

EGA

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parking

This remains a major problem to many residents of the area and the EGA have again written to Edinburgh Corporation expressing their concern

As announced recently in the local press, the latest plan presented to the Highways and Road Safety Committee by the City Planning Officer includes an increased cost in the peripheral area parking from £10 to £12.50, and the extension of controlled parking in residential areas to include an area bounded by part of Fountainhall Road, part of South Lauder Road, Lauder Road, Part of Dick Place, Lovers Loan, Grange Road, Strathearn Road, Beaufort Rd. etc to Churchhill westwards.

If residents have any comments on this matter their views would be of considerable interest to the EGA Committee who would be most grateful if these could be sent to the secretary.

party time

On December 23 around sixty young children under the age of five attended the EGA party in Mayfield Church Hall - a great time was had by all and it is hoped to hold more such events in the future.

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community councils

PUBLIC MEETING on MONDAY, APRIL 14

in MAYFIELD CHURCH HALL, at 8.00pm

Michael Clarke (Lecturer in Politics) writes:- We feel there is little to be gained by piecemeal consideration of the matter. A true appreciation of the situation can result only from thinking the subject out in co-operation with neighbouring areas. District Councils are responsible for drafting schemes for their areas before May 1974 and a meeting has already been held for people living in the District Wards of Councillors Kean, Houston and Ritchie - from EGA to Prestonfield, and from Blackford Hill to St. Leonard's. A steering committee was formed which included a group from the EGA. It considered, in the first instance, alternate schemes of Community Council boundaries within that area. Once the scheme is approved, it is up to 20 people in each area designated as the base for a Community Council to request that one be set up.

The definition of function given in the Act is in Section 51 :-

"In addition to any other purpose which a Community Council may pursue, the general purpose of a Community Council shall be to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities for its area, and to public authorities, the views of the community which it represents, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible, and to take such action in the interests of that community as appears to it to be expedient and practicable.

At the meeting on April 14, these schemes will be discussed, and amended if need be; and an agenda will be worked out for the next round of discussions.

PLEASE COME - YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT



new library

Residents will be delighted that, at long last, the new library is now open. And it really is a most delightful building, especially inside, and well worthy of its predecessor the Fountainhall Church.

The library contents will soon be known to all who use it. Of special mention is the Audio-library (records and tapes) with on-the-spot listening facilities, a very fine children's section, and a good selection of large-print books for those whose eyes are not too clear. There are full facilities, ramps etc., for people in wheel-chairs. The library is open Monday/Friday, 9.00am to 8.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

The EGA is considering arranging a book-changing service for housebound people: names of volunteers to the Secretary, please.

tree preserved

Edinburgh Corporation have made a Tree Preservation Order in respect of a copper beech situated within the garden ground of 3, South Lauder Road, Edinburgh.

national trust house

The Georgian House at 7 Charlotte Square, extensively renovated by the National Trust, is to be opened to the public this spring as part of European Architectural Heritage Year. It will give a picture of the professional Georgian family's life-style.

Many helpers are required: enquiries to :- Mrs Leishman, National Trust for Scotland, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DU.

meadows festival

The Meadows Festival will take place on June 6/8, and is planned to involve the residents in the areas on or near the Meadows in a wide range of events from theatre to darts, chamber music to bowls, a play-scheme to a procession. If anyone would like further information, or to help, contact Dr. W. Hale, 34 Fountainhall Rd., Edinburgh Phone 667 2974

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Property

19 Cumin Place - a planning application has been lodged for holding a play group on the premises.

St Alban's Road - between 61 and 63 Viewpoint Housing has applied for permission to erect sheltered housing up to three storeys high.

Dick Place - plot formerly Craigmount School - this plot belongs to James Miller & Ptns., who were granted outline planning permission in 1969 and now have applied for renewal. A "blanket" tree preservation order was made on the whole site, but after the original planning permission was granted. There is a dispute between James Miller & Ptns., and Edinburgh Corporation about whether development was begun between 1969 and the second application. If so, then the tree preservation order is ineffective: if not so, then the order can be enforced. Meanwhile, local residents are watching to see the trees are not endangered.

Ratcliffe Terrace - Opposite the end of Grange Loan - this property lies just outside the Association boundary but it obviously affects the East Grange area. The old cottages are in the 'C' grade of building of historical or architectural interest which has no practical effect on development. They are at present being advertised for sale as a development site together with the ground behind. The Cockburn Association pressed the Corporation to put a Building Preservation Notice on them: this prevents demolition for six months whilst their future is decided.

east grange association

The East Grange Association was formed to represent the interests of the residents in this area and can only succeed if the majority of the householders become members.

If you are not already a member and wish to join, please complete the details below and return to the secretary :-

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27, Grange Loan,
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MEMBERSHIP 50p. OLD AGE PENSIONER 20p

east grange association membership

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address _____

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