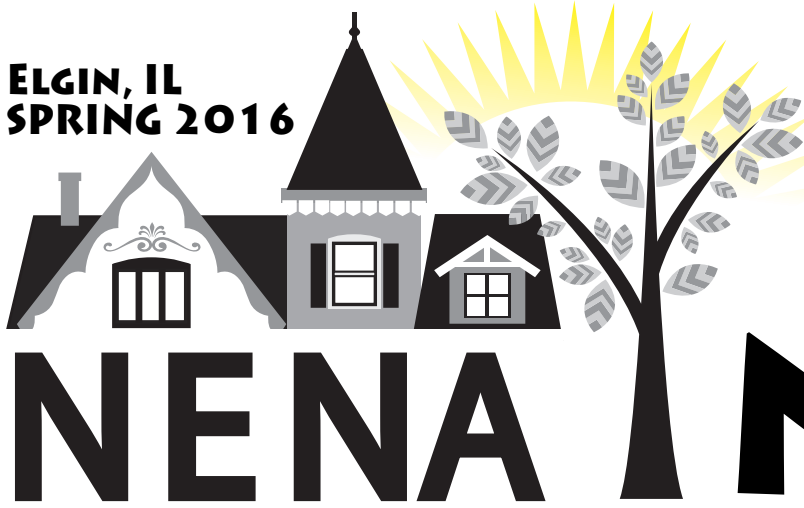


ELGIN, IL
SPRING 2016



NORTHEAST
NEIGHBORHOOD
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NENA NEWS

Celebrate Spring with Us...
Shed your overcoats! Spread your wings! The butterfly signs are coming!

Two summers ago, 16 neighborhood kids met during a period of three weeks at NENA's Butterfly Garden at the corner of Douglas Avenue & Ann Street as junior lepidopterists. As part of the program, each student created a scientific drawing of a butterfly native to our area and researched its habitat requirements. This spring, those drawings land permanently in the garden thanks to a Neighborhood Improvement Grant. Our Lepidoptera campers' hard work in researching and drawing our local butterflies will take wing in the form of 18 colorful information-packed signs that will help visitors identify local butterflies and learn what plants help each species.

Pipevine Swallowtail *Battus philenor*

Larval food Plants in the pipevine family


Adult food Nectar from a variety of flowers such as bergamot, lilac, & phlox

When to see April thru August, 2 broods

Overwinters Hibernates locally as chrysalis

Habitat Uncommon in northern part of U.S., prefers open habitats and woodland edges

actual wingspan is 2 3/4" to 5"



Artist: Cecilia

Cool Fact Pipevine Swallowtail is toxic to its predators because its larvae consume toxic pipevine plants.

www.NENAofElgin.org Facebook /NENA Butterfly Garden NorthEast Neighborhood Association 2016

And in honor of the butterflies, our celebration has two stages...

First Stage...

CATERPILLOOZA Neighborhood Party at the NENA Butterfly Garden, corner of Douglas Avenue & Ann Street on Friday, May 6, 6-8PM as we unveil the new signs, introduce some of the artists/scientists, and share more about butterflies and their impact on our environment and our community. This is a "potluck," so bring a dish to share, as well as your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pizza will be available for purchase. Family and friends are welcome!

Second Stage...

Crawl or fly, depending where you are in your butterfly life cycle, to the BUTTERFLY GARDEN GALA. This very special fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 14, 7-11PM at the "Localvore" Restaurant, 11 Douglas Ave. Funds raised will help pay for the sign posts and cover costs to maintain the garden this year. Tickets are \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. Visit nenaofelgin.com or our Facebook page for tickets or more information.



Butterfly Garden

ANN STREET-DOUGLAS AVENUE PARK

Butterflies and moths are not only some of nature's most beautiful creatures, they are among the pickiest eaters on our planet. The monarch butterfly will lay her eggs only on the plant species *Asclepias*, aka, milkweed plants. Luckily, these finicky friends will find a well-stocked "nursery" at the NENA Butterfly Garden: a healthy patch of common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*, as well as *Asclepias tuberosa* (pretty, orange-flowered butterfly weed). The monarch caterpillars feed only on *Asclepias* as they fatten from 3 mm to more than 10 cm in size. The fragrant blooms of *Asclepias* provide nectar to adult monarchs as well as many other species of butterflies.

Other lucky larvae can feast on parsley, dill, and broccoli at a patch dedicated just for them. Providing larval plants for our local Lepidoptera is a key component in a butterfly garden. Additionally, offering nectar sources for

the entire season is crucial. At the NENA garden, suitable nectar-producing flowers are blooming from the end of May through the beginning of October; these have been supplemented with butterfly-preferred annuals (zinnias, salvia, alyssum, e.g.). Providing native, non-hybridized plant species helps support the Lepidoptera's success. You can help, too, by planting milkweed for monarchs, dill for swallowtails, zinnias for all. Visit the butterfly garden to get ideas for your own garden!

The Butterfly Garden was made possible by the City of Elgin's donation of the land, funding from a Neighborhood Improvement Grant, the dedication of NENA's butterfly committee, and the hard work of scores of volunteers who dug, planted, weeded, and watered the garden (and continue to do so). Special recognition is due to McKinley Elementary students who have helped at the garden from its start. Each year, they have planted hundreds of butterfly-friendly annuals; and they have raised almost 100 monarchs to release in the garden over the years. Future plans include adding educational components to the garden.



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HEY BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A BRICK



Our Spring Street brick hill restoration committee is in need of large street pavers like the one pictured to use in repairing our neighborhood landmark. Please call for free pickup. Thank you!

Jeff Gill 847-530-1575

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2015 HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS HOUSE TOUR

A reindeer corral, a Mardi Gras tree, hydrangeas and poinsettias woven into a wreath, Chinese artifacts, a Mexican nativity set and hand-felted ornaments were on display at NENA's Homes for the Holidays House Walk on December 5.

Sunny skies and warm temperatures created a delightful ambience while more than 400 guests learned about the varied architecture of the Northeast neighborhood — Italianate, Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Prairie, and Colonial Revival — as well as the diversity of our homeowners' cultural traditions.

After a four-year hiatus, Tour Chair Patricia Harkin organized a tour of eight elaborately decorated houses. Several homeowners highlighted their ethnic traditions with handmade toys and family treasures that had been handed down through the generations. Christmas trees also reflected hosts' tastes and histories: Heidi Schroeder, a talented florist, wove live hydrangeas into her wreaths and trees; Mardi Gras ornaments hung from the tree in George Nootens and Rich Gipp's dining room, to recall their trips to New Orleans; and Christine and Conor Goetz showcased the funny and/or ugly ornaments that they traditionally present to each other. Krissy Palermo decorated trees that focused on her children's interests and family pastimes. Pam and Tim Michaels celebrated Chicago sports teams in their family room decorations. Maureen Kehoe's trees displayed Wizard of Oz ornaments handmade by her

mother in the 1970's. Donna Lego showcased stuffed glass globe ornaments that she made as a Girl Scout. Ivonne Hopkins McCormack displayed her family's Mexican crafts, including a stunning nativity set and several paintings.

Between houses, visitors shopped at a craft fair, sampled refreshments at our warming house and enjoyed the natural seasonal decorations in the NENA Butterfly Garden at Douglas and Ann streets.

The tour, as always, was a community effort involving hundreds of hours of time and many generous donations. More than 100 volunteers served as house captains, docents, greeters and helpers. Special thanks goes to Darlene Hulin, who created the graphics for our posters and tour book. We are especially grateful to Advocate Sherman Hospital, who allowed us to use the Center Street campus as a headquarters for registration and whose generous gift helped to defray the cost of printing tour books.

"It was a beautiful day for a beautiful tour. The houses were lovely," said Nancy Hunt, who posted her appreciation on our Northeast Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

*We are already planning a tour for 2016.
If you would like to participate,
please contact us at
www.nenaoflegin.org*



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My wife Margaret, daughter Maddy and I soon will be celebrating six years as NENA residents and the time has gone by quickly.

Right away we appreciated the beautiful historic homes and tree lined streets. As the only neighborhood in Elgin with two historic districts, folks in NENA rightfully value and identify with this important characteristic of our neighborhood.

But there is more to NENA. We quickly noticed how welcoming and engaging our new neighbors were. During the four months it took us to do some exterior renovations dozens of folks stopped by to welcome us to the neighborhood. And we hadn't even moved in yet. One summer a storm knocked down limbs all around the neighborhood. Within minutes of the winds dying down, people were helping get branches moved off sidewalks and streets, even clearing debris from neighbors' yards.

I have since gained a deeper and greater appreciation of some of what defines our community – diversity, shared values and activism.

Diversity can be a great asset, albeit one with challenges. We are a microcosm of Elgin in many ways, whether ethnically or economically. Our housing stock ranges from large historic homes, to more modest cottages to apartment buildings. Residents earn their living in a range of ways as well – from working for the city, to traditional office and manufacturing jobs, to business owners and self-employed professionals. We even have a few classical musicians! These differences bring a richness of culture and experience to our community.

Even more amazing are the common values and concerns such diverse individuals can share: values like education and achievement; concerns like safety in schools and on the streets.

What good are diversity and shared values on their own? That is where activism comes in: not just political activism, although we contribute more than

our share of public servants and elected officials; and not just advocating strongly on behalf of the community's interests when Advocate Sherman Hospital considered selling some of its property last spring.

It is about the underlying inclination to act. More often than not when people in our neighborhood notice something that needs changing, we don't just complain about it, we get together and change it.

My goal is to celebrate the diversity and shared values of our neighborhood, not just by talking about those qualities, but by creating opportunities for each of us to appreciate our differences and act on our shared values. NENA offers a number of ways to do that.

You may already be involved in the community, but if you are interested in ways to contribute to the quality of life in our neighborhood, consider:

- Visiting www.nenaofelgin.org and subscribe to our FREE email newsletter and alerts.
- Supporting NENA as a paid member (see the membership form in this newsletter).
- Volunteering in planning and hosting NENA programs throughout the year,
- Contacting us at info@nenaofelgin.org or via mail at P.O. Box 1446, Elgin, IL 60121 with questions or comments.

Respectfully,

K. Eric Larson,
President

*Thank you
for making
NENA a great
neighborhood!*





CARTA DEL PRESIDENTE... ESTIMADOS VECINOS,

Mi familia y yo pronto estaremos celebrando seis años como residentes de NENA y el tiempo ha pasado rápidamente. Como muchos de ustedes, apreciamos las bellas casas históricas y calles llenas de árboles.

Pero NENA se trata de más que eso. He adquirido un aprecio más profundo de lo que define a nuestra comunidad- diversidad, valores compartidos y el activismo. Mi objetivo es celebrar la diversidad y los valores compartidos de nuestro barrio, no sólo hablando de esas cualidades, sino creando oportunidades para que cada uno de nosotros pueda apreciar nuestras diferencias y actuar en nuestros valores compartidos. NENA ofrece varias maneras de hacerlo.

- Visita www.nenaofelgin.org y Suscríbete a nuestro boletín electrónico gratuito y alertas.
- Apoya NENA como miembro pagado (véase el formulario de inscripción).
- Se voluntario en la planificación de programas NENA durante todo el año,
- Ponte en contacto con nosotros en info@nenaofelgin.org o por correo a P.O. Box 1446, Elgin, IL 60121 con preguntas o comentarios.

Gracias por hacer de NENA un gran barrio!

Respetuosamente,

K. Eric Larson, Presidente



CELEBRE LA PRIMAVERA CON NOSOTROS

¡Quítense los abrigos y extiendan sus alas! ¡Los letreros de las mariposas ya vienen en camino!

Hace dos veranos, 16 niños de la colonia se reunieron durante tres semanas para trabajar como lepidopteristas en el parque de las mariposas.

Como parte de este programa, cada estudiante creó un dibujo científico de una mariposa nativa de esta área e investigó las características de su hábitat. Esta primavera, esos dibujos serán exhibidos permanentemente en el parque gracias a un fondo para el mejoramiento de las colonias.

En honor de las mariposas, vamos a celebrar en dos fases. Primero, acompáñenos a dar la bienvenida a los nuevos letreros en la fiesta de la colonia en el Parque de las Mariposas de NENA (en la esquina de Ave. Douglas y calle Ann) el viernes 6 de mayo de 6 a 8 p.m. Los nuevos letreros serán presentados y algunos de los artistas y científicos estarán presentes para compartir más acerca de

las mariposas y su impacto en el medio ambiente y en nuestra comunidad. Esta celebración será un convivio donde los asistentes traerán algo de comer y algo de beber (sin alcohol) para compartir con la comunidad. ¡Las familias y sus amigos son bienvenidos!

Una semana después, puede usted arrastrarse o volar (dependiendo de su ciclo de vida, como las mariposas) a la Avenida Douglas para participar en un evento muy especial el sábado 14 de mayo de 7 a 11 p.m., en el restaurante "Localvore", Avenida Douglas número 15. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a pagar el resto del costo de los letreros y el mantenimiento del parque este año. ¡Diviértase por una buena causa!

Queremos extender un reconocimiento especial a la Escuela Primaria McKinley cuyos estudiantes han ayudado a trabajar en el jardín desde sus inicios. Cada año, han plantado cientos de plantas de temporada preferidas de las mariposas; han criado casi 100 monarcas para soltarlas en el jardín en el transcurso de los años. Los planes futuros incluyen la incorporación de elementos educativos para el jardín.

WWW.NENAOFELGIN.ORG



VENTA DE GARAJE

La venta de garaje de NENA es una manera de recaudar fondos para nuestra asociación cada año. Este evento ha existido desde 1996 y se ha convertido en una tradición de la colonia.

Cada año, recibimos donaciones de los vecinos y las organizamos, les ponemos precios y las vendemos para recaudar fondos y pagar algunos de los gastos de NENA.

No solo vendemos toda clase cosas, sino también nos relacionamos con la gente y nos enteramos de lo que sucede en nuestra colonia. Por eso, invitamos a todos los vecinos a participar en este evento.

Necesitamos donaciones como artículos del hogar, juguetes, juegos, equipo deportivo, muebles pequeños, blancos, artículos decorativos, ropa y herramientas. **NO ACEPTAMOS TELEVISIONES, COMPUTADORAS O IMPRESORAS.** También necesitamos voluntarios

para ayudar a instalar los toldos el miércoles 15 de junio y para organizar la mercancía el jueves 16 de junio.

Usted puede traer sus donaciones a la casa ubicada en Avenida Lincoln 177 desde el 6 de junio. Si necesita que recojamos su donación o desea trabajar como voluntario(a), llame a Ivonne Hopkins (quien habla español) al teléfono 847-814-3345.

¡Recuerde que la basura de una persona puede ser el tesoro de otra!

FECHA

**VIERNES 17 Y SÁBADO 18
DE JUNIO, 2016**

**EN LA ESQUINA DE LA CALLE SPRING
Y LA AVENIDA LINCOLN**

DE 9:00 A.M. A 4:00 P.M.



EL OTRO DISTRITO HISTÓRICO

La única colonia de Elgin que alberga dos distritos históricos es NENA. La mayoría de los residentes probablemente conoce el distrito histórico de Spring-Douglas que abarca el área a lo largo de nuestra colonia desde la calle River Bluff hasta la Avenida Kimball. El distrito fue designado en 1995 y se incluyó en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos en el año 2000.

Posiblemente, no todos los residentes sepan que existe otro distrito histórico llamado el distrito histórico DC Cook/Lovell situado hacia el extremo norte del distrito histórico Spring-Douglas.

El aprecio hacia el extremo noroeste de nuestra colonia surgió de la unificación de vecinos para convencer a otros sobre las condiciones de remodelación propuestas en el área. Se decidió que debería establecerse un distrito histórico, y así cuatro residentes de NENA que vivían en las cuadras que rodeaban el edificio D.C. Cook, se dieron

a la tarea de nominar esta zona como un distrito histórico de Elgin.

Los esfuerzos de los vecinos culminaron con el nombramiento del distrito histórico de DC Cook/Lovell y el surgimiento de un sentimiento de orgullo entre sus habitantes.

Al igual que el otro distrito histórico de Spring-Douglas, el distrito histórico DC Cook/Lovell también merece un sistema de identificación. NENA propone que se instalen letreros especialmente diseñados con los nombres de las calles en las esquinas dentro del distrito histórico. Dichos letreros serían similares a los utilizados en el distrito de Spring-Douglas y tendrían un diseño específico que identifique al otro distrito. Este proyecto actualmente está en su fase de diseño y la siguiente fase será recaudar fondos necesarios para llevarlo a cabo. Es probable que NENA califique para recibir ayuda financiera para pagar parte del costo. Se planea la fabricación y la instalación de los letreros para el año 2017.



OLVÍDESE DE SUS APLICACIONES ELECTRÓNICAS Y CONDUZCA CON CUIDADO.

Los mejores deseos esta primavera de parte de su oficial residente de policía en el programa ROPE, Heather Farrell en la calle Spring 310.

Es bien sabido que los norteamericanos tienen una obsesión con el uso de teléfonos celulares cuando están conduciendo. Sin embargo, el uso de sistemas de información y entretenimiento electrónicos es muy peligroso ya que los usuarios se distraen y pierden la vista de su camino y del manejo de su vehículo.

¿Conoce usted la ley estatal que rige el uso de teléfonos celulares? Desde el año 2014, Illinois prohíbe el uso de todos los aparatos en las manos al conducir. Solamente se permite usar la tecnología de manos libres como teléfonos en altavoz, Bluetooth o audífonos de un solo oído. Además, (1) está prohibido el uso de teléfonos celulares en todas sus modalidades en zonas escolares; (2) está prohibido cualquier uso de teléfonos celulares en autopistas y zonas de construcción y, por último, (3) no se permite el uso de teléfonos celulares a personas menores de 19 años de edad que tienen permiso de

conducir o licencia de graduación. En Illinois está estrictamente prohibido mandar mensajes de texto al conducir.

¿Qué puede usted hacer al respecto? Comprométase a ser un conductor atento.

Una llamada puede cambiarlo todo, así que sea cuidadoso(a) y proteja su propiedad y la de los demás. También recuerde los consejos generales de seguridad. Mantenga los ojos y oídos atentos todo el tiempo y ayude a la policía de Elgin a combatir el crimen reportando cualquier actividad sospechosa. Como siempre, si hay una emergencia, llame al 911 inmediatamente. La prevención del crimen puede mejorar con un residente a la vez, por eso, ayúdenos a mantener la seguridad de nuestra colonia.

Por favor, no dude en llamarme si tiene preguntas o comentarios. Puede llamarme o mandarme un texto al teléfono 630-453-3461 ó mándeme un correo electrónico a Farrell_h@cityofelgin.org.



EL TOUR NAVIDEÑO REGRESA

Un corral con renos, un árbol de Mardi Gras, hortensias y nochebuenas tejidas para formar una corona navideña, adornos chinos, un nacimiento mexicano y adornos hechos a mano formaron parte del tour navideño de NENA el 5 de diciembre de 2015.

El cielo despejado y las temperaturas templadas dieron lugar a un ambiente placentero mientras más de 400 visitantes aprendieron acerca de la arquitectura de nuestra colonia como el estilo italiano, el estilo Reina Anne, el neoclásico, el estilo de la pradera y el colonial, incluyendo la diversidad cultural de nuestros residentes.

Después de un lapso de cuatro años, la organizadora del tour, Patricia Harkin organizó el evento incluyendo ocho casas bellamente decoradas. Varios residentes mostraron sus tradiciones culturales con juguetes hechos a mano y

tesoros familiares pasados de generación en generación. Los árboles de navidad también reflejaron los gustos e historias de sus dueños.

Como parte del tour, los participantes tuvieron la oportunidad de visitar una venta de manualidades, tomar bebidas calientes y comer galletas en la casa albergue, además de disfrutar los adornos naturales del Jardín de las Mariposas de NENA situado en la esquina de la Avenida Douglas y la Calle Ann.

Nancy Hunt, una de las participantes en el tour navideño, escribió en Facebook: "Fue un hermoso día para un hermoso tour. Las casas estuvieron lindas."

Ya estamos planeando el tour para este año 2016. Si usted desea participar, por favor, contáctenos por medio de nuestro sitio web www.nenaofelgin.org.

NEED TABLES? RENT THEM FROM NENA!

*Do you need tables for your holiday entertaining?
NENA has 10 picnic-size folding tables for rent.
For more information contact NENA at
info@nenaofelgin.org*

35TH ANNUAL HISTORIC ELGIN HOUSE TOUR



The Gifford Park Association (GPA) will hold its 35th Annual Historic Elgin House Tour on Saturday, September 10, and Sunday September 11, 2016. As in prior years, the house tour features a different historic neighborhood of Elgin.

The Annual Historic Elgin House Tour is an educational event that offers something for everyone. There's architecture, history, home remodeling, interior decorating, gardening and more. The interior tours of the homes are guided and interpreted.

For additional information visit gpaelgin.org



ELGIN POLICE EXPLORER POST 1445

The Explorer program is geared toward young adults between the ages of 14 through 20 who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Members meet at the police department on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–9:00PM. At the meetings, members receive training on many aspects of law enforcement, to include crime scene investigation, domestic violence situations, hostage negotiation, report writing and much more.

All members are registered with the Boy Scouts of America, the parent organization. Even though the post is a Boy Scouts sanctioned program, females are welcome and encouraged to join.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) are members who have graduated Elgin Police Department's Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class and continue to provide voluntary service to the Elgin Police Department.



NENA would like to thank the Elgin Police Explorer Post 1445, our R.O.P. E. Officer Heather Farrell, and Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association for distributing the NENA newsletter! The volunteers walk through our Northeast Neighborhood and hand deliver the newsletter to about 2000 households - not a small task.

**A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT
TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HELPED!**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

RESIDENT OFFICER **HEATHER FARRELL**

Get your Head out of your Apps ... Drive Safely



Happy Spring from your Resident Officer Heather Farrell from Elgin Police Department's ROPE (Resident Officer Program of Elgin) Division at 310 N. Spring St.

It's no secret. Americans today have an unhealthy obsession with their automobile technology and cell phones, leading to distracted driving. Engaging with infotainment systems in vehicles is dangerous, not just because they take our eyes away from the road, but because these systems take our attention away from the task of driving. Drivers talking on handheld or hands-free devices can fail to see 50% of their surroundings. They are four times as likely to be involved in a car crash. The average cost of a property damage crash in 2011 was \$9,100.

Do you know your state's cell phone laws? As of 2014, Illinois banned the use of all hand-held devices while driving. Only hands-free technology such as speakerphones, Bluetooth, and single sided headsets or earpieces are permitted. All Illinois drivers are prohibited from texting. In addition, cell phone use is prohibited

- while driving in a school zone
- while driving in a highway construction zone
- if you are under 19 years old and hold an instruction permit or graduated license.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME DIRECTLY WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. CALL OR TEXT ME AT 630-453-3461 OR EMAIL ME AT FARRELL_H@CITYOFELGIN.ORG

What can you do?

*Take the pledge to be
an attentive driver.*

I pledge for my own safety and for others with whom I share the roads. I choose to not drive distracted in any way. I will not:

- Have a phone conversation – handheld, hands-free, or via Bluetooth
- Text, group text or use apps
- Use voice-to-text features in my vehicle's dashboard or infotainment system or on my phone
- Update or post to any social media site or app
- Check or send emails
- Take selfies or film videos
- Input destinations into GPS while the vehicle is in motion
- Call or message someone else when I know they are driving

Be proactive in protecting your property and yourselves... one call can change everything. Remember the general safety tips also. Keep your eyes and ears open at all times and help the Elgin Police Department by reporting suspicious activity. As always, if it is an emergency, call 911 immediately.

*Crime prevention can be improved
one resident at a time, so help us
make our neighborhood safer.*

Did you know?

*That You can call 311 for general information
and non-emergency city services.*

Proposed DC Cook/Lovell
Historic District signage
designer:
Jerry Sorensen



THE OTHER HISTORIC DISTRICT

By Brian Anderson

The Northeast neighborhood is the only neighborhood in Elgin that hosts two historic districts. Most residents are probably familiar with the Spring-Douglas Historic District, which traverses the length of those two streets from River Bluff Road to Kimball Boulevard. This district received local landmark designation in 1996 and listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. Those same residents may not be as familiar with our other historic district: the DC Cook/Lovell (Area) Historic District, which is situated adjacent to the northern end of the Spring-Douglas Historic District.

The DC Cook/Lovell Historic District received local landmark designation in 2007 and encompasses a former natural area known as Lovell's Grove. For a number of years Lovell's Grove was undeveloped and undisturbed. Trees populated the graceful terrain above the eastern bank of the Fox River. Residents enjoyed the proximity to nature at the edge of the city. Inevitably the city grew; the land sustaining that grove of trees was subdivided into: Lovell's Grove Addition of 1893, David C. Cook's Addition of 1901, Lovell's Grove Second Addition of 1913 and Home in the Woods Subdivision of 1926.

One lot at a time, the area was developed over the period of a century. Predominantly early Twentieth Century architecture, with a little representation from the late Nineteenth Century, occupies the historic district. Exemplary architectural styles including American foursquare, Georgian revival, mid 20th-Century modern, Tudor revival and Queen Anne front the streets.

David C. Cook built a religious publishing house. The brick and stone classical revival style building was constructed in 1901 at 850 N. Grove Avenue. Both the David C. Cook facility and the surrounding residences

complemented each other, visually and functionally. The residences served as homes to employees, who could walk to work at the publishing house. The publishing company and the neighborhood coexisted harmoniously until the turn of the 21st Century when the printing business closed and moved to Colorado. Warehouse and distribution activity continued at the site.

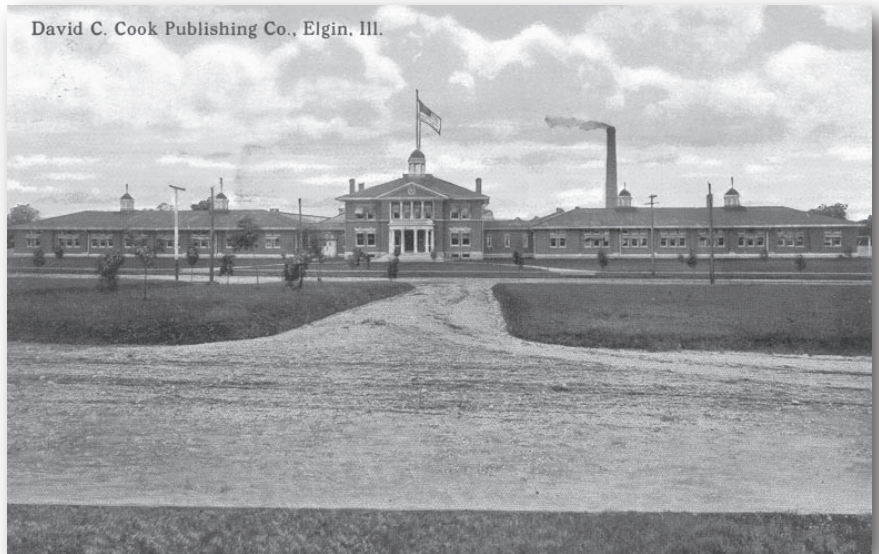
In 2006 Ryan Companies proposed redevelopment of the D. C. Cook campus (now called Cook Communications Ministries) by demolishing the building and replacing it with residential units - a combination of condominiums and single family houses - of a density significantly higher than that of the neighborhood. NENA and residents in close proximity to the property opposed the developer's vision for the site. The developer eventually withdrew the proposal.

The effort to campaign against the development of the Cook campus created an interest in establishing a local historic district. Four residents from NENA and the blocks surrounding the Cook campus successfully pursued the designation of the DC Cook/Lovell Historic District. Notwithstanding the name, the original David C. Cook Publishing Company site was excluded from the boundaries of the district.

NENA (Northeast Neighborhood Association) is proposing signage consistent in size to the existing signs displayed within the Spring-Douglas Historic District. This project is currently in the design phase, with a funding phase to follow. NENA may be eligible to receive a grant for a portion of its cost. Fabrication and installation are projected to occur in 2017.

David C. Cook Publishing Company Building / photo credit: Elgin History Museum

David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Ill.



NENA NEIGHBORHOOD

MAY 5 - NENA BOARD MEETING

Guest speaker Christen Sundquist, City of Elgin Historic Preservation Planner will talk about Elgin's historic preservation strategies & programs in celebration of Preservation Month. All Welcome! 7PM at the Centre

MAY 6 - CATERPILLOOZA FAMILY PARTY

6-8PM Celebrate the installation of the student-created artwork/signs; enjoy food, crafts & bouncy house! FREE

MAY 14 - KIT HOMES BICYCLE TOUR

Free tour of mail-order kit homes in the NENA neighborhood. 3 PM at 903 Cedar Avenue

MAY 14 - NENA BUTTERFLY GARDEN GALA

7-11PM Raffles, live auction, butterfly-inspired items for purchase & more. Hearty appetizers & non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages for sale. Tickets are \$30 at the door & \$25 in advance. Visit nenaofelgin.com or our FaceBook page for more information & tickets.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MAY 28 - FOX TROT

This year features a 5K, 10K & 2 mile walk, and will again run through our neighborhood. Get out and cheer the runners on!

JUN 17 & 18 - NENA ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Giant garage sales! More information regarding donations & volunteer opportunities coming soon.

JUL 4 - CITY OF ELGIN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

This annual classic begins and ends in our neighborhood on Douglas Avenue. Get your spot on the sidewalk early!

DEC 3 - HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS HOUSE TOUR

Our signature holiday event. More details soon.

CITYWIDE ELGIN

MAY 3	MAYOR'S AWARDS
AUG 6 & 7	ART & SOUL ON THE FOX
AUG 29	iFEST
SEP 10 & 11	HISTORIC ELGIN HOUSE WALK
SEP 15-18	FRINGE FEST
SEP 24	ELGIN SHORT FILM FEST

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I am interested in: ___ Holiday House Tour ___ Newsletter
 ___ Fundraising ___ Neighborhood Safety ___ Garage Sale
 ___ Butterfly Garden ___ 4th of July Parade ___ Neighborhood Beautification
 ___ Special Events ___ Other _____

Annual Memberships: \$20 Household or Business / \$10 Senior Citizens Household

Make check to NENA & mail to the PO box above. Thanks and welcome to NENA!

General membership in NENA is free to anyone who lives or works in the neighborhood. Paid household or business memberships gives everyone over the age of 18 in that household or business the right to vote for directors and other issues at the annual membership meeting. Membership also helps cover the cost of our activities.

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