



GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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GWCA Calendar

CAPS Beat 1922

Feb 7th, 7pm
4701 N. Ashland



GWCA Membership Meeting

Thursday, Feb 15th, 7pm
Lake View High School



CAPS Beat 1923

Tues, Mar 13th, 7pm
4100 N. Greenview

1st Wednesday of even months



GWCA Spring Fling

Sat, Mar 31st, 7pm
Tuscany
3700 North Clark
Dinner, dancing &
silent auction



CAPS Beat 1922

Wed, Apr 4th, 7pm
4701 N. Ashland



GWCA Council Meeting

Thursday, Apr 12th, 7pm
4240 N. Greenview
RSVP: Ann Maxwell
528-6677



CAPS Beat 1923

Tues, May 8th, 7pm
4100 N. Greenview



GWCA Membership Meeting

Thursday, Feb 15th, 7pm
Warner Park & Gardens
(in case of bad weather:
4117 N. Greenview)



GWCA Garden Walk

Sunday, Jun 3rd
1-5pm

Various gardens in our
neighborhood.

Dinner for gardeners 6-8pm



CAPS Beat 1922

Wed, Jun 6th, 7pm
4701 N. Ashland



GWCA Garage Sale

Various homes &
LVHS parking lot
Sat. June 9 9am-3pm

***** Community Meeting! *****

When: Thursday, February 15, 2007 -- 7:00 pm

Where: Lake View High School

Enter at Southeast door, next to the parking lot

Why: We want to meet your feedback!

What is a neighborhood association and what should ours do for us?

The neighborhood association, Graceland West Community Association (GWCA), has been in existence since 1979. Before it turns 30, GWCA is asking itself lots of questions...What do neighbors expect of GWCA in terms of the issues to address, initiatives to push, and affairs to prioritize? How can GWCA be better serving its neighbors?

**Come out on Thursday, Feb 15th. Let's discuss
GWCA's future over coffee and sweets.**

GWCA EVENTS— MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Spring Fling is scheduled for Sat, Mar 31 at 7 pm at Tuscany on Clark Street. It is a fundraiser for the upcoming annual GWCA Garden Walk and includes a silent auction. The details and sign-up are inside this newsletter.

The **Annual GWCA Garden Walk** will occur in June this year. Mark your calendars for Sun, June 3 from 1 to 5 pm with dinner for gardeners following from 6 to 8 pm. New council member Donna Forsberg will have the details in the next newsletter. You can help her by attending the spring fling and buying silent auction items!

The **Annual GWCA Neighborhood Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday June 9th. Council member Christi Lowell will have all the details and the sign-up sheet in the next newsletter as well.

Please check the website for details as well www.gracelandwest.org

Comings and Goings

GWCA would like to welcome the following new members **Kelly & Larry Schmidt** of Hutchinson **Rob Dennison** of Greenview **Rosemarie Foy** of Berteau

Pensacola welcomes **Libby & Dimitri Christopolous** and big sister **Elena** and baby **Leo**. They relocated from Berteau.

Warner welcomed **William Edward Nicholas** early this year. He is the son of **Julie** and **Chris Chesne**. Their daughter **Claire** is happy to finally be a big Sister! That took a long time!

Pensacola says goodbye to **Marcia & Jerry Nowak** and family who moved to the CAGE area of east Wilmette. **Marcia** served on the GWCA Council and started a neighborhood play group.

Congratulations to **Nicole Granacki** who grew up on Berteau. She received her master's degree from

the University of Edinburgh-Scotland in December. She accepted a one-year contract working at Napier University in Edinburgh. Proud parents **Jim** and **Marlene Granacki** of Berteau attended her graduation, which took place in a gorgeous castle 500 years old! The architecture in Edinburgh was breathtaking. The family highly recommends visiting Edinburgh-it is an international city with incredible architecture, friendly people, and very easy to get around!

Berteau Street mourns the passing of **Ray Krueger**. He passed away November 28, 2006. He resided on Berteau street from 1965 until 2005. Neighbors, who did not know Ray, may remember his son **David** who spent many hours decorating the sidewalks in front of his house with his chalk drawings. We are sorry for your loss David but glad to hear you love your new group home just west of here.

Please send news for comings and goings to Deirdre Jameson at djameson@jameson.com. Weddings and graduations are coming up!

WELCOME TO NEW GWCA COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barbara Sullivan, is returning to the board. She has been involved with GWCA fest (our fall neighborhood party) for more than 20 years. She hopes that the GWCA fest helps fulfill the first and last purposes of GWCA: 1. Encourage a sense of community and develop a neighborhood spirit; 7. Establish a means to provide for the welfare of the community. Or as she puts it: "FUN-raising and FUND-raising"!

Barbara works for IBM Corporation as a Technical Sales Manager. She grew up in Iowa City, Iowa-Go Hawkeyes!, enjoys reading, spending time with family and wastes enormous amounts of time watching home improvement shows! She has served on the Advisory Council of GWCA several times and truly loves living in this neighborhood. Barbara credits GWCA meetings with having introduced her to her neighbors: 'Back in the day,' there was a meeting each month. We used to get together just to have fun. We always had an interesting speaker talking about cooking, gardening, romantic get-aways, even tattoos! People came to the meetings to socialize.

Barbara and her husband Tim McGonegle purchased their home in Graceland West Community (4117 North Greenview) in November, 1979. At the time it had no heat, so they spent the winter fixing the place up (mainly tearing out indoor-outdoor carpeting, layers of wallpaper, wall paneling and ceiling tiles) while their contractors put in furnaces. They moved formally in the spring of 1980. Since then they've had three children (Melissa, Erin & Matt), duplexed up into the

attic, refinished the basement, continued to re-do the place room-by-room and landscaped the yard (so they'd have someplace to get away from the rehabbing!). Then in 2006 they had a "minor electrical fire" which forced them to move, temporarily, to Bucktown. The renovation is nearing completion and they plan to be back Graceland West in the spring of 2007.

Carol Blalock resides on Pensacola. She moved there in July of 1996 with her husband Brian. She loves the neighborhood and is a big Cubs fan. She grew up in the suburbs, graduated from the University of Iowa and then settled on the north side. She works as a sales rep for US Sample Company, a company that makes swatch books for the home furnishings and apparel industries. She enjoys golf and tennis. She has been working as the CAPS liaison for Beat 1922 and is looking forward to her 2nd term on the GWCA board.

Donna Forsberg has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years on Greenview Street. Her children, Alex and Mireille, were two and three when her family moved in and they are now young adults. She has volunteered for almost every event and is a block captain on her part of Greenview. Her favorite event has always been the Garden Walk, which was almost canceled last year. She is a Special Education teacher at McPherson School. For fun, I enjoy biking, tennis, skiing, and movies. She is looking forward to contributing to GWCA in this new capacity, council member in charge of the Garden Walk.

Thanks to all of you for donating time from your busy lives to make the Graceland West neighborhood a better place to reside!

“GRACELESS TALES, an Irregular Column”

Tale #3 By Tom Ramsey

“Why does that Building have TWO Addresses?”

Why does the apartment building in which beloved Andies Restaurant is located have two different addresses? Significantly different addresses at that! On your next walk or drive by the address now known as 4357 N. Greenview Ave., glance carefully at the TWO addresses above the door. In the tympanum window, notice the beautifully crafted stained glass artwork with the other address of 1410 placed there. What is that all about? Unlike some similar street address mysteries that can be explained by a building owner having installed an architectural treasure from elsewhere (perhaps salvaged from a classic building facing destruction) into a custom made niche, such is not the case here as it is in some transom windows above residential doorways in which attractive decorative pieces display the address-signifying item from prior to a renovation. No, not here, not on this building.

Explaining this crazy address mystery requires some recall of City of Chicago...As you know from a past “Graceless Tales” column, the City of Lake View was annexed to the City of Chicago in 1889. Being a separate city, Lake View had its own street numbering system. Post annexation, in what must have been a difficult and confusing arrangement, the addresses in the former Lake View were retained in their original number even though they were now in Chicago. It wasn’t until 1909, twenty years later, that the City of Chicago placed all areas of the City on the now familiar Madison-State unified street numbering system.

So, the apartment building entry door just south of Andies was formerly 1410 N. Admiral Perry Blvd. on the old Lake View numbering system. After 1909, that same building received the new address of 4357 N. Greenview.



Due to the passage of time and the prevalence of building destruction and renovations in recent decades, many of the old indications of the former number system have gradually disappeared.

Another instance of the non-coincidental address systems, this one quite visible and with remarkably elegant script writing, is incised into the pair of limestone roundelles at 4621-23 N. Beacon in the nearby Sheridan Park neighborhood. The address indicated in the incising is the old Lake View address of 3216-3218 (again, very different!). About one block from Wrigley Field is yet another example at 855-857 West Addison (old address of 1503-1505 EAST (!) Addison). Here, the incising is on a slant above the semi-circular arching limestone framing the entrance doorway. More about that “East” part next time!

Do YOU know of any other examples of these vestigial addresses? Please share those.

Minutes of the Graceland West Community Association General Membership Meeting

Barara Sullivan chaired the meeting to order and other Council Members present were Steve Bines, Keith Johnson, Christi Lowell, Tom Ramsey, and Ann Maxwell.

The minutes of the 10/10/2006 membership meeting (as published in the December newsletter and on the website) were approved.

Keith Johnson, who is taking over the treasurer position from Dawn Ragan, offered the financial report, showing an ending balance of \$6,431.17. This report was also approved. The GWCA meeting dates for 2007 are as follows: **Council:** 2nd Thursday of the 1st month of each quarter. **Membership:** 2nd Thursday of the 2nd month of each quarter.

Chase Bank representatives, Ryan and Sonia, spoke briefly about the advantages of banking at Chase Bank. Chase Bank helped to fund the GWCA Halloween party in October.

Business: The nomination committee recommended a slate of Carol Blalock, Donna Forsberg and Barbara Sullivan to serve from Jan. 1, 2007 until Jun. 30th, 2008. Outgoing board members are Steve Bines, Debbie Frisch and Barbara Sullivan. Welcome to new (and continuing) board members and many thanks to the two outgoing board members. The new slate was accepted and approved.

Motions were passed to contribute \$750 to Lake View High School and \$750 to Warner Park & Gardens for 2006.

Jan Horwich reiterated that the Lake View High School tutoring program still needs more tutors in the math and science fields.

Budget 2008: The budget for 2008 was accepted with one amendment. A proposal for a GWCA sponsored \$1000 scholarship to a Lakeview High School student who attends a college within the state of Illinois was proposed and accepted. Steve Bines will also speak to Mr. Feaman as to the best use of a \$750 donation to Lakeview High School.

Meeting was adjourned as a delicious potluck was enjoyed!

Respectfully submitted by Ann Maxwell

GRAFFITI ALERT!

Two incidents of gang graffiti occurred recently on garages in the alley of the 1400 blocks of Warner and Belle Plaine and the 4100 block of Greenview. This location is about half a block from the Lake View High School campus. Residents are asked to call 911 to report any suspicious activity and 311 to have graffiti removed. Please also email faye.patterson@chicago.police.org and tramseyles@aol.com and jhorwich@sbcglobal.net regarding these incidents.

Our police coverage is based upon crimes reported to police, so please take the time to call and request a report. Please also email us with your crime reduction ideas.

GWCA's Website needs a facelift!

The GWCA council plans to redesign the GWCA website. Please attend the GWCA General Membership meeting Thursday February 15th at 7 pm and let the Council hear what you want to see, to find and to know when you go to www.gracelandwest.org

Dates for upcoming events are available. You can download the latest newsletter as a PDF from the website. The GWCA budget can be viewed. You can ask questions of the GWCA council when you hit the "contact us" button.

You can also request to receive GWCA neighborhood emails. The GWCA council sends out the monthly CAPS reports so you can keep abreast of the crime in the area. The quarterly newsletter is sent as a PDF attachment. Also, you can receive email alerts about unusual crimes, zoning, real estate and safety issues that impact the neighborhood.

Visit www.gracelandwest.org!

Newsletter Delivery Help Needed

Here's an opportunity to meet your neighbors and get some exercise at the same time. Help is needed to deliver GWCA newsletters four times a year. The time commitment is small, only 30 minutes every three months. The following routes need replacements.

1. 4200 blk of Greenview
2. 4300 blk of Ashland (east side only)
3. 4100-4400 blk of Clark (west side only)

Call Ann Maxwell at (773) 528-6677 or e-mail her at annie_mg@hotmail.com

This is a small but important way to become involved in your neighborhood.

GWCA and the Budget

The GWCA budget for 2007 was approved at the general membership meeting. It is available for perusal on the GWCA website at www.gracelandwest.org. Council member Keith Johnson is available for questions at 883-1356 or kj1463@gmail.com.

TWO GWCA ELECTIONS COMING UP -- COUNCIL ELECTION IN FEBRUARY

The nominating committee will recommend Dr. Steven Bines, 4217 N. Greenview, as a council member to fill the unexpired term. An election will be held at our February meeting. Are you interested in being on the council? Don't despair, there are three more openings coming up in June! Read on

THREE ADVISORY COUNCIL OPENINGS IN JUNE -- ELECTION AT MAY 8TH MEETING

The GWCA Council will have three openings in June and we'd love for you to consider joining us! GWCA is governed by a council of 9 members. Every 6 months three new members are elected to serve an 18 month term. Council members responsibilities include attending council meetings, general membership meetings and as many of the GWCA events as they can. The time obligations average less than once a month and include fun events like GWCA fest!

At the May meeting (yes, that's a long time away, but just think, it'll be warm and there will be flowers by then!) members will elect three new council members to serve from June 1 of 2007, to December 31 of 2008. The council would love to have renters represented -- so don't be put off if you don't own in the neighborhood. We're a community association and want to represent all interests in the community. Do you have a special interest you would like to see GWCA undertake? Be a candidate for the council and spearhead the effort!

The nomination committee consists Carol Blalock, Donna Forsberg and Barbara Sullivan. Please call one of us by March 15 and ask about running. We'll tell you how much fun we're having! Thank You Dawn Ragan

GWCA's long time Treasurer, Dawn Ragan, announces her retirement. GWCA takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated volunteer service for GWCA's accounting and treasury needs since June, 1991 throughout the past fifteen years. Dawn, a long time resident of Warner Avenue, has been an active GWCA member throughout the years having also served as the chair or co-chair of GWCA's annual Garden Walk for the past number of years. A Master Gardener herself, she has contributed growth and advice to her neighbors in general and Warner Park & Gardens, in particular. Dawn is a past member of the GWCA Board and has logged considerable hours at GWCA's regular meetings, participation and organization of the Garden Walk and has regularly worked the membership table at the annual September block party GWCAFest over the years. Our collective hats are off to you, Dawn. Thank you! GWCA and the Budget

Graceland West Council Member List

Current Graceland West Council Members-Please contact council members with questions

Christi Lowell	525-2426	christilowell@aol.com	Garage Sale/Cemetery Tour
Tom Ramsey	281-5695	tramseyLSE@aol.com	Block Captain Program
Keith Johnson	883-1356	kj1463@gmail.com	Finance/Recycling
Jeny Kroah	312-543-0307	jkroah@nextlevelms.com	Family/Children Networking
Ann Maxwell	528-6677	annie_mg@hotmail.com	Newsltr Distribution/Alderman Liaison
Carol Blalock	281-1648	cmcb918@msn.com	CAPS program
Donna Forsberg	348-1469	donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net	Garden Walk
Barbara Sullivan	727-3419	barbarasullivan06@comcast.net	Event Planning

For more information about our Council members -- check out their bios on the website!

GWCA Initiates Scholarship Award at LVHS

Neighbors voted at the December GWCA meeting to sponsor a \$1000 scholarship for one Lake View High School 2007 graduating senior who will use the scholarship to pursue math or science.

The Lakeview High School tutoring program is still looking for volunteers to assist students with math and science as well. Contact Janet Horwich at jhorwich@sbcglobal.net or call 773 975-0004.

THANKS

The GWCA council and Deirdre Jameson, the editor of the GWCA newsletter wish to express their gratitude to Chris Chesne for his sacrifices in time and his contributions in publishing the GWCA newsletter. We are sad to lose your efforts but understand that a baby needs your attention more. Thanks again!

Music in the Air in December

Remember the choir of angels you heard singing on Sunday, December 6 between 4 and 5 pm? The small, but enthusiastic, group of carollers from Graceland West met at Ranalli's Up North on Montrose. We sang our way down Greenview, Pensacola and Cullom before we became too famished to sing any more. We headed back to Ranalli's and feasted sumptuously. It was a beautiful evening and we had a great time.

Thanks to those of you who came to the door and politely listened to our hearty renditions of seasonal favorites. Special gratitude to those of you who offered us food and drink! Thanks to Mark & the crew at Ranalli's for making it so special.

The Annual GWCA Caroling Party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 9, 2007, at 3pm. Details will follow! (There must be at least one other person out there who has a Dec 2007 calendar and actually uses it, or am I really the only one?)



25th Annual GWCA Garden Walk A New Month-Sunday, June 3, 2007



Are you already sprouting seedlings for your Spring Garden? In keeping with that spirit, GWCA is anticipating its 25th Annual **Garden Walk**. Numerous gardeners expressed a wish to feature their gardens and yards earlier in the season when they have more colors. This year it will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2007**.

As always there will be a preview beginning at noon with the Garden Walk viewing from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We will follow with a dinner at Warner Park & Gardens beginning at 6:00 p.m. Gardeners who share their gardens and yards with their neighbors are invited guests. All neighbors who want to participate, whether or not you share your green thumb, are asked to bring a dish to share. GWCA will provide main courses, drinks, and table service.

Many thanks to Donna Forsberg who almost singlehandedly revived the floundering garden walk last year. She has taken responsibility of chairman along with Tim McGonegle. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 3** and join your neighbors for GWCA's Annual **Garden Walk**.

2007 GWCA Garden Walk Planning Meeting

Thursday March 8th at 7 pm
Ranalli's Up North
Call Tim McGonegle 773 292-9861 or
Donna Forsberg 773 348-1469

Let them know if you plan to attend the meeting or how you would like to help. Neighbors are needed to brain storm ideas, walk the neighborhood and solicit participants, design brochures, distribute stakes and flyers, set up tables, plan food, drinks etc and help with clean up. We need your support to keep this annual showcase of our little piece of the "Garden in the City" going strong for years to come. Tim and Donna hope to see you at Ranalli's but if you can't make it please call them and let know you want to help.



Recycling Options in Graceland West

Neighbor Ellyn Banks of Greenview is still coordinating with the Resource Center in Uptown to recycle newspaper, mixed paper, plastic bottles, cans and glass. This service is available for a monthly fee. If you are interested please email her at earthmomma2@comcast.net

You can also drop off your recyclables at North Park Village Nature Center 5801 North Pulaski Road Chicago, Illinois 60646 or Uptown Recycling Station 4716 North Sheridan Road Chicago, Illinois 60640. Check the website for dates and times: www.resourcecenterchicago.org/recycling.html

Alderman Schuler announced that in August 2007 the 47th Ward is one of seven wards scheduled to participate in the "blue cart separate collection recycling" program. It is a joint venture between the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago. The Resource Center, who has been collecting recyclables in Graceland West supports this program and believes it will be effective. Ellyn is working with the Resource Center to prorate annual fees for neighborhood participants who will switch to the city program in August. To keep abreast of these changes, visit the 47th ward website at www.ward47.com.

A Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling Event is scheduled at DeVry University (3401 N. Rockwell) on April 28, 2007. You can also try Household Products and Electronics Collection and Training Center at 1150 N. North Branch Goose Island This service resumes in spring.

Hours: Tues. 7am-noon, Thursdays 2pm-7pm, and the 1st Saturday of each month, from 8am-3pm.

This long-term HHW program is the result of an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois EPA and the City of Chicago's Dept. of the Environment. This facility accepts batteries, electronics, household chemicals, and even old medicines. For more info go to <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html>. The 47th Ward Public Service Office (4237 N. Lincoln Ave.) has a household battery recycling collection container for residents to dispose of old batteries.

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Please send any suggestion, news or corrections to djameson@jameson.com

JOIN TODAY! Graceland West Community Association Membership Form

Date: _____

Type of Membership: \$15.00 Family
(circle one) \$10.00 Individual
\$2.00 Senior Citizen

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

E-mail address _____

Make checks payable to: GWCA
Send or drop off CHECK & COMPLETED FORM to:
Kathy Scardina, 4325 N. Greenview, 60613

I am interested in volunteering for GWCA in:

- helping plan and organize events/parties
- helping build the GWCA website
- helping write the newsletter
- being a block representative
- helping set up or breakdown events/parties
- helping deliver the newsletter
- being on call to lend a hand
- other _____

Chicago police tell us that the best way to protect against criminal activity is to know and care about your neighbors. Please give us permission to publish for GWCA members only.



You have my permission to publish my information in the **GWCA Membership Directory**.
I have circled the information above that I do not want published.

Sign here: _____



GWCA SPRING FLING! SILENT AUCTION & DINNER SATURDAY MARCH 31, 7 PM



TUSCANY RESTAURANT at 3700 NORTH CLARK

Get dressed up and go out to celebrate the end of winter! The GWCA council has reserved the upstairs private room at Tuscan Restaurant (3700 North Clark) for the Graceland West Community to have a Spring Fling on Saturday, March 31 at 7 pm! Gil Munoz (a former neighbor and DJ extraordinaire) will be there to provide music. The food will be great and the company even better (especially if you come!).

Proceeds from the auction will supply funds for the 2007 GWCA Garden Walk. Neighbors who RSVP by March 1 get a discount on the ticket price! See the sign up form below, or go to www.gracelandwest.org on the web and print it.

SPRING FLING SIGN UP

Saturday, March 31, 2007 7-9 pm

Tuscany Restaurant, 3700 North Clark, 2nd Floor

QUESTIONS? Contact Ann Maxwell (773) 528-6677 or
Barbara Sullivan (773) 727-3419

Drop this form off or send it to:

Ann Maxwell, 4240 North Greenview, Chicago, IL 60613



Yes, I'd like to come and there will be _____ (#) people in my party

PAID GWCA MEMBERS: (\$30 per person before March 1, \$40 per person after 3/1, or at the door)

NON-MEMBERS: (\$40 per person before March 1, \$50 per person after 3/1, or at the door)

No, I can't come, but would like to help raise funds for the Garden Walk!

Name _____ Phone number _____
(if there are questions or any last minute changes we need to notify you about)

Address: _____

I've enclosed \$ _____

(if you want us to drop off your tickets before Fri, 3/30 –
otherwise we'll have your name at the door on Sat)

