



## GWCA Calendar

### GWCA Community Meeting

Thursday, August 21st @ 7pm  
Lake View High School

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### Summer's Eve Party

Saturday, August 23rd @ 6-10pm  
Warner Park & Gardens  
(Kesh Sorenson)

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### Annual GWCA Fest

Saturday, September 6th, 11am-5pm  
4200 Block of Greenview

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### CAPS Beat 1923

Tuesday, September 9th @ 7pm  
Lake View High School

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### CAPS Beat 1922

Wednesday, October 1st @ 7pm  
4701 N. Ashland

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### Cemetery Tour

Sunday, October 19th @ 1:30pm  
Graceland Cemetery  
(Ann Bines)

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### Halloween Fest

Sunday, October 26th, 1-4pm  
Warner Park & Gardens

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### Holiday Caroling Party

Sunday, December 7th or 14th  
@ 4:30pm

### CAPS or other community meetings: as scheduled

*For Beat 1922...*

(our neighborhood from Berteau north)  
... 1st Wed of even months

*For Beat 1923...*

(our neighborhood from Berteau south)  
... 2nd Tues of odd months

## IMPORTANT GWCA COMMUNITY MEETING!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST @ 7PM

### Learn more about the \$100 million dollar Uptown Project. Is Target really coming?

Our next community meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 21st, at 7PM, at Lake View High School. We will have speakers from UNC, Uptown Neighborhood Council ([www.uncchicago.org](http://www.uncchicago.org) for more information). They will present the latest news on the Wilson Yard project located at Montrose and Broadway and how the current plan will impact our neighborhood. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Lake View High School auditorium. Enter off the east parking lot through the side door. Opens at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

## NEW STREET FESTIVAL – THE RAVEN

KICKS OFF SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Introducing The Raven, Chicago's newest festival that will provide funding to rebuild and replace the existing Chase Park playground for future generations. The Raven will take place August 16th and 17th at beautiful Chase Park and on the 4700 block of North Clark Street (between Lawrence and Leland).

Come out and play, and enjoy two full days and nights of live entertainment, food from local restaurants and merchandise from Chicagoland vendors. The Raven is a guaranteed good time for kids, families and adults of all ages. You won't want to miss The Raven! For more information see [www.RavenChicago.com](http://www.RavenChicago.com).

## COME TO THE MIDNIGHT CIRCUS AND HELP CHASE PARK

The community at Chase is working very hard to raise funds to renovate our play lot. As one of our fundraisers we are hosting the Midnight Circus. The show will be held the weekend of Sept. 20-21 at Welles Park and the weekend of September 27-28 at Chase Park. The Midnight Circus is the same group that performs annually at Daley Plaza for Halloween. They are AMAZING to say the least! All ticket sales go directly to fund the play lot renovation! It really is a great event. To purchase tickets go to [www.circusintheparks.com](http://www.circusintheparks.com).

Thanks for your support!

Katie Fearon-Peon – Chase Park Supervisor

## COMINGS & GOINGS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Karin Stevens**

Berteau

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**Kelly Shelton**

Greenview

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**Jack Leong**

Chicago Chinese Baptist  
Church on Pensacola

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**Kerry & Brad Ferris**

Hutchinson

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**Linda Heidi**

Sheridan Rd.

Goodbye to **Steve and Bess Cook** of Warner who have moved their family to California.

Congratulations to **Amy and Jack Callahan** of Warner on their new baby boy.

**The Andrews Family**, Jo, Carol, and Brittany will be moving to Las Vegas in July. They have lived in the Graceland West neighborhood for almost 20 years. Brittany, who turned 18 on July 7th was born when they lived on Belle Plaine. Brittany graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola Academy in Wilmette and will be attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this fall. The Andrews family will miss all of the nice neighbors and hate leaving such a lovely neighborhood as Graceland West.

Also welcome to **Jimmy Wener and Rachel Warach** of Cullom who are pregnant with their first baby and due any day and to **the Welsh Family**, Linda, Michael and 9 year old Olivia (Sacred Heart - 4th Grade). The Welsh's are on Warner.

**Condolences** to Joy Schaad (Pensacola) on the loss of her mother and Keith Johnson (Pensacola) on the loss of his father.

## LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - GWCA HELPS KEEP SCHOOL ON THE UPSWING!

The LakeView High School Local School Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Social Room. The east side entrance of the school on the south end of the building is open for access. The parking lot is open for those who attend the meetings.

The dates for this years meetings are:

9/16/08	11/18/08	01/20/09	3/17/09	5/19/09
10/21/08	12/16/08	2/17/09	4/21/09	6/tba/09

One of the goals of the School Improvement plan is to build and maintain a good relationship with the community residents. School and neighborhood safety depend on cooperation between the school staff, student body and the community.

GWCA has supported the school with non directed donations to the principal for use in programs designed to enrich the student's experiences during the school year. LakeView students participate in some of our community events and the staff has worked with the community and the police department to keep the neighborhood safe before, during and after school during the school year.

We do play an important role: GWCA helped the school get its swimming pool fixed by writing to the regional education officer, Alderman Shulter and CBOE president Arnie Duncan.

The school is steadily improving its scores on national tests, the faculty is highly committed, and the LSC is attracting more and more parent interest. Please attend the meetings. It is an important part of the process to make LVHS a school the community can be proud of.

Submitted by Steve Bines. He is a Graceland West resident and member of the Lakeview High School LSC. He can be reached at [Steven\\_D\\_Bines@rush.edu](mailto:Steven_D_Bines@rush.edu).

## LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL LOOKING FOR TUTORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE AND GET PAID!

Dear neighbors:

Do you know of any neighborhood ladies/people with at least 60 hours of college hours that would like to be involved in our tutor program at Lake View? It will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and I'm not quite sure of the times. It will pay \$12-\$15 an hour.

I'll try to briefly explain the program to you. I am 100% behind this program, by the way! I'm on the AVID Team and I just came back from attending a week's conference in Dallas. AVID stands for Achievement Via Individual Determination. It was started in CA twenty years ago by a lady and it has grown nationally over the years! The main focus behind it is to identify students who are in the middle of the road so to speak when it comes to scores and school success. So they will be students with GPAs of 2.0 - 3.2 with a few exceptions. The goal is to identify them as they come into high school and put them into this very rigorous program/instruction and hopefully by their junior year they are taking much harder classes and becoming better prepared for college.

The program has a lot of parts to it. One major part of its success is the tutor program that is done during the school day. The students in the program are scheduled for an AVID Elective class everyday. On certain days the AVID teacher covers certain things and on Tuesdays and Thursdays tutors with at least 60 credit hours come in and work with the students during something like a study hall type of setting. Those details I am not totally 100% sure about.

I was wondering and hoping that maybe you had some neighborhood friends who could possibly get involved in the tutor program.

Don't hesitate to email or call me with questions. To sign up for the program, call Lake View HS and ask to talk to Ms. Procise and she will direct you from there.

Thanks so much,  
Brian Butterfield  
Lakeview High School teacher  
773-465-2639  
bbglass@comcast.net

## GARDEN WALK A SUCCESS

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to all who participated in the Garden Walk. We are grateful to the exhibitors, and those who helped put it together. We had a nice amount of visitors, our advertising paid off. If you have any suggestions for next year, please e-mail me at [donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net).



## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

### BRIDGE PARTNERS WANTED

Our dear bridge partners, Barbara and Sue Silk (who lived on Berateau) have moved to Martha's Vineyard. My bridge partner and I are looking for a couple to continuing playing our monthly game usually Friday afternoon, Monday (days or evenings) and sometimes Sunday afternoon. We are looking for intermediate players who enjoy conversation and don't take the game too seriously. My partner is a professor at Columbia College and I am a business astrologer. If you are interested please contact Barbara Schermer at 773 248 7108. bschermer@astrologyalive.com

### INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES

Desiree M. Denoyer is a Graceland West neighbor who recently started a successful interior design practice. For more information contact Desiree M. Denoyer DM Design Solutions, Inc. 773.398.6393 desiree@dmdesignsolution.com

### SEEKING PARKING SPACE ON BERTEAU

Christine Berghausen or 1466 W. Warner is looking for a parking space that could be rented near her condominium. She is trying to sell her unit on the 3rd floor of the building, because they recently bought a unit on the first floor and moved downstairs! If you can help Christine, please contact her at (630) 779 4897 or christyberghausen@gmail.com.

### Looking for a fun girlfriend

to bike ride on Fridays or sometimes during the weekday afternoons. I love the exercise and would love the company. I also have two bikes. If interested contact Barbara at 773-248 7108. bschermer@astrologyalive.com

## PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME REPORTS

Recently there have been reports of some gang problems coming closer to our GWCA neighborhood. Please inform yourself by reading uptownupdate.com. These are events that never make the newspaper, but that we should know about.

The Chicago Police Department has changed the timing of the CAPS meetings for the neighborhood north of Berateau; it now takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each even numbered month, so the next date is Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at Chase Park (Ashland and Lawrence).

## GRACELAND WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL NAME • TERM	• ADDRESS	• AREA OF FOCUS	• EMAIL ID
Ann Bines 07/07-12/08	4217 N Greenview Ave	Membership	annbines@yahoo.com
Steve Bines 02/07-12/08	4217 N Greenview Ave	LV High School LSC	steven_d_bines@rush.edu
Ellen Romano 03/08-12/08	1430 W. Belle Plaine	TBD	elromano@Ameritech.net
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Donna Forsberg 01/07 - 12/09	4334 N Greenview Ave	Garden Walk	donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net
Julie Gross 07/08-12/09	4255 N. Greenview Ave.	Zoning, Overlay Districts	stoneberggross@sbcglobal.net
Kesh Sorenson 07/08 - 12/09	1419 W. Warner, Apt 1	Summer's eve party	keshs@sbcglobal.net



# UPTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 31st, 2008

Submitted by Rep. Greg Harris

Last night Sen. Heather Steans and I hosted a Town Hall meeting on public safety in Uptown. Having attended numerous CAPS and block club meetings in recent weeks and after hearing from the Uptown business community as well as individual concerned citizens, Sen. Steans and I decided we had to come together as an entire community to address the recent spikes in crime in Uptown.

The meeting was attended by well over 400 people from every walk of life in Uptown. It was an impressive crowd representing the diversity of Uptown: young and old, lifelong residents and new arrivals, gay and straight, rich and low income folks, owners and renters, businesspeople and social service providers....in short, the entire rainbow that makes Uptown a desirable neighborhood in which to live and work.

Everyone was concerned about the recent shooting incidents and the apparent uptick in gang activity. Everyone was also concerned about pulling together as a community to increase enforcement, assist the police, provide better alternatives for youth, enhance the business environment and make all residents feel safer on the streets and in our parks.

Sen. Steans and I chaired the meeting. Participating in the panel were 23rd District Commander Kathy Boehmer, 23rd District Tactical Lieutenant Robert Stasch, Deputy Chief of Patrol Bruce Rottner, Deputy Police Superintendent Bea Cuello and Ald. Schulter's Chief of Staff Dan Luna. Attending the meeting were 46th Ward Ald. Helen Shiller, Ald. Smith's Chief of Staff Doug Fraser and 46th Ward Streets and San Superintendent Don Nowotny.

After two hours of compelling testimony including business owners, building managers, moms whose children had been lured into gangs, parents whose children and grandchildren have been exposed to violence, service providers and dozens of others, it was clear that people learned a lot, wanted to learn more and wanted to work together on community-wide solutions to problems. Broad themes of the areas identified to address include:

- Better communication within the community
- Increased participation in CAPS beat meetings to identify crime hotspots
- Increased police presence, including saturation presence following incidents
- More positive activities for area youth
- Focus on eliminating negative activities like public drinking/drugging, gang loitering, etc.
- More cameras on the streets, buildings and in the parks to deter criminal activities
- Police presence on foot, bicycling or using Segways in the area
- Closer working relationships between major neighborhood organizations, elected officials, public and private institutions
- Focus on securing schools, parks and playlots

As a next step, Sen. Steans and I will be convening a meeting of leaders of key stakeholders in the Uptown community including elected officials, community and business organizations, social service providers, youth service agencies, the Chicago Police Department and others. We will go through the pages of notes and recommendations made at the Town Hall meeting and begin to develop strategies and plans for moving forward.

Following the Uptown leadership meetings, we will convene another Town Hall meeting to present ideas and strategies for discussion by the community, and seek support and participation from the entire neighborhood.

Many, many thanks to the hundreds of people who attended and participated in last night's meeting. Heather and I look forward to working with the community to continue to make Uptown one of the City's most desirable and safest neighborhoods.

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# *Summer's Eve Party*

**Saturday August 23**

**6pm-10pm**

**Silent Auction**

**Food & Beverages**

**Donation. GWCA Members:\$5.00**

**Non-Members: \$10.00 (\$15.00 includes a 1 yr. Membership)**

**Warner Park and Gardens**

**1446 W. Warner Ave.**

**FOR MORE INFO: Kesh Sorenson, [keshs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keshs@sbcglobal.net)**

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