



GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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GWCA Calendar

GWCA Garden Walk Planning Meeting

Wednesday June 1st, 7 PM
Warner Park & Gardens



CAPS Beat 1922

Wednesday June 1st, 7 PM
4701 North Ashland
1st Wednesday of every month



GWCA Fest Planning Meeting

Saturday June 4th, 3 PM
4117 North Greenview



CAPS Beat 1923

Tuesday June 7th, 7 PM
4100 North Greenview
1st Tuesday of every month



GWCA Book Club

Wednesday June 8th, 7 PM
Elizabeth Taebert's house
2105 West Giddings
Book: *Comfort Me with Apples: More Adventures at the Table* by Ruth Reichl



GWCA General Membership Meeting

Monday June 13th, 7 PM
Warner Park & Gardens
Gardening Presentation by Alhambra, Board Elections



GWCA Garden Walk

Sunday July 10th 1-5 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CAPS Beat 1922

Wed @ 7pm • July 6, August 3 and September 7

CAPS Beat 1923

Tues @ 7pm • July 12, August 9 and September 13

GWCA FEST

Saturday September 10

GWCA Book Club

Thursday, July 7th, 7pm
Linda Eisenberg's house
4232 N. Greenview
Books: *The Namesake* : A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri

Get out the Neighborhood Vote

Do you want to make a difference in your neighborhood? Do you want to get more involved in the GWCA Community? Now is the time. The GWCA Board is looking for three new members! Elections will be held at the June General Membership Meeting.

How is the GWCA board structured?

The Board has nine members and is a board of equals. There is no executive so each member has an equal vote. The board meets in advance of each GWCA membership meeting to set the agenda and identify issues facing the community.

What are the qualifications for GWCA board members?

You must be a member of the Graceland West Community Organization. Other than that, the only qualification is your commitment and willingness to work on behalf of the GWCA organization to maintain its existing programs and add innovative new programs to GWCA's annual calendar.

How long is my commitment?

The term for being a Board member is 18 months. Elections are held every six months when 3 Board members' terms expire. That way there are always six returning board members to help you learn the ropes.

Who do I contact to express my interest?

You can contact any current board member (their numbers phone numbers and emails are listed on Page 3) or email them through the GWCA website at www.gracelandwest.org.

Your service is appreciated.

Many thanks go to the following retiring board members: Tim McGonegle, Dale Petersen and Laura LeCoque, whose terms expire in June. Each board member contributed time, effort, enthusiasm and many intangibles. Here are some highlights of their accomplishments. Tim resolved some legal issues with a state beautification grant and led the community through the tempestuous meetings on land marking. Dale got us a step closer to a neighborhood directory by getting the membership list digitized. Laura organized the auction at last year's GWCA fest. Thanks to you all.

GWCA General Membership Meeting

Monday June 13th at 7 PM • Warner Park and Gardens

Located in the middle of the block of Warner Street
Container Gardening! GWCA Board Elections!

Alhambra, the Garden Store on Southport, will present a demonstration on container gardening. Come and see how to enhance your outdoor space.

June GWCA Board Elections will be held. Run for a board position yourself or come to vote for your neighbors who are willing to serve.

2005 GWCA Garden Walk information will also be provided at the meeting. A vote will also be taken re: GWCA's participation in a lawsuit against the owners of 4136 North Greenview regarding their intended violation of that block's 45-foot building line. The lawsuit was recently filed by neighbors on the 4100 block of Greenview.



23rd Annual GWCA Garden Walk

Sunday, July 10th 1 pm to 5 pm

Post Garden Walk • Supper for Participants, Volunteers and their friends at Warner Park and Gardens

Comings and Goings

Welcome to new members Patrick McAndrew of Warner Avenue has joined GWCA.

Welcome to new neighbors

Laura Celesia and Paul Gustafson have purchased the Austins' home on Warner. They have an 18 month old son, Griffin. Additionally, the family includes two cats Zoe and Zeus weighing in at 6 and 20 lbs. respectively!

Cullom Avenue welcomes **Bill and MJ Glascott**.

Welcome to **Jim Vanek**. He moved from Dearborn Park to reside with his new fiancée, long time Hutchinson resident, **Elyn Koentopp**. They will be married in July. Congratulations!

Molly Maran Nowak joined the Nowak family of Pensacola on Thursday, April 21 at 6:45 pm. She weighed 7 lb. and measured 20 in. long. She and mother are home and doing great. Siblings **David and Maggie** have expressed their delight as well (so far)!

Welcome to the **Donath Family** of Warner Street; Jim and **Melissa** and children, **Quinn**, 5 1/2 and **Brennan**, 7 months. Quinn attends Chicago City Day School.

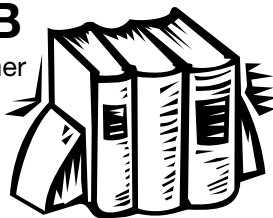
Neighborhood good byes

Andy, Colleen, Max and McKenzie Austin of Warner have moved on to Houston Texas.

Berteau bids farewell to **Katie and Ralph Axelrod**, who resided on Berteau for 32 years. They now live in Oswego. Also goodbye to **Ray and David Krueger** who lived on Berteau for more than 40 years. The street does not seem the same without you!

GWCA BOOK CLUB

The GWCA Book Club has its summer reading lined up. Neighbors are welcome to participate. Please contact the hostess for that month if you would like to attend.



Wednesday, June 8th, 7 pm

Elizabeth Taubert's House, 2105 W. Giddings, 728-8832
email: elizabethtaubert@comcast.net

Comfort Me with Apples: More Adventures at the Table
by Ruth Reichl

Thursday, July 7, 7pm

Linda Eisenberg's House, 4232 N. Greenview, 248-1078
email: leahdishel@aol.com

Book: *The Namesake: A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri*

Thursday, August 4th, 7pm

Ann Bines' House, 4217 N. Greenview, 525-3249
email: annbines@yahoo.com

Book: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon,
Lucia Graves

Thursday, September 1, 7pm

Marla Rubin's house, 4236 N. Greenview, 477-9782
email: mrubin1@interaccess.com or mrubin@ensemble-graphics.com

Book: *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo

Congratulations!

Cody Rubin, 12th grade, and **Tanner Rubin**, 8th grade, graduated from the Chicago Waldorf School. Cody will be attending the University of Vermont & Tanner will continue High School at Waldorf after his trip to South Africa this summer!

Nick Friedman of Hutchinson graduated from the Latin High School of Chicago and will attend Bard College in New York next fall.

Nicole Granicki graduated from the University of Wisconsin with Honors. She will teach in Tanzania this summer while she learns Swahili. She will attend graduate school in fall at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She plans to earn a master's degree in International Social/Cultural Anthropology.

Audrey Huzenis will be spending the summer in New York City working as an intern for Credit Suisse/First Boston.

Christopher House conferred the honor of "Volunteer of the Year" on neighbor **Debbie Frisch**. Debbie coordinates art projects there each week as well as facilitating acquisitions of Christmas gifts for the children through an annual luncheon at her home.

Many thanks to **Brian Mills, Rebecca Blouin (and their out-of-town guests) as well as Patrick and Sharon Jones**. They cleaned up the Berteau/Warner alley as part of Alderman Schuller's Spring Clean-up, Saturday, May 14th. They are looking for more neighbors to participate next year.

Send news for the "comings and goings" to Deirdre Jameson, 1422 W. Berteau Avenue, 348-4198, or djameson@jameson.com.

99% Recycling Guaranteed!

Criticisms of the city's blue bag system of recycling abound. If you want to be guaranteed that your recyclables are in fact recycled, join other GWCA neighbors in having the Resource Center pick up recyclables from your home. The cost of basic service (news, mixed paper, glass, cans) is \$7.00 per month. Pick up of additional recyclables is also available. For more information, call the Resource Center at 773-821-1351, or e-mail neighbor Ellyn Bank at earthmomma2@comcast.net.

Recycle your Batteries!

The city of Chicago is initiating a Battery Recycling Program. All you dedicated recyclers can drop off your used batteries at local public libraries and your local Walgreens. All common dry cell batteries can be recycled, including alkaline, rechargeable, and other common types. Wet cell batteries, like car batteries, can not be recycled through this program.

GWCA Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Dawn Ragan

January 1st through May 13, 2005

Income	250.63
Expenses	443.84
Total Assets	\$11,847.27

Ravenswood Elementary School

Ravenswood School extends a warm invitation to Graceland neighbors who would like to visit! Each month, Principal Roche hosts a "Second Cup of Coffee" for visitors—a casual opportunity to meet the principal, tour the school, and visit classrooms. Each month the "Second Cup of Coffee" tours are held on the first Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. June 7th. Community members and prospective parents are encouraged to attend!

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Roundup is currently underway at Ravenswood School. Applications are accepted April – May. For more information on registering for grades K-8, call the school office (534-5525). For information on the state Pre-Kindergarten program which has a limited enrollment and specific eligibility requirements for children aged 3 and 4, call Mrs. Schwandt at 534-5851.

Spring brings opportunities to volunteer at Ravenswood. Gardening and painting projects await parent and community volunteers on Saturday, June 11 from 9 to noon. Come to the Ravenswood playground to get involved!

Mr. Erin Roche is the new principal of Ravenswood School. Formerly the assistant principal at Noble Street High School, he recently completed the New Leaders for New Schools principal preparation program, which included a year-long administrative residency at Boone Elementary School. He served on the design team for the National Teachers Academy, a new professional development school in Chicago Public Schools. Mr. Roche graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a M.Ed. in Leadership and Administration. As a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, he has contributed to a number of publications, presentations, and action-research projects. Heather Smith is the new assistant principal working with Mr. Roche. Her previous experience includes serving as principal of a private school in Washington, D.C. and assistant principal at Belding School, in Chicago.

For more information on Ravenswood School, visit our new web site: www.ravenswood.cps.k12.il.us.

Lake View High School Council Report - May 18, 2005

Lake View high School continues to improve academically. Next year ten new AP classes will be offered and Chinese will be added to the language curriculum, an option available at only four other Chicago high schools.

Lakeview is also becoming more competitive. Three students advanced to the city science fair finals. Two students won honors at the Regional History Expo. The chess team took 3rd place and beat Northside College Prep as well as Lane Tech.

Mr. Feaman, the principal expressed concern about the possible rezoning of the Lane Tech attendance area. This could impact Lake View through increasing the number of students by 200. He feels the present size of 1300 students is the maximum the facility and the faculty can handle efficiently.

Re-zoning would have a negative impact on the quality of education, student safety and neighborhood comfort. This process is ongoing, so neighbors who have feelings about the expansion of Lake View High School, are urged to contact Alderman Schuller and CPS president Arnie Duncan.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Bines, Secretary, Lake View High School Local School Council.

New Chicago Police telephone hotline: 866-4-CPD-TOW

The CUBS fund a Chicago Police Command Center telephone hotline for all CUBS home games. The hotline puts callers in touch directly with police officers near the ballpark. It can be used to report parking violations, fan behavior and other non-emergency issues. The hotline operates two hours before and two hours after each home game. The new number is **866-427-3869** or **866-4-CPD-TOW**. Emergencies, dial 911.

For sale: Child's 3 piece bedroom set—twin bed, six drawer horizontal dresser, bench/storage chest—in light oak. \$300. Phone Ellen Romano, 248-0357.

GWCA Council Members

Current Graceland West Council Members (& Responsibilities):

Dale Petersen (1/04 -6/05)	281-4546
Laura LeCoque (1/04- 6/05)	348-4187
Tim McGonegle (1/04-6/05)	327-2940
Jane Huber (6/04-12/05)	296-4200
Bob Flannery (6/04-12/05)	549-7472
Ann Maxwell (1/03-12/05)	528-6677
Dimitri Christopoulos (1/05-6/06)	446-0351
James Friestad (1/05-6/06)	975-6218
Carol Blalock (1/05-6/06)	281-1648

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Membership
GWCA Fest Auction
GWCA Website/Fun Events
Newsletter Assistant
Alderman Liaison
Newsletter Delivery
Beautification
Website/Network
CAPS Coordinator

A council of 9 people governs Graceland West Community Association. Feel free to contact these people with ideas, issues, concerns and solutions for our neighborhood.

Lawsuit filed by neighbors

Neighbors on the 4100 block of N. Greenview Avenue have filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction prohibiting the owners of 4136 N. Greenview from violating the 45-foot building line recorded with the 1890 plat of subdivision which created the individual lots and blocks that make up our community. The suit alleges that the owners of 4136 N. Greenview knowingly, intentionally and deliberately prepared plans with an intent to construct their house at least 25 feet within an area lying between the 45-foot building line and the street which "is to be forever kept free of buildings" according to the recorded plat which runs with the land.

In 1890 when the neighborhood was originally laid out, many of its blocks and lots were encumbered with such building lines which appear on your survey. North Greenview Avenue has building lines of 45-50 feet. Many of the side streets have 25 foot building lines. All of the building lines prohibit construction of buildings in the area between the building line and the street. These recorded restrictions create the setbacks that are evident on every street in the neighborhood and create the open and unobstructed air, light and views which are particularly evidence on North Greenview Avenue with its generous front yards and many oversized lots. The neighbors hope to protect the easement that is created by the building line for the benefit of the property owners encumbered by similar restrictions and the general public.

The neighbors will seek to have GWCA join as a party in the lawsuit to fulfill its by-laws which seek to develop and preserve an appreciation for the historical significance of the neighborhood and encourage preservation, restoration, and beautification of the neighborhood. Copies of the lawsuit and a status report will be provided at the June 13 GWCA meeting.

GWCA goes High Tech!

www.gracelandwest.org

Have you visited the GWCA website lately? Point your browser to www.gracelandwest.org! All current meeting announcements and newsletters can be found there. We are constantly updating and improving the website. Your suggestions are welcome!

Did you notice a problem in the neighborhood? Go to the GWCA website. You can email the GWCA board from the website and get an answer back in a couple of days.

Do you have trouble receiving the GWCA newsletter? You can receive it electronically now. Just go to the GWCA website www.gracelandwest.org and email the board. Ask to be added to the GWCA email list. You will be able to get your newsletter before the paper copies arrive! Past newsletters are also available on the website.

Warner Park & Gardens 3rd Annual Fairy Tea Party June 18 • Saturday • 9:30-10:30

Join us for tea, refreshments, and fairy-fun:

Story-telling by The Garden Princess Fairy
Fairy Garden Treasure Hunt
Plant in the Fairy Secret Garden

Dress as your favorite Garden Fairy, (Garden Wizards invited too!) and bring a friend!

The young and wise, female and male are welcome.

Planning a party, bridal or baby shower? How about an afternoon tea with your friends? Warner Park and Gardens is available to rent. Contact Georgie Yost @ 929-0290 for further information.

Have some time to spare? Is gardening your passion? Warner Park and Gardens is looking for volunteers to water and weed throughout the summer. Contact Terese McDonald @ 929-3577 if you would like to help.



23rd Annual GWCA Garden Walk Sunday, July 10th • 1 pm to 5 pm

Post Garden Walk
Supper for Participants, Volunteers and their friends at
Warner Park and Gardens

Planning Meeting:
23rd Annual GWCA Garden Walk
Wednesday June 1st 7 pm
Warner Park and Gardens

All neighbors are invited to attend the first planning meeting for the 23rd Annual GWCA Garden Walk, Wednesday June 1st at 7 pm in Warner Park and Gardens. Volunteers are needed to identify gardens for each block and to contact owners about participating in the walk. Volunteers are also needed to prepare for the post Garden Walk Party. Come one come all. If you can't attend the meeting. Please call Dawn and let her know how you would like to help. 773 281-2717

The Garden Walk is Sunday July 10th from 1 pm to 5 pm. If you would like to display your garden in the walk, please call Dawn Ragan at 773 281-2717 and leave your name and address on the answering machine.

Volunteers will make sure your address is on the garden walk map. They will deliver maps and a garden walk lily pad marker to stake in front of your house on Sunday July 10th. You will also be treated to a post Garden Walk Supper in Warner Park and Gardens after the walk. Call Dawn today! 773 281-2717

Beat 1922 Report
Berteau to Lawrence, Clark to Damen
March 2, 2005 Meeting

In attendance: Six police officers including: Mike Haas, Manny Mendoza, Officer Giannoni & Officer Lamb; Faye Patterson, the Community Organizer for the CAPS Implementation Office; 13 neighbors, representing GWCA, Ravenswood and other neighborhoods

Subjects Discussed:

Issue of the Homeless in the Precinct

There were fewer incidents this month due to the cold weather and the fact that the homeless tend to look for shelters when it's cold. There were, however, 2 arrests for drunk and/or disorderly behavior.

Graffiti

A few incidents were reported: Montrose & Damen (former Greenbriar Pharmacy) and on the Metra Tracks billboards.

Smashed Car Windows:

5 car windows were found smashed on the west side of the 4500 block of North Paulina.

Criminal Incidents:

Officers handed out a report detailing the top crimes during the month of February 2005, as compared to the same time period in 2004:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Theft:	13 incidents	17 incidents
Battery:	8 incidents	12 incidents
Criminal Damage:	7 incidents	8 incidents
Criminal Trespass:	5 incidents	2 incidents
Robbery:	2 incidents	3 incidents
Motor Vehicle Theft:	2 incidents	0 incidents
Deceptive Practice:	2 incidents	4 incidents
Burglary:	2 incidents	0 incidents
Offense Involving Children*:	1 incident	0 incidents
Assault	0 incidents	4 incidents
Sex Offense	0 incidents	1 incident
Public Peace Violation:	0 incidents	1 incident
Narcotics:	0 incidents	1 incident

*According to the officers, this offense usually involves custody-related issues.

The next Beat 1922 Caps Meeting will take place the first Wednesday of April, April 6, 2005.

Beat 1922 Report
Berteau to Lawrence, Clark to Damen
May 4, 2005 Meeting

In attendance: Seven police officers including: Officer Mike Haas; Sgt. Armando Golan; Officer Fletcher, Officer Kelly Simz, Officer McMahon, Officer Dvorak & Sgt. Looney, 13 neighbors, representing GWCA, Ravenswood and other neighborhoods

Subjects Discussed:

Issue of the Homeless in the Precinct

There was an arrest for theft in the 4000 Block of North Lincoln Avenue. A man witnessed a homeless person stealing a bicycle. Continuing issues with the homeless fighting, littering and loitering near the food pantry in the 4500 block of North Hermitage.

Neighbors are urged to place "No Trespassing Signs" on their private property in areas where homeless people congregate.

A new City Ordinance is in effect that prohibits panhandlers and the homeless from approaching people at ATM's, Restaurants, Gas Stations, in their cars and at Bus Stops.

Month of May Crime Target:

Based on attendee input, in the month of May, officers will be focusing efforts on deterring loitering & drinking in the public way. If you call 911 with a complaint, be sure to mention that your call is "CAPS prompted".

Criminal Incidents:

April statistics were unavailable at this meeting.

The next Beat 1922 Caps Meeting will take place the first Wednesday of June 1, 2005.

Beat 1923 Report
Cornelia to Berteau; Clark to Damen
March 8, 2005 Meeting

In attendance: Nine police officers, Dan Luna, representing Alderman Schuller's office; 13 neighbors, representing GWCA, Southport and other neighborhoods

Subjects Discussed:

Play Lot Loitering:

Police officers continue to watch for loitering.

The rules of the play lots are:

Play Lots close at dusk

Children only; no teens

No dogs; play lots are not meant to be used as dog runs

Graffiti:

A few incidents were reported: incidents seem to be tagger-related and not gang-related.

Scalpers near and around Metro on Clark:

A representative from the security detail of Metro was present. He plans to send officers a list of upcoming "big" events at Metro so that officers are aware of the dates where more concertgoers will be in the area. Metro holds 1,100 people, plus 400 at Smart Bar and 200 employees.

Criminal Incidents:

Officers handed out a report detailing the top crimes during the month of February 2005, as compared to the same time period in 2004:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Theft:	31 incidents	21 incidents
Burglary:	16 incidents	12 incidents
Battery: (physical)	6 incidents	12 incidents
Criminal Damage:	11 incidents	11 incidents
Criminal Trespass:	3 incidents	5 incidents
Robbery:	2 incidents	4 incidents
Motor Vehicle Theft:	6 incidents	2 incidents
Deceptive Practice:	4 incidents	7 incidents
Assault: (verbal)	4 incidents	3 incidents
Arson:	1 incident	0 incidents
Narcotics:	0 incidents	2 incidents

The next Beat 1923 Caps Meeting will take place on April 12, 2005 at Lakeshore Baptist Church at 7pm.

Beat 1923 Report Cornelia to Berteau; Clark to Damen April 12, 2005 Meeting

In attendance: Six police officers; Patrick McGinnis, representing Alderman Schuller's office; 12 neighbors, representing GWCA, Southport and other neighborhoods

Subjects Discussed:

City of Chicago Crime Statistics:

City of Chicago has seen a 4.4% decrease in crime from 2003 -2004

The 19th district has seen a 5.9% decrease in crime for the same time period, however, burglaries are up 58% (from 34 incidents to 54 incidents) and Motor Vehicle Thefts are up 111% (from 9 incidents to 19 incidents) The Police Department has a "Burglary Mission Team" working our district, trying to reduce the number of burglaries.

The top 10 crimes for Beat 1923 for the period March 8, 2005 to April 12, 2005 are:

Theft from building:	21 incidents
Criminal Damage to a Vehicle:	14 incidents
Simple Battery:	11 incidents
Burglary, Forcible Entry:	11 incidents
Motor Vehicle Theft:	10 incidents
Criminal Damage to Property:	8 incidents
Burglary, Unlawful Entry:	5 incidents
Theft, \$300 and under:	5 incidents
Simple Domestic Battery:	4 incidents
Theft, Over \$300:	4 incidents

Scalpers near and around Metro on Clark:

A representative from the security detail of Metro was present. Ten arrests for scalping were made this month on Clark St., near Metro. Metro will continue sending officers lists of upcoming concerts that may incite scalpers.

Jimmy Buffett Concert

Officers announced the times of the Buffett concert to be held at Wrigley Field over Labor Day weekend. The

Sunday, September 4 concert will be over by 10pm. The Monday, September 5 concert will be over by 6pm.

CAPS Youth Forum & Partnership Day

Friday, April 29, 2005 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne. Scheduled activities include a youth forum, youth raffle, clowns and face painting, crime prevention information, CAPS t-shirts for all participants, community networking, basketball and volleyball. Food and drinks will be provided.

Mayor Daley's Spring Faith-Based Conference

"Restoring the Walls II: Creating Models of Faith in Action" Saturday, May 7, 2005, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at McCormick Place. Receive information about how your congregation/community can enhance the quality of life for other families and residents in your neighborhood. For more information, call 312/747-9987.

Mayor Daley's Clean & Green

Saturday, May 14, 2005. Team up with community groups and the City of Chicago to help beautify your community by cleaning up and recycling accumulated litter and trash. The City will work with you to provide use on that day of all the brooms, rakes, shovels and bags needed to get the job done. For more infor, call 311.

The next Beat 1923 Caps Meeting will take place on May 10, 2005, at Lakeshore Baptist Church, at 7pm.

Beat 1923 Report Cornelia to Berteau; Clark to Damen May 10, 2005 Meeting

In attendance: Seven police officers.

The top ten crimes for beat 1923 for the month of April, 2005 are:

Battery:	20 incidents
Theft from building:	17 incidents
Theft, \$300 and under:	10 incidents
Criminal damage to vehicle:	10 incidents
Burglary, forcible entry:	9 incidents
Criminal damage to property:	8 incidents
Burglary, unlawful entry:	7 incidents
Motor vehicle theft:	7 incidents
Other offense:	7 incidents
Theft, over \$300:	6 incidents

The police reminded us that with the nice weather here it is important to shut and lock our windows when we are not home. They also noted that many of the battery and criminal damage to vehicle crimes occurred at Lake View High School.

Spring also means Cubs games. Police have extra patrols before, during and after the games. Call 911 if you experience any problems from Cubs traffic.

The next meeting for beat 1923 will be held Tuesday, June 14th at Lakeshore Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Graceland West Community Association General Membership Meeting

A General Membership Meeting took place at Lakeview High School on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm. In attendance were the following Board Members: Jim Friestad, Dale Petersen, Ann Maxwell, Dimitri Christopolous, Tim McGonegle, Bob Flannery, and Carol Blalock. One neighbor, Melody Tate was also in attendance, along with Tom Bracy, representing the Chicago Park District.

Approval of the December 7, 2004 Membership Meeting minutes, along with approval of the financial report, audit and budget were deferred until a later meeting.

Tom Bracy, who represents the Chicago Park District, provided a presentation on all of the programs offered by the Park District, both this spring and this summer.

All summer parks programs can be viewed at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com beginning Mon, March 14, 2005.

On-line registration begins at 9:00 am, March 28, 2005.

50% - 75% of spaces will be awarded via on line registration. The balance of spaces will be awarded through walk-in registration on April 2, 2005.

Some of the programs offered at area Park District facilities are the following:

Chase Park (Lawrence & Ashland): Children's Indoor Soccer, T-Ball, Baseball, Outdoor Soccer and Basketball, Theater Groups, Drama, Outdoor Swimming and Aqua Aerobics, a running track, and tennis courts

Gill Park: (Broadway & Sheridan): Indoor pool, fitness center and theater program

Sheill Park: (Southport, just south of Addison) Offering a "Bunny Bonanza" on March 23, 2005, at 10:00 am, for all children under 8 years of age. For a \$10 fee, children will receive a breakfast, a visit with the Easter Bunny and a goody bag. Shell Park also offers yoga programs, early morning aerobics and Cubs Care Programs

McFetridge Sports Arena: (Irving Park Road and California): Indoor and outdoor tennis, ice skating, fitness center, and an outdoor pool

Welles Park: (Lincoln & Montrose): An indoor pool

A craft mobile will be traveling to various park district locations offering free art projects.

Summer concerts and movies will be available on Thursdays from June through Labor Day.

There will be a Storytelling Series at Zatterburg Park (formerly the Hermitage Play lot) throughout the summer.

The annual Organic Plant Sale will be held at the Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn, on May 7th, 10am - 2pm and May 8th, Noon - 2pm.

Information on all programs can be viewed at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

New Business: 4136 North Greenview Building Permit - 45 Foot building Line

The 45-foot building line which runs on both sides of the 4000 and 4100 block of North Greenview is being violated by the excavation at 4136 N. Greenview within 20 feet of the street. There are other buildings lines that run throughout the neighborhood on other streets. Alderman Schuler was notified of this action, and he is investigating a stop work order or pulling the permit which has already been issued.

However, according to "The Plat of Subdivision of Ashland Addition to Ravenswood", obtained by the adjacent landowner to the north, Melody Tate, (which includes the area from Irving Park Road to Berteau and from Clark St. to Greenview) was subdivided with the restriction that "**The strip of land in each block of this subdivision lying between the Building line and streetline is to be forever kept free from Buildings.**" This plat was recorded April 15, 1890.

A request was made for a "Stop Work" order at 4136 N. Greenview. The owner said she is contacting her legal representative. A letter was sent to the owner on behalf of Ms. Tate and Mr. & Mrs. Desmond (owners of the adjacent property to the south). There has been no response to the letter.

The membership moved on the following resolutions:

Motion #1, Moved by Dale Petersen, seconded by Bob Flannery with all members present voting unanimously in favor:

"Resolution supporting the overlay of Building Lines per the Plat of Subdivision of Ashland Addition to Ravenswood", dated April 15, 1890, by Alderman Schuler.

Motion #2, Moved by Bob Flannery, seconded by Tim McGonegle, with all members present voting unanimously in favor:

"To support a request to the Alderman to place a "Stop Work Order" and to rescind the permit issued for 4136 N. Greenview Ave. as being in violation of the 45ft building line."

Motion #3, Moved by Carol Blalock, seconded by Bob Flannery, with all members present voting unanimously in favor:

"Encourage all GWCA members and neighbors to support all actions taken by the adjoining landowners to enforce the building line, by and not limited to: flyers and public relations, petition, testifying at hearings, and/or joining as a party to any lawsuit.

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7pm, in the auditorium of Lakeview High School to address the situation and to learn of neighbors' reaction to the violation of the 45-foot building line.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

GWCA 2005 Budget

BUDGET ITEMS		Anticipated Expenses	Anticipated Income	Net Income
Community Support	LVHS	\$750	-	
	Beautification/corners/Warner/P&G	\$1,000	-	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,750	-	(\$1,750)
Events	Garage Sale	\$200	\$200	
	Garden Walk	\$900		
	GWCA Fest	\$7,000	\$10,000	
	Halloween Party	\$750		
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$8,850	\$10,200	\$1,350
Communications	Newsletter/Newsletter Delivery	\$2,500	-	
	Websites/Kiosks	\$250	-	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$2,750	-	(\$2,750)
25th Anniversary	25th Anniversary Commemoration	\$4,000	-	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$4,000	-	(\$4,000)
Organization	Membership	\$150	\$2,500	
	Meetings/Administration	\$600		
	Advertising/Donations to Balance	-	\$6,250	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$750	\$8,750	\$8,000
	TOTAL		\$18,100	\$18,950



GWCA FEST | Saturday, September 10, 2005

Mark your calendar!

Each year GWCA holds a neighborhood block party. It is planned organized and implemented by neighbors. We need volunteers for planning/booking entertainment, obtaining prizes for children, soliciting donations/sponsors for the party, determining children's activities, advertising the party, planning the adult's only evening celebration after the party, silent auction solicitation, auction set up, party set up, helping the day of the party AND MORE! Sign up below or call Barbara Sullivan at 327-2940 to volunteer.

GWCA FEST PLANNING MEETING Saturday, June 4, 3 pm at 4117 North Greenview Avenue, in Barbara Sullivan's backyard. Bring an appetizer or beverage to share and lots of ideas about making this the BEST party ever!

Where will we hold this year's fest? What do we want to do the same ... and what do we want to do differently? If you can't make the planning meeting, but you have ideas or want to help, call and let Barbara know or fill out the form below and drop it off at 4117 N. Greenview.

Yes I'd like to help make **GWCA fest 2005 - Saturday, September 10** - the BEST ever!!!

NAME _____ PHONE _____

- Check choice(s):
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working to get ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting Auction items Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting prizes for children: | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Booking Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting Children's games | <input type="checkbox"/> Booking Children's activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting Sponsors/Donations for party | <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting for bake sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning food | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Pop/Water/Beverages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Information Table | |
- Working day of party:
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up (9 am- 11 am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shift 1 (11 am - 1 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shift 2 (1-3 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shift 3 (3-5 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up (5-?) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Party (7-?) |

Yes, I'm coming to the planning meeting, Sat., June 4 at 3pm at Barbara Sullivan's, 4117 North Greenview Avenue, (backyard)

No, I can't come to the meeting but here are my ideas:
1. _____
2. _____

JOIN TODAY! Graceland West Community Association Membership Form

Date: _____

I am interested in volunteering for GWCA in:

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

- 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 _____

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

Chicago police tell us that the best way to protect against criminal activity is to know and care about your neighbors. To that end GWCA plans to publish the names and phones of the members and mail it to members in February each year.



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: _____