



# Edgewater Scrapbook

“Notes from the Past, News from the Present”

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## Edgewater's Other Hotel: The Hotel Sovereign

By LeRoy Blommaert

The Edgewater Beach Hotel was nationally known – a resort hotel on a lake in a major city, and as such, unique, or almost so. Edgewater's other major hotel was known only locally. It was the Hotel Sovereign at the northwest corner of Granville and Kenmore.

Begun in June 1919 (three years after the opening of the Edgewater Beach Hotel), and designed by Walter W. Ahlschlager, it opened in 1920. Within three years an addition was begun to the north. If one looks closely at the façade on Kenmore one can see where the new section was added. The new addition contained an indoor swimming pool, something it was claimed no other Chicago hotel had at the time, and still does not have, with the exception of the Intercontinental, which was built as a men's club.

The Sovereign's other claim to fame was that the Prince of Wales (the future Edward VII, King of England, and yes, the one who abdicated) visited it on October 14, 1924. It was not a planned stop. He had heard about its swimming pool and wanted to see it, which was easy as it was on route he was taking from Lake Forest into the city.

Though obviously not as well known as the visit of the future King of England, the Edgewater Community Council held its 25th anniversary dinner in the hotel's banquet hall. The master of ceremonies was nationally recognized entertainer

Ken Nordine who was also a local resident.

More significant in the hotel's history than the visit by the future King of England, and the 25th anniversary dinner of the Edgewater Community Council, is that Olympic winner and the actor who most represented Tarzan in the movies, Johnny Weissmuller, was once a lifeguard for the hotel's swimming pool.

The hotel had a number of restaurants during its long and still continuing history. One of them was the Stuart room, run by husband and wife team, Frank and Marie, who went on to establish their own restaurant at 5318-20 Sheridan Road, named appropriately enough called Frank and Marie's.

At least three postcards were produced for the hotel, two of which are reproduced here. (See figure 1) Figure 2 is on page 5.

Unlike the chinaware of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, which is not difficult to find, chinaware from the Sovereign Hotel is somewhat rare. Reproduced here is a photo of an individual creamer; the lettering and design is a brick red. (See figure 3 on page 5).

For Edgewater, the hotel was also significant for representing, apparently, the first teardowns along Kenmore and Winthrop, north of Thorndale at least. And the first home that was demolished was not minor; it was a sizable house designed by George W. Maher, and constructed fewer than 30 years before. The home that was demol-

ished for the addition was also designed by Maher. See the 1905 Sanborn Fire Map for the site. It is on our website. The construction thus represented a drastic change to the built environment, and represented the end of J.L. Cochran's vision of a community of only high-end single family homes – at least in North Edgewater. Construction of apartment buildings had started earlier south of Thorndale and was

well underway in the original subdivision south of Bryn Mawr by 1920.

The Sovereign was not the original name of the hotel. The

intended name was the Ritz. However, because that name was also the name of a famous hotel in New York, the investors sought to avoid any litigation and so changed the name even before the hotel opened.

The hotel was sold a few times until it was purchased by Leonard Richman's company, IRMCO, in November 1965. Mr. Richman died in March 2010, and in July 2012 it was sold to Loyola University. The sale price was \$20.8 million. By the time of its last sale, the hotel was home to many students attending the university. Though considered a colorful character, Mr. Richman, by all accounts, maintained the Sovereign to very high standards, and during a difficult time in Edgewater's history.

In addition to several changes in ownership, the building changed from being a regular hotel to more

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## From the President

This fall marked a major milestone for the Edgewater Historical Society. On a glorious Sunday afternoon on Oct. 2, EHS celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Edgewater History Museum. The outdoor event included food, drink and great music provided by The Front Six.

The event was attended by about 100 people and included scores of our long-time fans and supporters, and several dignitaries including former Gov. Pat Quinn, 40th Ward Alderman Andre Vasquez, and the area's new State Representative, Hoan Huynh.

The museum was festooned with photos from the museum's opening day in 2002. Museum founder and EHS's first president Kathy Gemperle shared colorful reminiscences of those tumultuous days of turning a dilapidated old firehouse into a modern and inviting community space.

When EHS acquired the firehouse from the City of Chicago, our ownership of the property was predicated on our operating a public museum there for at least 10 years. I am happy to report that we have now been running for twice that long. No small feat by any measure, and one that has entailed thousands of hours of volunteer labor from board members, volunteer docents and others.

This Fall also relived a major chapter in our community's history with an October 22 lecture by long-time Edgewater resident Jack Markowski at the Edgewater Library. Jack started his lengthy career in affordable housing development in the early 1980s as the Executive Director of the Edgewater Community Council, assigned the daunting task of bringing new life to the severely dilapidated Winthrop-Kenmore corridor, turning it into one of Chicago's most successful

high-density housing districts, that attracted major new investment in market rate and affordable housing. Jack later went on to serve as Chicago's Commissioner of Housing, as well as heading the city's leading funder of affordable housing maintenance and development. More than 60 attendees turned out to hear Jack speak, but if you missed the presentation, you will be able to find it online at EHS's website and Facebook page.

Looking back on the year soon ending, I am happy to report that EHS responded to the unusual times we are living through by resurrecting some of our usual activities like our popular lecture series while also producing new ways to celebrate our great community and engage our public. We conducted about two dozen community walking tours which helped us celebrate some of our favorite places in the community, while putting a spotlight on some previously underappreciated corners of Edgewater.

EHS was not immune from the impact of the Covid crisis. For the past three calendar years, we have had to suspend our two most important fundraising activities - our annual fundraiser celebration and our popular Fall home tours. Combined, those events provided more than two thirds of our annual operating budgets, so the financial pain was acute.

We have been able to soldier through this fiscal hit through both the faithful support of our dues-paying members, and by tapping into our reserve funds. Also, the 20th Anniversary of our museum opening helped make up some of the lost ground, raising nearly \$10,000 through ticket sales, as well as generous sponsorships by most of Edgewater's block clubs, with which we are especially eager to continue to collaborate in the years ahead. EHS also had another successful "mini-fundraiser" on November 13 when we raised \$800 at a fun-filled and slightly tipsy event at Marty's Martini Bar, just a half block east of our museum.

Marty's has been an outstanding partner to many organizations in our community, and we are grateful for their support.

There have been a variety of other new developments for EHS this year involving new and old friends, including the history faculty at Loyola University. But I will wait until next time to fill you in on some of those developments. In the meantime, I hope all of you have a safe and healthy holiday season and let us hope 2023 will bring with it old traditions and new experiences.

John Holden, President

### Holiday greetings from The Edgewater Historical Society

Do you want to share the beauty of the Doorways of Edgewater?



The winning photo from the Edgewater Historical Society 2022 photo contest, by Steve Majsak, is available for purchase now. The full-color photo has been enlarged to 11x14 inches and will fit in a standard photo frame. Our docents at the museum on Saturdays and Sundays are prepared to sell the photo to you for \$20 cash. The transaction should take only a few minutes. All sales benefit the Edgewater Historical Society, a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization.

## Teaser #55

In our last issue we asked: What unusual service was offered from the Edgewater Beach Hotel? We deliberately used the word "from" rather than "by" because apparently it was not offered by the hotel but rather with the permission and support of the hotel.

The service was a taxi service, but it was no ordinary taxi that delivered the service. It was a plane, and the plane was no ordinary plane. It was a seaplane, a Curtiss Seagull.

The *Chicago Tribune* of April 17, 1921, reported that retired naval aviation serviceman Walter E. LaParle would begin this day to provide air taxi service from the Edgewater Beach Hotel to downtown Chicago.

He was quoted as follows: "A man may get in my ship at the hotel and be walking on State street eleven minutes later... We will take off from the water in front of the hotel, land in the mouth of the river, taxi up to the boulevard link bridge or the state street bridge, and land our passengers."

There was no mention of the cost of this service. However the article did mention that the seaplane could accommodate just three passengers in addition to the pilot.

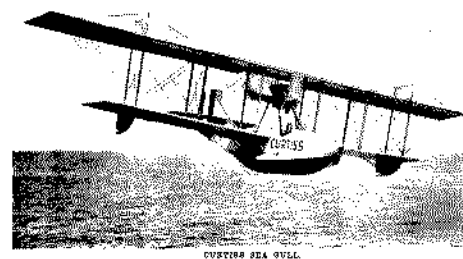
Did the service actually begin? That is not clear. A May 8, *Chicago Tribune* article in the same year reported that Walter LaParle and his brother narrowly escaped death in Lake Michigan near Waukegan when their newly purchased seaplane suddenly took a dive into the lake. They were rescued by the crew of a nearby fishing boat. Walter suffered a right broken leg and cuts on his face. The last sentence of the article read: "The plane they were driving was one of several with which it is *proposed* to establish seaplane service between the loop and the Edgewater Beach Hotel." Italics added.

A final article appears to establish that indeed the service did happen. It was dated May 7 one year later (1922). The headline was "LaParle Bros. Open Air-Water Service May 15." and the text indicated that it was from the Edgewater Beach Hotel. However, it is the following that lends credence: "John Miller... will fly the seagull. He handled the ship last summer with unusual success. Not one accident occurred during the entire season." Evidently, that was quite unusual!

The cost was given for a trip to downtown; it was \$10.00. In 2022 dollars that would be \$172.00, not a small sum.

Probably, the most interesting item in the article was the last paragraph: "Mrs. Tillie LaParle, mother of the LaParle brothers, will fly from the Edgewater Beach hotel during the summer. She will also make several parachute jumps, according to her son." Tillie was 44 or 45 in 1922.

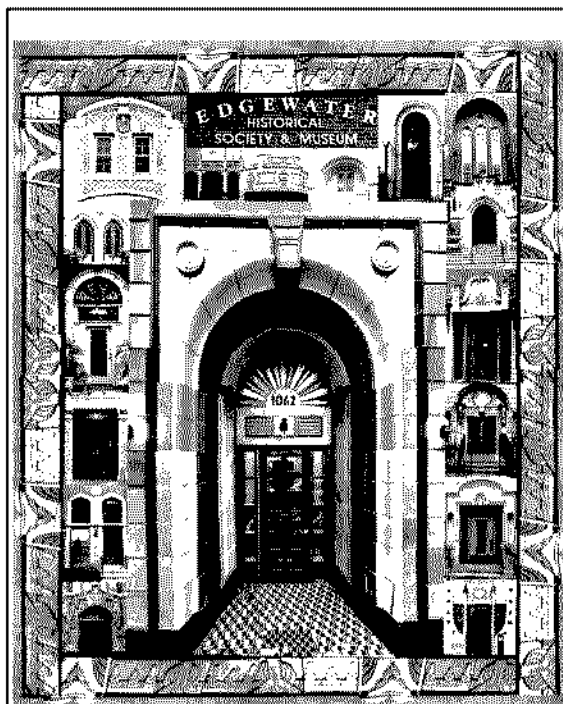
The 1920 census shows Tillie, a widow, living with her three sons, at 3158 N. Clark and running a boarding house there. All the LaParles are absent from the 1930 census; but the 1940 census shows Tillie, now age 63 living with her son Edgar, an airline pilot, in Minneapolis. Walter could not be found.



Curtis Sea Gull provided transportation from the Edgewater Beach Hotel shoreline to downtown Chicago

## Teaser #56

What Edgewater building has addresses on four streets?



1st place by Steve Majsak

## POSTCARD

*In honor of the Museum's 20th Anniversary in Oct 2022, a photo competition was launched with the theme Doorways and Entrances. Board Members Thom Greene and John Holden, along with artist and long-time volunteer Jill Abee, headed up the review and judging of the photos. Larry Rosen kept up with the photo editing and printing.*

*EHS received 35 photos, and there were five winners. The winners are as follows: 1st place Steve Majsak, 2nd place Paige Ozarowski Haedo, 3rd place Betsy Kane, and honorary mentions: Coleman Schultz and Jamin Clutcher. EHS thanks everyone for entering, and stay tuned for next year's photography contest.*

*Killian*

# Twenty Years of the Edgewater Historical Society Museum

The anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at the museum was planned to be both indoors and outdoors. We had the street closed next to the museum, just as we had done on the grand opening day, Oct 6, 2002. Margie Fritz-Birch wanted to celebrate this event by bringing together the friends of the museum for a party, so she took the leadership on this.

Before we got moving on the details, we had to design and have printed a banner announcing the event. Thom Greene and Dorothy Nygren worked on this, and then a team showed up to hang it, led by Tom Murphy.

Next came the invitation which Betsy Kane developed for us, and Gail Hoover sent it out a few times on Constant Contact. Reservations were to be on the website, but were slow in coming in, and they had only increased to 70 by the last week of September. However, allowing for walk-ins raised the attendance to 95 attendees.

Since this was to be our first fundraiser since the pandemic, we thought we needed some sponsors to support our efforts. Several block clubs chimed in with donations, including Edgewater Glen Association, EPIC, Lakewood Balmoral Residents Council and Edgewater Neighbors North. Then a few generous individuals offered major donations of \$1000 including Mark Richardson & Sallie Gaines, Andrea Raila and Robert Remer. A few more sponsors added to these funds including Michael & Louise Roper of HopLeaf Bar, who also donated beer, State Representative Kelly Cassidy, Jason Eliason & Scott McDonald, Kim Kaulas and the McKiernnan family.

These donations assured us that we would move into the black for

our operating budget. Each visitor was given a booklet telling the story of the creation of the museum from a derelict city property.

Music was provided by the Front Six, a band that had played for us in Music in the Garden. But this time they brought the full orchestration which included keyboard and drums. Light appetizers were provided by Cookies and Carnitas.

The museum exhibits were open, and a few items were set up on a silent auction. Perhaps the most interesting event was the presentation of the winners of the Edgewater Doorways photo contest, which had been planned by Killian Walsh and Thom Greene. The photos were on display, and it was clear that many wanted to buy copies. These will be available soon through a message from Constant Contact.

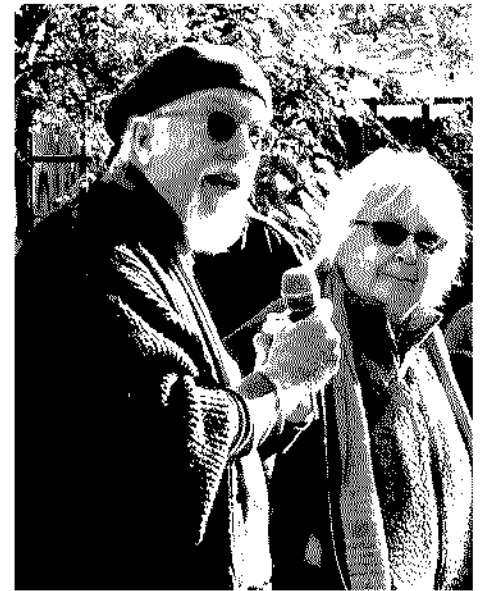
Some of the history of the museum rehab was presented on a poster board and in photos set up by Thom Greene.

An enlargement of the founding board of directors and the faces of the four presidents were also displayed. Marie-luise Kailing and Jean Alltag greeted people and checked them in. Paul Bonilla and Art Arfa, Carleen Lorys, Rose and Otis Beal and Steve Meiss worked with Marty Stewart, Dorothy Nygren and Jonas Middleton to set up all the tables and chairs outside. Once the action began Amanda Tinlin directed people to the silent auction and, of course, to the food. Larry Ebert managed the bar and at one time thought he would run out of glasses because so many more people came than had registered.

The silent auction was closed at 6 p.m., and Tiffany Middleton and Dave Gemperle managed the record keeping for that successful event. In the fading light many chose to go home. But for the hungriest we ordered pizza from Calos, which Marty picked up. Marcy Anderson made a quick trip to the Jewel for more cookies.

President John Holden spoke to the assembled crowd and thanked everyone who helped on the event. and Kathy Gemperle and Thom Greene for their tireless work on the building 20 years ago. Then Andrea Raila asked everyone to gather in the street for a group photo.

It was a nice community celebration and, as it turns out, a successful fundraiser for the museum, which had not had any fundraising since the covid started. Kathy Gemperle and Margie Fritz-Birch thanked everyone who helped them put this event together.



*Thom Greene and Kathy Gemperle acknowledge the thanks of the crowd for their work in developing the museum 20 years ago.*



*A display of the winning photos in the photo contest at the anniversary party*

**Best wishes for a  
Happy New Year  
2023**

## Hotel Sovereign (Continued from page 1)

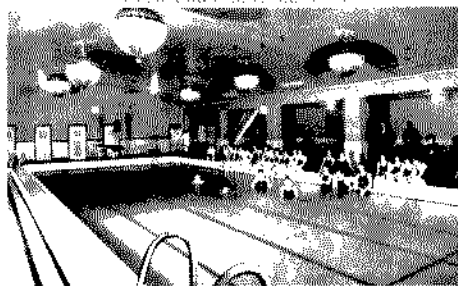
of a residential apartment building, even changing its name from the Hotel Sovereign to the Sovereign Apartments. The number of units changed as well, from some 600 after the addition opened to a reported 490 when IRMCO bought it, to a reported 283 when Loyola purchased it. Unfortunately we have not been able to learn when these changes took place.

Though the Sovereign never had its own beach, residents did enjoy the lake breezes in summer and, above the 3rd floor, unimpeded views of the Lake. They still do today, thanks to the preservation of the mansions at Berger Park directly to the east.

Interestingly enough, our Sovereign hotel is not the only hotel to have had that name. There were Sovereign hotels in Miami Beach, Cleveland, Portland and Santa Monica.



*A creamer from the Hotel Sovereign*



*Johnny Weissmuller was a lifeguard, and competed in its pool.*

## Reversing Urban Decline

On October 22 Jack Markowski, was the featured speaker of the Annual Bud Wyman lecture, presented by the Edgewater Historical Society at the Edgewater Branch Library

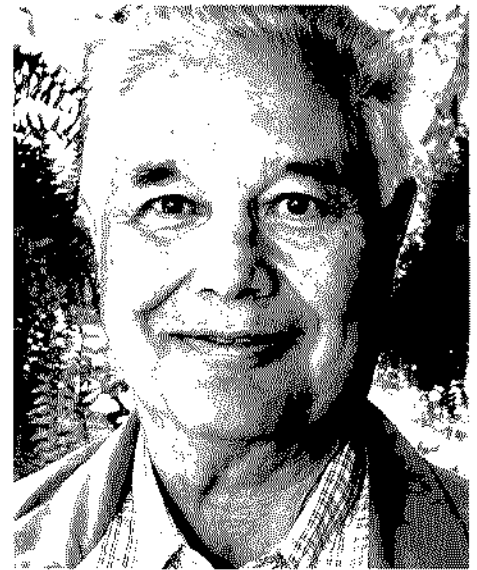
It was a fitting topic for this lecture as it presented the history of how the deteriorating community of the 1960s and 70s worked to improve itself thru the leadership of the Edgewater Community Council and the direction of Mr. Markowski.

Jack began the presentation by acknowledging the role that LeRoy Blommaert, an ECC board member played in gaining the recognition for Edgewater as community area 77. In the 1920s The University of Chicago determined that Edgewater should be subsumed as a part of Uptown. With LeRoy's research and presentation, the City of Chicago acknowledged Edgewater is its own community area and named it #77.

Jack described the problem that faced the community with a reported 100 fires in 1979. When ECC began the project named Operation Winthrop-Kenmore there were 10,000 dwelling units in Edgewater that were 95 percent rental. In 1981 there were 16 boarded up buildings and 21 vacant buildings.

To face this challenge Mr. Markowski decided that a survey was needed to understand the problem. Among the challenges were that the owners of the buildings did not live in them, and that many large apartments had been divided into several smaller apartments. One example he offered was a 6-flat building that was cut up into 29 units. Thus the density of the area had greatly increased.

One popular type of housing were the apartment hotels, sometimes called the common corridor buildings, of which there were many. In the 1920s these buildings offered housing for a growing number of young people coming into the city to work. They once offered amenities like laundry services, barber shops and maid service. After WWII these



*Guest speaker Jack Markowski*

buildings were deteriorating, and most of the services were gone.

Understanding the problem led to many activities including interviews with many area residents. It became clear that the buildings needed rehab, but the financial institutions were not keen on contributing to this massive challenge. Among the other issues that needed attention were safety in the streets, physical condition of the buildings, trash removal and community activities.

Adding to the density were the four-plus-ones that often replace six unit buildings with 50 units. And then along the lakeshore many mansions were demolished in order to build high-rises. So a proactive response was needed to reverse this urban decline.

There were many avenues taken to change this problem and if you want to learn more please go to the website for a link to the recording of Jack's presentation. Right from the beginning Jack told us that he thought he would do the survey and the community would take it from there. But Jack remained the leader of this recovery for about 10 years. He eventually became the Housing Commissioner of the City of Chicago, and guided other areas through this process of recovery.

The entire presentation is on YouTube: [bit.ly/ehsc3](http://bit.ly/ehsc3)

# City in a Garden: The EGA and EHS Heritage Tree Audit

No garden thrives without maintenance and care, and the City of Chicago is no exception. The EGA and EHS Heritage Tree Audit advocates for better awareness of the importance of the urban canopy.

Have you ever looked at the City of Chicago seal and wondered what the text on the banner means? 'Urbs in Horto,' a phrase that translates to 'City in a Garden.' Ever since the incorporation of Chicago, early leaders foresaw the importance of public areas for greenspace and making sure the City remained a verdant place.

It's no surprise that Edgewater Glen Association (EGA) residents are passionate about their green spaces and urban canopies. Marjorie Fritz-Birch, Vice President and Board Member of the Edgewater Historical Society (EHS), says they've been vehement about protecting trees. Volunteers have pushed the issue at the local alderman's office, and they draw up lists of trees that have been taken down and not been replanted, as well as public parkways that are treeless.

Whenever there is a lack of community involvement in the city's removal of mature trees from public easements, it is foremost a symptom of lack of government transparency. "People that live on a property that don't want the parkway tree can call and get it removed," says Marjorie. Many American cities have ordinances which require community approval before public trees are removed. Governmental transparency and community partnerships is similarly lacking when it comes to planting new trees; the owner of the property near the easement where the tree will be planted has to

approve its planting beforehand, often claiming insurance issues to deny it. "Trees are paid for by us," Marjorie says, "not the individual property owners. It's our job to tell the City what to do about the trees and it's us [sic] who should be consulted about it."

Unfortunately, Chicago's approach to trees errs on the side of removing and pruning as opposed to planting and preserving. Former Mayor Emanuel in 2015 announced that 10 additional crews were directed to Forestry to eliminate the tree-trimming backlog, and in 2016, stated that it had been reduced by



*Be a tree hugger and support the survey of heritage trees in your Edgewater neighborhood. Pictured are Madeline An and Dylan Horsch*

80%, on track to be eliminated completely by year's end. By contrast, Mayor Lightfoot's plan to plant over 75,000 new trees has stalled, resulting in thousands of abandoned trees in vacant lots around the city and a risk that these unplanted trees could freeze and suffer root degradation. Moreover, it's been over one and a half years since the City Council unanimously approved the creation of an **Urban Forestry Advisory Board**, and yet not a single member has been appointed.

With this bureaucratic background of delays, it's easy to see why a heritage tree audit is a growing interest for Edgewater's

neighborhood associations, and that residents be educated on the importance of preserving heritage trees and how they play a prominent role in Edgewater's fragile natural environment. Heritage trees are trees that have special significance to the City due to size, age, type, historical association, or horticultural value. For the purposes of the Edgewater tree audit, trees were identified that were estimated at 50 years or older.

The audit spans from the south side of Granville to the north side of Norwood, and from the west side of Broadway to the east side of Clark.

With the exception of one heritage tree on private property, the majority of the heritage trees are located on public easements. The audit will be updated in 2023 with identified heritage trees on Edgewater Glen neighborhood private property.

157 heritage trees were identified and catalogued belonging to 12 distinct tree species. The most dominant species found in Edgewater Glen are Silver Maple and American Sycamore (37). The audit further breaks down the distribution of heritage trees and summarizes tree demographics both by species and by age. The study concludes with a final recommen-

dation for placing identification tags with age, common and species names, and allowing for heritage tree tours through the Edgewater neighborhood to raise public consciousness of our fragile urban canopy.

The audit stresses the importance of personal involvement in protecting heritage trees, encouraging people to do their own versions of the study, learn about the trees in their neighborhood, following in the footsteps of EGA partnership with EHS. Kim Kaulas from EGA states that it's important for homeowners to educate themselves about the

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trees near their properties for the good of the community: "We encourage individual homeowners to work with the City of Chicago via our alderman's office to request parkway trees, as the homeowner's approval is required by them. EGA stresses the importance & care of trees in our newsletters."

Edgewater Tree Keeper Thom Greene agrees. "Trees aren't just aesthetic but also for reducing the urban heat island events, providing shade for an urban environment, oxygen, framing the architecture..." He says that sometimes it's necessary for a tree to be removed if it impacts a building's foundation or sewer pipes, but for the most part they should be left alone.

The EGA & EHS tree audit exists in conversation with pre existing literature, particularly work done by the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Park District. For example, the reason why American Elms and White Ashes are comparatively so rare when they used to dominate residential streets - including Edgewater - is due to their susceptibility to disease, in this case Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Park District now recommend planting species that are more resistant.

It's more cost effective long-term to maintain old trees as opposed to planting new ones; the majority of residential neighborhoods lack the adequate space above and below ground for mature crown growth and root development, which will lead to trees that are unable to grow past a certain extent and will need to be removed, perpetuating the cycle.

Chicago has a history of community involvement turning the tide for our beloved trees. The action against the invasive Asian Longhorn Beetle is an unparalleled success, with community members working with tree experts to eradicate the pest almost entirely from Chicago's tree population. The 2022 General

Election includes referenda for protecting and preserving mature trees in Jackson and South Shore Parks. Advisory ballot questions are great ways to raise awareness for our elected officials to keep an urban forest healthy.

Contact your local neighborhood association to find out how your neighborhood could participate in a similar study to identify heritage trees in your area. The more people that know about them, the less likely they'll be cut down at a phone call's notice. On their website and Facebook pages, the EGA and EHS Heritage Tree Audit will be made available in December 2022. A 2023 presentation will be made at the Edgewater Public Library and the Edgewater Historical Society.

## The Midterm Election

This past Midterm election was notable because of the limited number of election judges available to managing the thirteen hour day at each polling place. My husband David and I decided to volunteer in order to help out.

It was a surprise how much is demanded of the election judges and we learned a lot. First there was the application on-line and then waiting for approval. Did you know that college graduates are preferred for these jobs? After taking the on-line training, we could see why.

The training took four hours of reading and taking tests. It took us through the many steps involved in unpacking the ESC (election supply carrier) box, setting up the regular poll booths and the special needs booth, zeroing out the tape, setting up the ballot box and the ballot recorder. All the items in the box were itemized in the training course. It was another thing to open the box and proceed to set up the polling place beginning at 5 a.m.

We were sent to the 28th precinct of the 48th ward and, thank good-

ness, there were many people there who were well acquainted with how to operate the polling place. Nevertheless it took the full hour to set up the voting booths. The polls opened promptly at 6 a.m. and there was a line waiting.

Each voter was handed two ballots that had been initialed by a judge. No ballot could be recorded in the scanner without that signature. There was system for spoiled ballots and a system for conditional ballots. There was also a system for registration on the day of polling using two forms of identification.

Some election judges had more responsible jobs, and others who were newbies, like us, were given the job of initializing ballots. Two students from Senn were designated as high school judges. They were energetic and helpful.

As the day moved along we began to realize that we had more than the usual number of voters. Comparisons were made to previous elections, and we began guessing how many would finally appear to cast their ballots. The final number was 276, way more than most of us guessed.

At 7 p.m. the polls closed, and then the judges had to get to work doing the reports, placing ballots in correct envelopes, signing all the envelopes and folding up the voting booths. It all has to fit back in the ESC in the proper places.

Oh did I mention the alderman's office dropped off donuts in the morning and pizza at noon?

Some judges brought their own food. Water was available, but no dinner was available. It took about an hour to put everything away. So by 8 p.m. our 15 hour day was over. Then two judges were designated to take the ballot report to a central destination. We gained a great respect for those who work our polls and assure that our elections are run smoothly and honestly; it was a great learning experience for us. Many voters thanked the election judges for their work on behalf of democracy.

Kathy Gemperle



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### For the Family Tree

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If your dues are due, and if you have not yet sent them in, please do so soon. Your dues are due if you received a renewal notice in the mail. We count on your support to keep the museum open.

Membership renewal time begins in January, 2023. Please respond promptly.

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