



EPIC Block Club 2010-11 Year

In the 2010-11 year, EPIC Block Club members:

1. Continued to represent EPIC on the 48th Ward Zoning/Planning and Transportation Committee, Senn (High School) Strategic Plan Committee and Senn Outreach Committee. An EPIC member also is chairing the Senn Centennial Committee which will be celebrated and observed in 2013.
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 positively loiter on the 1100 block of Thorndale week nights, the days and times alternated throughout spring. The watches were suspended when nightly activities were conducted by the Edgewater Community Council and State Rep. Harry Osterman's office Monday through Thursday on the troubled block. EPIC members participated in and assisted at those weekly events. .
4. Continued to participate in Thorndale Action Task Force activities addressing public safety issues on the 1100 block of West Thorndale. An EPIC member has chaired the ad hoc committee for three-and-a-half years.
5. On June 5, coordinated and participated in the 16th annual Edgewater Neighborhood Garage sale with four other block clubs – BARGE, Edgewater Glen Association, Edgewater North Neighbors and Edgewater Triangle Association. For the third year, EPIC asked all participants to price and donate one item to the sale, then contributed \$76 in proceeds to Care for Real, Edgewater's food and clothing pantry.
6. At the request of Departments of Environment and Streets and Sanitation, continued to coordinate 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.
7. Continued to update EPIC's web site (www.epicblockclub.com) and e-mailed several public safety alerts and announcements of community import to EPIC members (epicblkclub@yahoo.com).
8. Held its annual spring potluck June 19 and its first pumpkin carving and painting get-together Oct.23, the latter instead of its annual barbecued chicken fall potluck.
9. To prepare for the first annual Edgewater Arts Festival July 16 on the 1100 block of Thorndale, asked the Edgewater Development Corporation to allocate resources to beautify the Chicago Transit Authority Red Line station infrastructure prior to the event. Sponsors are the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, Edgewater Artists in Motion and Edgewater Special Service Area 26.