along with meeting some wonderful new friends. For more information call Connie 224-856-1549 or Carol 847-224-1210.



Kings and Queens *Chartered Club*

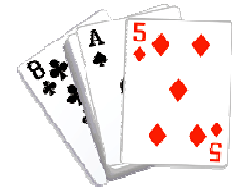
Do you like to play poker?

Come and join us every Thursday from 5:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. at the Lodge. It's a fun evening for both men and women. The club was the first one started at Edgewater in January of 2006. At that time, we had about 20 people signed up. We were the second club chartered here at Edgewater in January of 2007.

Our group has now grown to a membership of 45. We play a variety of poker games with the dealer choosing the game to be played. Stop in and meet our

friendly members and sit in for a trial run. We would love to have you!

Bill Taylor, President of Kings & Queens
847-760-6144



Web Portal Helpful Information

We are excited about our website and hope you'll log on! We hope that you find it easy to use and more informative, as a resource in your community.

- Logging on and updating your User Profile:
- Go to <http://www.ouredgewater.net>
- Go to Login and Request Login
- Complete the required fields and press submit. A user ID and password will be emailed to you within 24 hours.
- Once you receive your log in ID and password, go back to the website and use this information to log on. We recommend not checking the "Remember Login info."
- After you have logged in for the first time, you will have to accept the Terms and Conditions.
- Once you have logged in for the first time, you can change your Login Name and Password by going to User Profile under Resident Contact Info. After you have made these changes, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Save Changes"
- Carrie Schneider will not know your password, but can email you a new password if you lose your original password.

FILLING OUT THE USER PROFILE INFORMATION ON THE EDGEWATER WEB PORTAL

After logging in for the first time we suggest you fill out the User Profile which can be reached by going

to Resident Contact Info and selecting User Profile. The top section is for one of the persons living in the house and the resident 2 section for the other. Boxes are provided for home phone number, cell number and work number, as well as your email address. There also is a line stating Hide from address book with a check mark in it. If you want others to see your phone numbers, email address, and address you need to **UNCHECK** the box.

(Note: Your home phone number cannot be changed on this page. If you want to modify your home phone number please complete the eForm.)
The information under resident 1 and resident 2 is essentially the same.

Next section is for your address information.

Once this is filled out you need to go to the bottom of the page and click on the button that says, "Save Changes".

All this information will be then be available for residents to view in the address book.

Blast emails will be sent to those residents who have registered on the portal. All residents must register on the web portal in order to receive the blast emails. The blast emails will arrive in the inbox of the email address you have registered.

Edgewater Outreach Committee

We continue this year with our monthly volunteer trips to FMSC in Aurora. We have been very happy with the wonderful response from all of you to helping others in need. It has been a rewarding and wonderful experience for all of us involved in FMSC.

If you have not had the opportunity to volunteer to help please consider doing so this year. We have signup sheets at the concierge desk for every month through October 2014. We are now taking 25 reservations and 4 for the waiting list, so please hurry and get your name in soon.

Thank you,
George and Marina

Calendar for 2014



Feed My Starving Children:

3rd Wednesday of each month: sign up at concierge desk – Marina and George

April 1-30:

Interfaith Food Drive – Kathy & Sherry

April 28 :

Adopt a Highway – 9:00a.m. – Barb & Marina

July 1 – August 1:

School Supply Drive – Marina, Bill, George

September 6:

5K walk in conjunction with Lifestyle Committees
“Health & Wellness Expo”

Donations to Fox Valley Pregnancy Center –
Barb & Marina

October 10:

Adopt a Highway – Barb & Marina

November 1-30:

Interfaith Food Drive – Kathy & Sherry

November 27:

Thanksgiving Community Dinner – Bill

More information on each of these events can be found each month in our Edgewater Lifestyles.

We encourage all of Edgewater to participate in our activities.

Thank you from your Outreach Committee:

Barb DeMien 847-608-9647
Sherry Drake 630-337-3797
George Mohn 847-488-9179
Kathy Skowron 847-214-1786
Bill Schnell 847-930-1700
Marina Wray 847-841-8456

Any questions, please contact any of the above.

**Edgewater collected:
3,337 diapers in 39 packages**



101 East State Street • South Elgin, Illinois 60177 • P. 847-697-0200
2320 Dean Street, Suite 102 • St. Charles, Illinois 60175 • P. 630-444-0300

March 14, 2014

Dear Edgewater Outreach Committee,

Thank you so much for your donation* of diapers, wipes and formula. It is through the generosity of people like you that we are able to provide valuable services to many women, children and families in our communities.

Women who come to the center for assistance benefit in many ways. Registered nurses are available to offer them a free pregnancy test and a limited ultrasound. Trained advocates can help them, realistically and without pressure, examine their ambitions, goals, rights and responsibilities in light of their present situations.

For those choosing to parent, we offer help with practical items such as baby and maternity clothes, bedding, car seats, strollers, and various other equipment – all made available to them through our Earn While You Learn program.

Many of the women who come to us for support are facing one of the most difficult times of their lives. Assistance from the center enables women to calmly and confidently make decisions that will impact the rest of their lives and help them face the future with confidence.

Thank you for making this possible!

Sincerely,

Ruth
Ruth Lueck
Executive Director

Thank you!

* No goods or services were exchanged for these donations to our non-profit corporation (EIN36-3554765).

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**1,406 wipes in 7 packages
1 Johnson & Johnson baby gift set
1 can of Enfamil formula
1 diaper changing kit
1 bottle of Gatorade
\$20**

Thank you for your generous donation!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

CREEKSIDE LODGE

2014 Home & Lifestyle Expo

HOME & LIFESTYLE EXHIBITORS & GUESTS SAID,
"IT WAS GREAT!"

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 7TH ANNIVERSARY,
WE'RE STRIVING FOR THIS YEAR'S EXPO TO BE
EVEN BETTER!

PLAN TO JOIN US TO MEET & TALK TO RETURNING VENDORS
& NEW ONES, TOO!
10A.M.-2P.M.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

HOME DECORATING
WINDOW COVERINGS
HEALTHCARE
HEATING & COOLING
FINANCIAL PLANNING
TRAVEL & TOURS
WRMN 1410 AM



LANDSCAPING
OUTDOOR LIGHTING
HOME MAINTENANCE
FURNITURE
REAL ESTATE
WINDOW TINTING
ELECTRICIAN

THIS IS A FREE EVENT; OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Edgewater by Del Webb Neighbors



Magic, Comedy & Too Much Coffee

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Sherman Hospital Page to be inserted here.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM



Safe driving is a challenge for drivers of all ages. AARP has developed the Driver Safety Program designed to help people over 50 understand the effects of aging, learn driving strategies, identify most common crash

situations and more. The course consists of two, four hour sessions and you must attend both sessions to get your certificate of completion. You then send a copy of this certificate to your insurance company and by State of Illinois law, you may be eligible for an insurance discount on the liability portion of your car insurance, if you are over the age of 55.

At this time, there will be one class held at Edgewater by Del Webb this spring. Classes will be held on **Tuesday, April 29 & Wednesday, April 30 from 9a.m.-1p.m.** Registration is now open. Your check holds your spot for the class. All checks will be cashed at the conclusion of the course. Please register and pay with the concierge; \$15 for AARP Members (please include number on check) and \$20 for non-AARP member; checks made payable to AARP.

Remember, your car gets regular tune-ups, shouldn't your driving skills? Please register and pay with the concierge. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Art Display Committee Interest

In October of 2010, the Art Display Committee was formed to be in control of the wall hangings in the back hallway by the Ballroom and three dimensional artwork in the glass cabinets of the Arts & Crafts Room.

The wall hanging gallery was very well received by the many residents and guests who came into the lodge. After the resident who was in charge of this moved away, our back wall has been very empty of wall hangings. We would like to get art pieces hanging back on the wall.

We do have the information regarding the guidelines of the Art Display Committee that we could use as a starting point for this group.

If you are interested in being a contact for the Art Display Committee, please contact Carrie Schneider at 847-695-6130 x 12 or cschneider@fosterpremier.com.

Bunco!



Bunco, what is Bunco? Well Bunco is a simple game using three dice and score card. You team up with a table of four. Each player has a partner. You roll the dice until 21 is reached by the controlling table or head table. One group or partners at each table wins if they have more points obtained. Game starts with number 1 and goes through to 6. You do not need to know how to play! Just come and have a good time and meet new friends and neighbors. We play in the sunroom every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Come, play and socialize with us! See you there! Any questions please call Barb at 224-535-8246.

Edgewater by Del Webb Activities

Christian Adult Fellowship at Edgewater

Come join us on the journey. Often when we travel, especially by train, we board somewhere along the line and get off before the train finally stops. So it is with our faith discussion fellowship. You are invited to join us for a seven session study of the last half of The Acts of the Apostles. In April we continue our series on Luke's Acts of the Apostles. As a guide for our discussions we are using the Life Application Bible Study guide (\$7) which includes the complete Bible text of Acts with study notes and features from the Life Application Study Bible. We also use a dramatization of Acts based on the actual text (NIV Translation).

April 9. Acts 15. Coming Together

April 23. Acts 16-18. Land of Opportunities

May 14. Acts 19-21. New Worth

May 28. Acts 21-23. Don't Confuse Me with the Facts

June 11. Acts 24-26. Follow the Leader

July 9. Acts 27-28. He's Got the Whole World in his hands.

At our next meeting we will begin discussing possibilities for future discussions. After a summer series of 4-6 sessions, we plan to launch a 13 session study of the gospel of John based again on the Life Application Bible Study series using a DVD based on the actual gospel text from GNB.

We are Christians from a variety of congregations who have come from far and near to relocate in Edgewater where we meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Craft room at the Lodge. The fellowship has been in existence since 2007; it averages 8-18 participants. We usually break for refreshments after 8pm. You are invited to join us as we discuss the faith we share. Bruce and Judy Pullen, residents of Edgewater, are the group leaders. Dr. Pullen is a retired pastor and author. For further information call 224-238-3868.

Current Events Winter 2014 Class Schedule

Current Events Classes held at Creekside Lodge are a lively and interactive experience that takes on the difficult issues of today. Each class will dedicate one hour to the issues of today and one hour to a relevant historical event or subject. We meet on Thursdays from 10a.m.-12p.m. **Cost is \$5.00 per person per module.** Please register and pay with the concierge. **Checks only accepted as payment.** Instructor : Dennis Bulat.

Module 3 (\$5 pp)

4/3/14 The Astronauts' Wives

4/10/14 Henry Ford

Module 4 (\$5 pp)

4/17/14 Profiles in Courage (Political Courage)

4/24/14 America's Foreign Policy and the Military

5/1/14 Modern Weapon Systems and our Security

5/8/14 Accidental Presidents

5/15/14 Last Class (Review)

Edgewater Paint Drops



On the first and third Mondays of every month you will see creative people at work in The Arts and Crafts Room at Creekside Lodge. This is a non-charter group that enjoys decorative painting. We usually start with a pattern and directions.

The medium that we use is acrylic paints. Even though our projects change once a month or so, we always count on having fun and enjoying our finished work.

If this sounds like a group you might be interested in joining, stop by on a Monday when we are scheduled and check us out. For questions or more information, contact Jan Reed 847-841-1641.

Edgewater Railroad Club

Are you a railroad history buff, armchair railroader, model builder, or just enjoy watching trains? If so, you are invited to join the Edgewater Railroad Club for discussions,



modeling help, trips to railroad oriented locations and much more (we recently visited a very large home garden railroad). Some of our club members are planning the construction of an N-scale modular railroad. A modular railroad layout is composed of individually built sections that can be attached to form a complete operating layout. The transportability and ease of assembly of these modules will permit the display of the operating layout at the Lodge or other locations.

We meet at 1:30p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Creekside Lodge and the fourth Tuesday at different offsite locations. For further information, call John DeJong at 847-695-0429.

Edgewater Women's 9 Hole Golf



If you are interested in playing golf with other Edgewater women, please come to an informal meeting at Creekside Lodge on Wednesday, April 9th at 9:00a.m. in the Oak & Hickory Rooms. Please RSVP to Judy or

Joyce so we have an idea of how many will attend.

Learn the basics of golf in a friendly, casual environment. . . Jim Vogt PGA Golf Professional from The Highlands in Elgin, will again be giving six group lessons for Edgewater women. Cost is \$95 per person, Tuesdays from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m.; May 6 -June 10, 2014. To register call (847) 931-5950 or email vogt_j@cityofelgin.org.

Questions??

Judy Baggio 847-372-7359
jlb2496@gmail.com

Joyce Hasselberger 224-238-3953
joycehassel@msn.com

EDGEWATER TRAVEL CLUB

March was a great Travel Club meeting and European River Cruising was our main topic of discussion. We have decided, as a group, that we would like to travel in 2015 on one of these wonderful trips, so now the planning will begin. If anyone is interested in joining in the fun next year, please come to a Travel Club meeting, call or email us. We will put you on the "very interested" list!

It's going to be a wonderful trip. We will see many fascinating and interesting cities on our journey, pack and unpack only once, have guided tours of historical sites, be immersed in local culture and history, enjoy all the wonderful tastes, sounds, and sights of the region, and have a relaxing and beautiful vacation with friends from home! Sounds great, right? We sure think so! Join us and add your thoughts to the planning.

We will meet again on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the river cruise planning, we will also discuss our Canadian Rail travels, new and interesting travels deals and tips, and an update on upcoming day and weekend travel with LoMar Events.



Hope to see you all April 8! Let's get our suitcases out and packed, and the FUN begin! :)

Ron and Karen Tuite

561-847-5257

rontuite@yahoo.com/katuite@yahoo.com

Genealogy Group



Thank you for attending last months Genealogy Group Meeting. We continued with the Ethnic Origins program: Who came to America and Why did they come? We also looked at a list of Reports and Charts that are available: what they offer and which ones are the most useful. Paula provided samples for attendees.

Our Next Meeting will be on Saturday, April 12th from 1:00P.M. to 3:00P.M. Do you believe this will be our FIRST Anniversary. We have covered so many great topics. We will be celebrating our anniversary with Subway sandwiches that Paula will pick up. Please contact her at moviemaven1118@gmail.com to let her know you are coming. Also, plan on bringing cash, and your own drink.

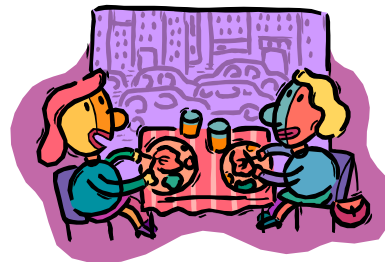
This is our chance to take a look back AND forward. In this meeting we will update our list of topics for the upcoming year. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

If time permits, we will also cover some of the free websites that we have found helpful. If you are new to the Genealogy Group, this is a particularly great time to join us. We have a great time and love new members.

Girls Night Out

The next Girls Night Out will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd, at The Little Owl Restaurant located on Main Street in Geneva. The Little Owl Restaurant is Geneva's oldest operating restaurant and tavern. The story goes that the name had its origin from a conversation Tony had with the White Owl Cigar salesman. The salesman, noting that the establishment had no name, and seeing the possibility for a little free advertising suggested: "Tony, why don't you call the place "The White Owl?" The proprietor responded in his broken English: "No, I tink I call et `de Lettle Owl". The name stuck. It has remained The Little Owl ever since.

Plan to meet at 6 p.m. at the restaurant. So they can know how many to expect, please let Jean von Heimburg, your coordinator, know if you'll be attending by Tuesday April 22nd. Contact her at 847-468-1545 or at jvonteach@yahoo.com. If you wish to be on our monthly reminder list, please send your e-mail address to Jean as well. You will be sent a reminder the weekend before each Girls Night Out. To take a closer look, go to <http://www.littleowlrestaurant.com>



Opossum

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The Magic Continues

Holiday Magic 2013 is now history and Holiday Magic 2014 is just around the corner! Thank you to everyone who filled out a survey. It was the best return on any survey in Edgewater history. Since we are neighbors entertaining neighbors, your input is invaluable. As with any first year endeavor, there were a few “hiccups,” such as our sheer numbers straining the Royal Fox’s capacity, tough sirloin for some, slow beverage service for others, and valet issues. Regardless, almost all attendees were happy with last year’s event. Most loved the location and were very pleased with the food. Most people prefer a location within 15 miles. Most people are willing to pay between \$30 and \$40 for the event while a few even said they would pay \$40-\$45. Of the 400-plus attendees, 330 indicated they would prefer a plated meal as opposed to a buffet. And, surprisingly enough, more than half did not object to having the event in a location with separate rooms. Sunday continues to be the day of choice for the event with most individuals preferring a luncheon; however, a significant number suggested dinner. At a wrap-up meeting on January 23, 2014, the 2013 committee discussed the results of the survey and reviewed all the comments. As a result, committee members were asked to investigate suggested locations such as Boulder Ridge Country Club in Algonquin, Seville in Streamwood, Holiday Inn in Elgin, Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Stonegate in Geneva, and Westin in Itasca. Some of the locations are not practical due to distance. In other cases, the location was not available for December 7, 2014. Possible locations were narrowed to Seville, Holiday Inn, Royal Fox Country Club, Elgin Country Club, and Pheasant Run. Since some of these locations cannot accommodate 400+ people, the committee decided to investigate having a split format on the same day with a luncheon followed by a dinner. Sharon Fisher-Larson, Tom Lauterback, and Rose Anne Steckbeck will serve as co-chairs.

On February 25, 2014, the Holiday Magic 2014 Committee met to decide the location for 2014. All those individuals who indicated on the survey they would like to serve on the 2014 committee were invited. A record 28 people were in attendance. We distributed a comparison sheet comparing Seville, Holiday Inn, Royal Fox Country Club, Elgin Country Club, and Pheasant Run. After discussing last year’s event and the differences in cost and services, the committee agreed overwhelmingly that we should return to Royal Fox Country Club with a split format – a luncheon and a dinner, each offering the touches that have made Holiday Magic the crown jewel of the Edgewater social calendar. Royal Fox will address the issues we had with valet parking by offering valet parking on both levels of the club, and beverage stations will be provided offering complimentary soft drinks. And, over crowdedness will not be an issue since we will be split between a luncheon and a dinner. Menu details will be in the June *Lifestyles*.

If you are interested in helping with Holiday Magic 2014, contact Sharon Fisher-Larson at satbfl@aol.com, Tom Lauterback at tkl60123@wowway.com or Rose Anne Steckbeck at Steckbeck2695@gmail.com. As of the February 25, 2014, meeting, the following individuals are serving on the Holiday Magic 2014 Committee: Karen Baker, Cindy Benson, Sandy Biggum, Sandi Bowgren, Rosalie Bozan, Barb DeMien, Mary Derdzinski, Nancy Detamore, Judy DiMonte, Joan Esch, Sharon Fisher-Larson, Lynn Harper, Maxine Hoffman, Ginger Krichbaum, Carol Johnson, Nancy Kulik, Sandy Krug, Tom Lauterback, Kris Linderberg, Diane Motyka, Diana Palcowski, Penny Porter, Sharon Roller, Kathy Skowron, Marilyn Starns, Rose Anne Steckbeck, Cynthia Stern, Judy Stoney, Barb Tillman, Tom Tosaw, Sheila VanBockern. The next Holiday Magic meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Lodge. If you are interested in helping with Holiday Magic 2014, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the May 20 meeting.



Malts, Shakes and Happy Days

Sunday, May 18 at 1:00p.m. in the Maple Room.

Edgewater's Life Long Learning series kicks off its new series Sunday, May 18 at 1:00p.m. in the Maple Room. Please join us as we welcome award winning journalist and columnist Mike Bailey. Mike was the former editor of The Courier- News and taught writing at Elgin Community college.

Mike's new book, "**Goodbye Elgin High,**" offers a glimpse into the lives of young people coming of age during the 1960's and early 1970's.

Remember the Woodruff & Edwards Foundry, Elgin High School, the closing of the Elgin Watch Factory in the mid 1960's, the fire that burned down the Rialto Theatre and, of course, enjoying a malt at Burns Pharmacy?

Whether you were born and raised in Elgin or new to the city, Mike and George are sure to lead us on a fascinating trip down Elgin's memory lane. The program cost is just \$5.00 per person. Register with the concierge.

EXTRA! EXTRA! After Mike's presentation, about 2:30p.m. we're going to roll up the rugs and dance. Bring your allowance and/or baby-sitting money and we'll order in pizza. BYOB Approved.



Library Note

There are many new books on the shelves of our Edgewater Library. If you haven't taken a look at the collection lately, stop by and view the additions. You will find many recent works by a number of popular writers.

Thanks to all of you who continue to make generous book donations to the Edgewater Library. The donations are much appreciated. Your generosity keeps the bookshelves full, however, storage space is at a premium. Accordingly, when we receive duplicates and books of limited interest, the books are donated to the Friends of the Gail Borden Library for the library's annual book sale.

Did you happen to find a book from our library and you don't remember when you borrowed it? Never fear, we will gladly accept it and either return it to our shelves or donate it. Maybe you find a mysterious book on your shelves and don't know where it came from. All of our books are stamped with Creekside Lodge, in red, inside the front of the book. We would love to have you return all these books so that we can clear up some of our records and give your neighbors a chance to enjoy the book.

We always encourage all of our residents to continue to read and enjoy what we have in our own community.

LIFELONG LEARNING Programs for 2014—Save these Dates!

May 18, 2014 *Goodbye Elgin High 1p.m.*
Presented by Mike Bailey and George Rawlinson

June 8, 2014 *An Hour with Johnny Carson*
Presented by Steven Frenzel

July 13, 2014 *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey*
Presented by Lynn Rymarz

August 10, 2014 *The Best of Alfred Hitchcock*
Presented by Ralph Amelio

October 5, 2014 *A Life Unlike Our Own*
Presented by Bill Helmuth

****Mark your calendars for these programs and look for your copy of the Lifestyles Newsletter each month to get full details for each program.**

Remember to register for these programs with the concierge. All programs (except May 18) will be at 2pm on Sundays. (All programs subject to change)

There is a \$5.00 attendance fee for residents and guests accompanied by a resident.



**ATTENTION ALL
FANS OF
DOWNTON
ABBEY**

**SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, JULY
13, 2014
CREEKSIDE
LODGE**

The Lifelong Learning Committee is adding a fifth program to our 2014 Program Guide.

With all the interest in the popular WTTW series "Downton Abbey", we have a special program to present on Sunday, July 13 at 2pm in the Living Room at Creekside Lodge.

Join storyteller, Lynn Rymarz in this book review as she explores the character of Lady Almina from the book, "Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey" by The Countess of Carnarvon. Learn about the lost legacy of Highclere Castle in Britain – the set for Downton Abbey - and hear about the real historical characters who lived there including Almina Carnarvon, her husband, the 5th Earl of Carnarvon and her family.

Mark your calendar now and save this date for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon program. There is a \$5.00 attendance fee for residents and guests are welcomed accompanied by a resident. More to come in future Lifestyle Newsletters.

Edgewater by Del Webb Activities

Music Makers



March weather did not deter the Music Makers from their practices and performances. Of course, we are all looking forward to having real spring-like weather.

We had three performances scheduled in March and we fulfilled all three.

We are still missing a few members due to illness and we want to wish them all a speedy recovery and return to Music Makers. **We miss you.**

Our first April performance will be on the 7th at White Oaks. Then on the 28th we will be traveling to the Holmstead Batavia for another spring performance.

When we are not performing on Mondays we, of course, will be practicing.

We can always use more voices so if you are even thinking about joining, please give Peter Catsadimas at 708-363-3300 a call and he can fill you in on the details or if you would like to observe, just come up to the lodge on any Monday at 2:00PM. **All are welcome.**



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

(NHN) continues to provide help to Edgewater residents who find themselves faced with temporary difficulties. The NHN group is organized around four helping functions: 1) **Short Term Meals**,

2) **Home and Hospital Visits**, 3) **Resource Information**, and 4) **Shopping for You**.

Look for more detailed descriptions of each of the functions of Edgewater's Neighbors Helping Neighbors group in upcoming newsletters.

If you find yourself in a time of need or would like further information, contact Carrie Schneider.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors committee and the Edgewater by Del Webb Board of Directors have agreed to allow "Death Notices" of our immediate community to be posted on our Edgewater by Del Webb Portal only. Within the notice we will try to give the date of the death and any information pertaining to visitation or memorial services that might occur.

To facilitate these notices and information, the committee has asked Mr. Dennis Cropsey to be the contact person for the community. Dennis is a resident of Edgewater by Del Webb and the Hospital Visit Coordinator for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. He will take the information and then post it on the web portal. Everyone is requested to contact Dennis via phone or text at: 630-776-9477 or by email at: dbcropsey@comcast.net (all lower case). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this program.



SLOW SPOKES BICYCLE GROUP

If you are new to Edgewater and would like more information, or plan to ride with us this season, please come to a meeting at

Creekside Lodge in the Oak room on Thursday, April 10th at 9:00a.m. If you cannot attend this meeting and are interested in riding with us, please let me know so I will be sure to include you in my emails.

We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00a.m. in front of the Creekside Lodge beginning on Thursday, May 8th; weather permitting.

Some of us just ride within Edgewater; two-four miles; others ride outside of Edgewater; five to ten miles. (We usually take a 15-20 minute rest stop).

Also in May, I will be updating my email list; if you want to be included be sure to let me know, especially, if you did not ride with us last year.

Judy Baggio
(847) 372-7359
jl2496@gmail.com

Edgewater by Del Webb Activities

VETERANS GROUP

Our March 5th meeting was opened with 44 veterans attending. Thank you for coming out and braving the cold weather. We had coffee and donuts. Thank you Dave Rood, owner of Country Donuts for the donation.

Present was Jacob Zimmerman who is the Superintendent of the Veteran's Commission of Kane County. Mr. Zimmerman explained the many functions of his office and invited anyone with any problems with the V.A. to call him to see if he can help. His phone number is 630-323-3551.

He was instrumental in procuring for us the Medical Bus from Hines Hospital. The bus is a self contained hospital in itself. It is 38 feet long with a full medical staff. There are only five in the United States and we are lucky to have one. I will try to make another reservation in the fall for the flu shots and any other medical needs for our Veterans.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the medical staff of the bus as they also braved the cold weather to serve us. They were really happy that 24 Veterans took advantage of their services.

Another guest was John Fanning from the V.A. who has his office in the Elgin National Guard Armory. He also helps Veterans with many issues.

Also present was Mrs. Glynn Wade, a resident of Edgewater, who is a reporter from the Sun Day paper. Look for her article in the paper.

I hope you noticed the new flags which are flying in front of the lodge. The weather tore the old ones beyond repair. Two of our brave Veterans; Norman Budnick and Paul Bleers, went out in this cold weather and replaced all of the hardware and the flags so they would look good for our March 5 meeting. Thanks to both of you.

That night we were a unit from M.A.S.H.-However Radar was nowhere to be found.



Golden Corner



Happy 50th Anniversary to
John & Sharon Sacksteder on
April 4!



A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments at McDonald 's.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can 't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third. ? "What? Speak up! What? I can 't hear you, said one elderly man!

"I can 't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one, to which several nodded? weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another. ?"I forget where I am, and where I 'm going," said another.

"I guess that 's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. ? The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said another man cheerfully.... "Thank Goodness we can all still drive."

Retired

Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona.

They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents."

They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen ?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That's 10 cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix ," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same."

" Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the Bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retired people from Del Webb. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price, plus they all have coupons."

Device Advice At the Rakow Branch of the Gail Borden Public Library

Do you need assistance with your eReader, want to sample an eReader or need help with email? Seniors, this is your time to play with technology in a relaxed atmosphere. Drop by the Rakow Branch for conversation, hands-on learning and a cup of coffee or tea. You are welcome to bring your own devices. No registration.

Device Advice will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

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Creekside Lodge Helpful Information



The Business Center at Creekside Lodge has a fax machine and a copier available for your use. Faxes are \$1 per outgoing page. We **DO NOT** accept any incoming faxes. Copies are \$.10 per copy. The concierge staff is happy to assist you if you need help.

When reading and paging through Lifestyles and its inserts, please take note of both sides of an insert. We do our best to be economically and fiscally responsible when making copies of inserts for the newsletter. Don't forget to turn the page over. You might miss something!



Guest & Grandchildren Use of Facilities Policy

Accompanied Guests: Guests may be sponsored and accompanied by a resident to use Community Association fitness facilities, subject to restrictions for health, safety, rules and regulations and special program attendance. The following fee program shall be administered by the concierge staff at the front desk at the Creekside Lodge:

Guests 18 years and younger: \$1.00 per visit/ Guests 19 years and over: \$3.00 per visit
Additional class & activity fees may apply for guest participation in some programs. Residents must carry their community association resident ID/activity card in their possession and remain in the

Lodge at all times while their guest is using the amenities. A maximum of eight guests per household, with one adult 19 years of age and older for every four children 18 years of age and under, are permitted to accompany a resident at any given time and restricted hours for guest use will apply in some areas. As the resident population expands and the demand for facilities and programs increase, the Board of Directors may establish additional restrictions on hours or fees for guest sponsorship.

Class/Activity/Event

Registration Policy It has been established that at Edgewater there will be no refunds or credits given for any reason for activities, classes or events. Once a ticket has been purchased, it is the purchaser's (resident's) responsibility. If the original purchaser of the ticket is unable to attend the event; it is the purchaser's responsibility to resell the ticket or forfeit the money. If the event is cancelled by Edgewater by Del Webb, monies will be refunded based on circumstances. The staff at Creekside Lodge and/or committee will not be responsible for keeping a waitlist or assisting anyone to resell unwanted tickets. If the event is sold out, residents can post a message on the web portal soliciting tickets to an event. Likewise, residents who are unable to attend the event can post a message that they have tickets for sale. Any transaction taking place

between the original purchaser of the ticket and the new ticket holder will solely be between the two parties and Edgewater by Del Webb, Creekside Lodge or the sponsoring committee will not be involved with the transaction. It is the responsibility of the original purchaser of the tickets to notify the concierge of the name change to the event so nametags can be made with the correct attendee names.



When writing a check for activities or fitness classes, it should be made out to

Edgewater by Del Webb.

CHECKS ARE

REQUIRED for activities and classes. Cash is not accepted. A separate check is required when buying a fitness pass or registering for a class or activity. When in doubt, please ask the concierge before writing your check.

If you would like to submit something for the monthly newsletter, it must be submitted to Carrie Schneider by the 15th of the month for the following month's publication.

All submissions will be reviewed before being approved for placement into the newsletter.



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