

The Illinois Prairie Path Spring 2000 NEWSLETTER

Join our Earth Day 2000 Cleanup

*By David Tate,
IPP President*

In observance of Earth Day 2000, The Illinois Prairie Path has scheduled its annual cleanup on Saturday, April 29. The IPP's Earth Day cleanup is scheduled one week later than usual this year because Easter Sunday falls on April 23.

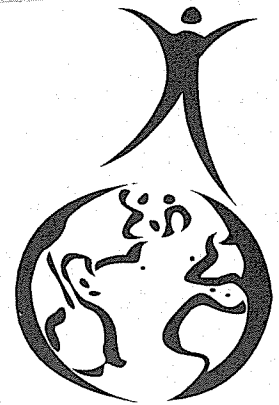
Once again our goal this year is to clean all 61 miles of the Illinois Prairie Path.

Litter on the IPP is picked up solely by volunteers. Your help on Earth Day is both needed and appreciated. However, it is also important to remember that since all litter on the Path is picked up by volunteers, any litter spotted along the Path throughout the year should also be picked up.

To be a participant in the Earth Day 2000 cleanup, take a trash bag to the IPP and join in at any time or contact one of the IPP Earth Day coordinators listed on page 3.

Villa Park, Glen Ellyn, and Wheaton will have Illinois Prairie Path Earth Day registration and refreshment tables set up on the IPP on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The specific locations for these three registration tables are listed later in this article.

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It is recommended that volunteer groups contact one of our coordinators. The coordinators may recommend to some groups that they clean specific sections of the IPP.

The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation will fund the Earth Day registration and refreshment tables in Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and Villa Park. These three Earth Day registration tables will coordinate trail cleanup sections and also provide free refreshments, trash bags and multi-colored IPP maps.

Wheaton's Sign-up and Refreshment Table

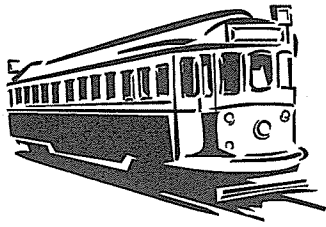
The Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission will again manage Wheaton's Earth Day cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path

on Saturday, April 29, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon from a table at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and the IPP in Stevens Park.

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The Living Legacy of the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin

The First Real History of the Illinois Prairie Path

By Jean Mooring

The name of the book is eloquent: *The Living Legacy of the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin, An illustrated history of the CA&E and the Illinois Prairie Path.* Authors Peter Weller and Fred Stark are cousins who grew up in the waning days of the electric railroad era when automobiles and a burgeoning highway system began to make interurban railroads obsolete. Peter lived in Chicago and Fred and his brother Richard lived in Elmhurst. Because neither family owned an automobile, the boys rode the CA&E regularly back and forth and all three became lifelong railroad fans.

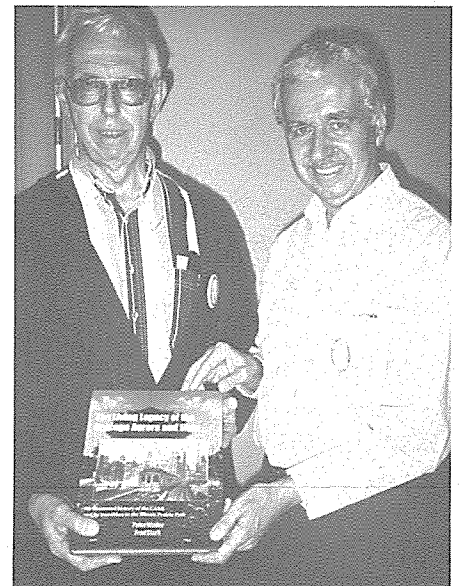
This well researched and illustrated book gives a brief history of the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Railway from its beginning in 1902 as the Aurora, Elgin, and Chicago Railway through its best days before World War II to its final abandonment in 1961. (This reviewer as a visitor from Madison, Wisconsin in the 1930s and 1940s has fond memories of the "Roaring Elgin" which speedily carried two Madison sisters and their Wheaton cousins into Chicago for convenient shopping at Marshall Field's.)

After the abandonment, most of the CA&E cars were scrapped. The 18 that were saved were sent to operating museums; Chapter 6 describes their current status. For the true railroad buff the book re-creates a ride from Chicago in the 1940s and

also includes illustrations of fascinating CA&E memorabilia — tickets, timetables, cartoons, safety rules for CA&E motormen, ads for businesses served by the railroad and for the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress Exhibition.

Prairie Path members and friends will especially enjoy the final chapters of the book, which give a well documented history of the Path with special attention to the contributions of the volunteers whose stubborn determination over 35 years made the dream of the founders a reality.

This very readable volume, with its scholarly attention to facts and copious illustrations is a treasure to be proud of, the first real history of the Illinois Prairie Path and its volunteers.



Authors Peter Weller and Fred Stark

YOUR Help is Needed on Saturday, April 29!

You can make a difference! To volunteer for the cleanup, call one of our coordinators today!



<u>Location</u>	<u>IPP Coordinator</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Maywood & Bellwood	Paul Aeschleman	(708) 848-6023
Hillside	Nancy Becker	(630) 654-1019
Berkeley	John Kacich	(708) 544-7524
Elmhurst	Eric Keeley	(630) 691-1413
Villa Park	Nadia Gawron	(630) 941-8781
Lombard	Joelyn Kott	(630) 620-5718
Glen Ellyn	Tom Barriball	(630) 790-3171
Wheaton	Helen Bartlett	(630) 668-1759
Winfield	David Tate	(630) 682-1449
W. Chicago/Geneva Spur	Tom Yule	(630) 293-1726
W. Chicago/Elgin Branch	Birt Hurlbert	(630) 293-1062
Wayne	Gladys Johnston	(630) 584-2491
Warrenville	Bob Rawls	(630) 393-6720
Aurora/Naperville	Mike Cross	(630) 416-1415
Batavia Spur	Ed Barsotti	(630) 820-8759
Unincorporated areas	David Tate	(630) 682-1449
General information	Dick Wilson	(847) 299-7882

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Glen Ellyn's Sign-up and Refreshment Table

The Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission will again manage Glen Ellyn's Earth Day cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path on Saturday, April 29, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon from a table at Prairie Path Park (across from the Glen Ellyn train station).

Villa Park's Sign-up and Refreshment Table

The Villa Park Pride Commission will manage Villa Park's Earth Day cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path on Saturday, April 29, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon from a table next to the Villa Park Historical Society Museum on Villa Avenue.

Cleanup Recommendations

Volunteers will want to wear work gloves and clothing appropriate for the weather.

The entire right-of-way of the IPP, which varies in width from about 20 to 100 feet, should be cleaned. In addition, small paths and walkways that feed into the main trail and the IPP's parking lots should also be cleaned.

Trash bags should not be left along the IPP except in Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, and Wheaton. Place all trash bags near one of the IPP's trash receptacles or take the bags home and dispose of them with your own recyclables and trash. In Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn and Wheaton trash bags may be left next to the trail and they will be picked up by Public Works or the Park District.

Batavia Spur :

A special request for cleanup

Due to the extensive construction of new homes along the IPP's Batavia Spur from Bilter Road to Kirk Road, a special request for volunteers is being made for this section of the IPP. Call Ed Barsotti at (630) 820-8759 for more information.

