

## EPIC Block Club 2009-10 Year

In the 2009-10 year, EPIC Block Club members:

1. Continued to represent EPIC on the boards of the Edgewater Community Council and Edgewater Development Corporation, the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Zoning/Planning and Transportation Committees, Senn Local School Council and the Senn (High School) Strategic Plan Committee. EPIC members chair or are members of five ECC committees and two ECC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committees. In January 2010 an EPIC member was appointed co-chairman of ECC's newly structured Safety Committee.
2. Continued to attend monthly meetings of community policing Beat 2013 at Philadelphia Church, 5437 N. Clark, and Beat 2433 at Edgewater Library, 1210 W. Elmdale.
3. With the North Edgewater Beach Association, continued to conduct positive loitering neighborhood watches beginning at 7 p.m. Mondays in the late spring, summer and early fall and at 8 p.m. in late fall, winter and early spring. The watches were suspended in December and will be resumed in the spring.
4. At his request, conferred with the owner of the Hookah Lounge, 5848 N. Broadway, before he unsuccessfully sought a tobacco license for the business (denied because of a city ordinance).
5. Requested city services to repair sewer and water main problems on the 5930 block of North Lakewood and malfunctioning pedestrian walk lights at Broadway and Elmdale and Broadway and Thorndale.
6. Learned that the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Elmdale would not be repaved because of more pressing infrastructure requests in the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward.
7. Continued to participate in Thorndale Action Task Force activities addressing public safety issues on the 1100 block of West Thorndale. An EPIC member chairs the ad hoc committee.
8. Participated in weekly Neighbors Night Out activities conducted by ECC's Housing/Safety Committee throughout June, July and August.
9. On June 6, coordinated and participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Edgewater Neighborhood Garage sale with three other block clubs – BARGE, Edgewater Glen Association and Edgewater North Neighbors. For the second year, EPIC asked all participants to donate one item to the sale, then contributed almost \$400 in proceeds to Care for Real, the Edgewater Community Council's food and clothing pantry.
10. At request of Departments of Environment and Streets and Sanitation, coordinated Blue Cart Recycling Program biweekly pickups through 15 volunteers. It has been affirmed that EPIC is the only block club in the city that has organized its entire jurisdictional area in support of this environmental initiative.
11. In February 2010 for the proposed realignment of Chicago Police Department's 281 beats, joined with elected officials, community organizations and neighborhood associations to urge Police Superintendent Jody Weis to reconfigure bisected northern and southern boundaries of 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Districts on the 1100 block of West Thorndale.

12. With those officials and organizations and also in February 2010, petitioned Area 3 Deputy Chief Bruce Rottner to intensify and/or establish late afternoon and evening foot patrols on that troubled block.
13. Redesigned and restructured EPIC's web site ([www.epicblockclub.com](http://www.epicblockclub.com)) and e-mailed several public safety alerts and announcements of community import to EPIC members ([epicblkclub@yahoo.com](mailto:epicblkclub@yahoo.com)). The latter Included plans to expand the Edgewater Library, 1210 W. Elmdale.
14. Held its annual spring potluck June 13, its first summer mixer July 13 (at St. Andrew's Inn) and its annual barbecued chicken fall potluck Oct. 3.
15. At the request of the Edgewater Historical Society, identified several properties in the Magnolia Glen neighborhood to participate in the EHS annual homes tour Sept. 20.
16. Researched and wrote a history of the EPIC Block Club for an Edgewater history that is to be published this year on the occasion of ECC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A copy of the EPIC history is available at the registration desk.
17. Also on the occasion of ECC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, two EPIC members are serving on an ad hoc committee that is compiling a cookbook of Edgewater recipes, some of which are family heirlooms and trace roots back six generations. "Edgewater's Cookin'" will be published July 5, 2010.