



GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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GWCA Calendar

GWCA General Membership Meeting

7 pm, Tuesday, March 7
LVHS Community Room
Presentation: Chicago Park
District spring and
summer activities
Garage Sale sign-up



CAPS Beat 1923 Meeting

7 pm, Tuesday, March 14th
Lakeshore Baptist Church
4100 North Greenview
2nd Tuesday of odd months



GWCA Book Club

7pm, Thursday, March 16th,
Meet at Linda Eisenberg's House
4232 N. Greenview
p: 248-1078 |
leahdishel@aol.com
Book: *A Fine Balance*
by R. Mistry



GWCA Prix Fixe Dinner

6:30pm, Sunday, March 26th,
Anna Maria Pasteria!
4400 N. Clark
limited seating, please RSVP
C Blalock, J. Huber



GWCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2006



GWCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2006
Board Elections, Garden Walk
details
Lakeview High School



GWCA Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, June 10th, 2006

GWCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday March 7th, 7 PM

LVHS Community Room

Get ready for nice weather and fun activities in the neighborhood!

Daphne Johnson from the Chicago Park District will give a presentation on Spring and Summer Park Programs.

We'll also talk about Warner Park & Gardens' Programs & ways to use this lovely park.

Upcoming events – Fixed Prix Dinner at Anna Maria Pasteria, Garage Sale, June Board elections.

Old Business including audit results, budget & GWCA registration & directory, zoning overlay.

New Business including 2006 Board Member assignments, GWCA Beautification update, GWCA membership cards.

Come out of hibernation and attend the meeting – we hope to see you there !

Tired of seeing your neighbors at a GWCA meeting? Let's get together for dinner instead!

What: GWCA Dinner Get-Together; Limited to 25-30 people

Where: Anna Maria Pasteria: 4400 N. Clark Street

When: Sunday, March 26, 2006 - 6:30pm

Menu: Prix Fixe Menu, \$26, which includes the following:

Appetizers: Bruschetta and Marinara Polenta

Salad: Choice of Caprese or Caesa^or

Pasta: Choice of sauces: Marinara, Bolognese, Aurora or Alfredo

Entree: Choice of Chicken, (9 selections)

Beverages: Coffee, Soft Drinks

Dessert: Zuppe Inglese (Dessert Soup, with lady fingers, custard and chocolate; kind of a Tiramisu Soup)

RSVP: Carol Blalock @ 773-281-1648 or
Jane Huber: 708-870-7715.

Comings and Goings

Welcome new members of GWCA.

Megan Sliwa of Berteau and **Mark and Jill Birringer** of Cuyler.

Welcome to **Larry and Wendy Brown** who finally moved onto Berteau in November after extensive renovation of Ray Kruegar's house. They have four children, **Rebecca** 13, twins, **Sarah and Joseph** 10, who all attend Our Lady of Mount Carmel and finally, **Elijah**, 2.

The following are neighbors who are expressing themselves through the arts.

Danny Goldring of Greenview is starring as The Earl, an aging action hero, at the Red Orchid Theatre, 1521 N. Wells at 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Check it out you night owls.

Alan Felgenhauer of Belle Plaine had his hand-made, stained glass windows on display at The Ten Cat Bar at 3931 North Ashland. They were in the window through February, so hopefully you saw them as you passed by.

Neighbor **Howard Horwich** is exhibiting some of his black and white nature and street photographs at Glenn's Diner, 1820 West Montrose (closed Mondays). Displayed images are large format 6x7, 4x5 and 1-1/4 x 2-1/4.

Jake Huzenis of Berteau portrayed Vezinet, the deaf uncle, in the the Latin School play, a French farce called "An Italian Straw Hat." He got a lot of laughs!

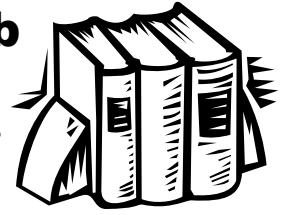
Neighbors need safe sidewalks in winter

Neighbors who remove snow and ice from their sidewalks are really appreciated by their neighbors. Thanks again to the majority who do. Thanks also to those who volunteered to help elderly, handi-capped, ill or vacationing neighbors keep their sidewalks clean. Lets have one GWCA resolution in 2006, to make sidewalks safe for everyone who walks in the neighborhood by trying to clean snow from 100% of the front sidewalks after every snowfall.

WE NEED A BABYSITTER!

We are looking for a babysitter to sit for our newborn and toddler on Pensacola approximately two Saturday evenings per month on a regular basis. We also have a golden retriever. References are required. Please contact Lisa Ratti at 773.929.4626.

GWCA Book Club



The GWCA book club continues to thrive with robust discussions and interesting points of view. If you would like to participate please communicate with the hostess of the month.

Thursday March 16th
Linda Eisenberg's house, 4232 N Greenview Ave.
ph# 248-1078, leahdishel@aol.com
Book: *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry

GWCA has a website!

Visit www.gracelandwest.org. Dates for upcoming events are available. Didn't get your newsletter?

You can download the latest newsletter from the website. Have a neighborhood issue but don't know who to contact?

Hit the "contact us" button and email your question to the GWCA board. The appropriate board member will be contacted and will respond to your inquiry.

The web master, Jim Friestad of Greenview, also sends out the CAPS reports by group email. If you'd like to receive these reports, contact GWCA through the website and asked to be added to the distribution list.

What is happening to the trees?

It was brought to Alderman Schuler's that trees on the 1400 blocks of Cuyler and Belle Plaine, as well as the 4000 blocks of Greenview and Southport are being butchered. An anonymous resident notified him that it was the work of one dog and its owner. The Bureau of Forestry and the Police Dept. have been notified, but they need witnesses. Witnesses must be willing to sign complaints and possibly testify. So far, five trees will have to be removed, there may be more. Ald. Schuler requested that this announcement run in the GWCA newsletter. Anyone with infomation please contact the Alderman's office via email at ward47@cityofchicago.org.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact Dan Luna at the Office of Alderman Schuler: 773-348-8400.

"Graceless Tales"

The new column will appear occasionally in the "Graceland West NEWS". Each column will be written by residents of the neighborhood who consider themselves informed on the subject of our neighborhood: past, present, and/or future. The statements made in this new "Graceless Tales" column will be presented as fact. Some of those statements may be revealed as fiction in later columns. The objective of this column is to appeal, through facts and lore, to those of us who want to learn more about this great neighborhood.

For example... Did you know that our lovely neighborhood was once a part of a thriving city? That city was NOT "Chicago"! It was a part of a different city, the City of "Lake View"! It wasn't until 1889 that our former city of Lake View became just another part of Chicago through an annexation. Even before 1889, Lake View was a viable, productive community in a rapidly growing urban setting. I wonder if Lake View had it's own flag or seal image? If you know, email Tom Ramsey at TRamseyLSE@aol.com.

This first installment of "Graceless Tales" was contributed by Tom Ramsey, GWCA Board Member, Cullom resident.



99% Recycling Guaranteed!

GWCA member Ellyn Bank coordinates the recycling effort in the Graceland West Neighborhood. For a small monthly fee, the Resource Center will come and pick up your recyclables (newspaper, mixed paper, bottles and cans). For more information you can call the resource center directly 773 821-1351 or contact Ellyn at earthmomma2@comcast.net

Neighborhood Safety

Have you been thinking about adding a front or rear fence this year? Tall, privacy fences are not safer, they create hiding places for intruders. Fences that offer an open view of your front and rear doors and windows by neighbors and police contribute to a safer neighborhood. Other tips? Please call 911 immediately to report suspicious behavior and light your front and rear entries from dusk to dawn.

GWCA Tutoring Program at Lakeview High School

Graceland West began its 4th year providing a volunteer tutor program for Lake View High School. Prior Graceland West volunteers have tutored Constitution, Math (Algebra, Geometry, Calculus and Trigonometry), Remedial Reading, English, French, Spanish and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Lake View opens the school on Saturday mornings for tutoring, except during school holidays, beginning Saturday, November 19, 2005. For the current school year, we need one or two additional math tutors who can volunteer ~ five Saturdays each from 10:30 until noon between now and June. A math teacher will be there as well, so volunteers won't be on their own. Please contact Janice Horwich for information, questions or suggestions at 773 975-0004 or jhorwich@sbcglobal.net.

Looking for work? GWCA needs Chairpeople!!!!

Halloween Party Chairpersons

Warner Park & Gardens is looking for two new organizers of the annual Halloween Party. As you all know, this event is a treasured part of our neighborhood festivities. It is much loved by children and parents alike.

The time requirement is limited to a trip to Target and some online ordering to stock up on supplies a month before the party, and set up and take down on the day of the event. It should be an easy transition to new coordinators as the materials and decorations for the party are all organized and they've created detailed 'To Do' lists. Organize some friends to help you decorate and clean up and, voila, you have thrown a wonderful party!

We will be available the first year to help plan the party and work on the day of the event as well. Any questions, please feel free to ask us, Kelley Shields (244-1590) and Sharon Langshur (929-9094).

GWCA Fest Auction Chairperson

The GWCA fest is Fun! Fun! Fun! But it is also the main fundraising event for the neighborhood. The GWCA board is looking for a neighbor willing to coordinate the Auction portion of GWCA fest. If you and your spouse or a friend are willing to take this on please call, Barb Sullivan at 727-3419.

Welcome New GWCA Board Members

Chris Chesne, his wife **Julie**, their 3-year-old daughter **Claire** and 12-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever **Ella** live on Warner Avenue. They have lived in the neighborhood since 1999. Julie and Chris assist sellers and buyers of real estate, working for JDC Realty LLC. Julie and Claire are Chicago girls. Chris has lived in a handful of places over his lifetime. In a previous life, Chris and Julie were avid runners, but real estate and parenting have sharply curtailed that hobby. Claire is a good-natured kid, currently in a Disney phase. Ella likes people and spherical objects!

Tom Ramsey has recently returned to Graceland West Neighborhood. He lived on Greenview as a child. Tom and his wife, **Lara**, lived downtown until December 2004 when they moved into their home on Cullom Avenue. Tom believes that Graceland West is a special neighborhood, enhancing its attractiveness is of particular interest to him. He is active in several civic organizations both in Chicago and in Wisconsin where he serves as a Board member on an environmental-advocacy land trust. Tom operates two private investment funds as their Portfolio Manager in his regular daily life.

Debbie Frisch graciously agreed to return to the board to fill the vacancy of Dimitri Christopoulos, who had to resign with work demands. (Thanks for your time and effort. GWCA missed you!) Debbie lives on Greenview with her husband **Sid** and her two daughters, **Lauren**, who attends Latin School and **Michelle**, who attends Chicago City Day School. Debbie attends and reports on the CAPS meeting in Beat 1923. She enjoys children and volunteers regularly at Christopher House. You may see her with an infant in her arms as she is a foster mother who tends to infants while their adoptions are processed.

Graceland West Board Member List

A council of 9 people govern Graceland West Community Association. If you have questions, suggestions or want to participate, contact a council member. Next Board elections in June.

Jane Huber	296-4200	jhuber@stl-inc.com	Newsletter Support
Carol Blalock	281-1648	cmcb91@msn.com	CAPS Coordinator
Jim Friestad	975-6218	jfriestad@yahoo.com	GWCA Website
Steve Bines	525-3249	steven_d_bines@rush.edu	LakeView H.S. Liaison
Barb Sullivan	327-2940	bjsulli@us.ibm.com	GWCA Fest
Debbie Frisch	281-1478	derbyfrisch@aol.com	CAPS Coordinator
Chris Chesne	807-8570	chris@jdcreealty.com	Newsletter Assistant
Christi Lowell	525-2426	christilowell@aol.com	Garage Sale
Tom Ramsey	281-5695	tramseyLSE@aol.com	Community Support

Free Films at Lincoln-Belmont Library

The Friends of the Lincoln Belmont Library are sponsoring a free film festival. The screenings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at the library at 1659 West Melrose, (1 block north of Belmont) 312 744-0166. Free Parking and Free Popcorn!

The films are part of the Film Movement Series. Film Movement is a grassroots movement that joins together filmmakers and film fans for a simple common cause — to provide access to the best films made every year. The series features first-run, award-winning, independent films.

NOW SHOWING:

Wed, March 1 Let the Church Say Amen
Wed, March 8 Six Short Films

The films for March 29th through April 19th will be announced soon. A word of caution for parents: The movies have not received MPAA ratings and may not be suitable for children.

GWCA Food Drive- HUGE SUCCESS!

Many thanks go to the kind neighbors who contributed non-perishable food to the Lakeview Pantry back in December. Lakeview Pantry, which is at 3831 N. Broadway, is a neighborhood non-profit organization with a mission statement of "eliminating hunger in our community". Ann Maxwell delivered a trunkful of food to the grateful pantry.



December General Membership Meeting Minutes

Carol Blalock chaired the meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. The Nominations of Chris Chesne, Christi Lowell, and Tom Ramsey were approved. Debbie Frisch was nominated to complete the term for Dimitri Christopoulos who had to resign citing increased work responsibilities. All new board members were unanimously elected.

The 2006 GWCA budget was discussed and approved. GWCA members voted to approve a donation to the Red Cross to support Katrina victims, the annual donation to Warner Park and Gardens, and an Annual donation to Lakeview High School.

Tim McGonegle provided updated information on the setback ordinance for Greenview Avenue. It is expected to pass and when it does it will be published in the newsletter.

The potluck supper was enjoyed by all.

GWCA Events Calendar

Sunday July 9, 2006 –
GWCA Garden Walk

Tuesday August 22, 2006 -
GWCA Board Meeting

Saturday September 9, 2006 –
GWCA Fest & Adult Evening Party

Tuesday October 3, 2006 -
GWCA General Membership meeting -
GWCA Fest recap

Tuesday November 7, 2006 -
GWCA Board Meeting

Tuesday December 5, 2006 -
GWCA General Membership Meeting -
Holiday Potluck, Board Elections

Sunday December 10, 2006 -
GWCA Caroling Party

CAPS MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE EVERY OTHER MONTH IN 2006

Due to Federal Budget cuts, Beat meetings are now scheduled to occur every other month. Odd numbered precincts will have their meetings in odd numbered months, and even numbered precincts will have their meetings in even numbered months.

If any major crimes happen in a month where no meeting is scheduled, a special meeting will be held.

Beat 1923: Meets at Lakeshore Baptist Church, 4100 N. Greenview Ave, 7:00 pm:
In Graceland West, Beat #1923 covers Irving Park Road north to Berteau:

January 9, 2006 - March 14, 2006

May 9, 2006 - July 11, 2006

September 12, 2006 - November 14, 2006

Beat 1922: Meets at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Avenue, 7:00 pm:

In Graceland West, Beat #1922 covers Berteau north to Montrose:

February 1, 2006 - April 5, 2006

June 7, 2006 - August 2, 2006

October 4, 2006 - December 6, 2006

Board Member Debbie Frisch attends the meetings for Beat 1923. She takes minutes and writes a report for GWCA members. Carol Blalock attends the meetings for Beat 1922. She takes minutes and writes a report as well. Neighbors who sign up for GWCA email alerts receive the monthly CAPS reports. If you would like to receive the reports, log on to www.graceland-west.org. Click contact us and you will be provided with an email to GWCA. Let them know you want to be added to the distribution list.

GARAGE FOR RENT:

4117 Greenview. Contact Tim McGonegle at (312) 501-7686 or Barbara Sullivan at (773) 727-3419.

LOST: a notebook with handwritten notes. Last seen: December 12, at the GWCA Potluck Meeting at the Lakeview High School. Please contact Barbara Sullivan at (773) 727-3419 if you have found it.

Annual Graceland West Garage Sale Saturday, June 10th 9 am to 3 pm

GWCA provides advertising, pulls permits and supplies balloons, signs and maps. GWCA members pay \$5. Non-members can participate for \$15. Hey! Wait! That's the same cost as a membership. Join today. The membership form is on the last page of the newsletter. Questions? Call Barb Sullivan 327-2940 or Ann Bines 525-3249.

Application to participate in GWCA Neighborhood Garage Sale

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Where will you hold your sale? (Circle all that apply)

- Front yard Back Yard Garage in alley Other (explain) _____

Are you a current GWCA Member? Yes? Pay \$5. No? Pay \$15.

Make the checks payable to GWCA. Fill out the application form.
Drop form and payment to Ann Bines, 4217 North Greenview .

Applications will be accepted until Saturday, June 3rd

NEW CITY ORDINANCE FOR GREENVIEW

Ordinance SO2006-118 was passed by the City Council of the City of Chicago and deposited in the office of the City Clerk of said City Jan. 11, 2006:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Title 17 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago, the Chicago Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended by creating a new Section 17-7-0550 North Greenview Avenue Special Setback District as follows:

17-7-0551 Purpose

The North Greenview Avenue Setback District is intended to required larger front setbacks for new residential development consistent with the existing pattern of front yards on that portion of North Greenview Ave. as described below.

17-7-0552 Boundaries

The North Greenview Avenue Setback District applies to properties abutting North Greenview Ave. within the following specific subdistricts:

Subdistrict A bounded by: West Berteau Ave.; the alley next east of and parallel to North Greenview Ave.; West Irving Park Road; North Greenview Ave.; West Belle Plaine Ave.; and the alley next west of and parallel to North Greenview Ave..

Subdistrict B bounded by: West Cullom Ave.;

North Greenview Ave.; a line 276.9 feet north of and parallel to West Berteau Ave.; and the alley next west of and parallel to North Greenview Ave..

Subdistrict C bounded by:
West Cullom Ave.; the alley next east of and parallel to North Greenview Ave.; West Hutchinson Str.; and North Greenview Ave..

Subdistrict D bounded by:
West Hutchinson Str.; a line 190 feet east of and parallel to North Greenview Ave.; the alley next south of and parallel to West Hutchinson Ave.; the alley next east of and parallel to North Greenview Ave.; West Berteau Ave.; and North Greenview Ave.

17-7-0553 Front Setbacks

The minimum front setback in Subdistrict A is 40 ft. The minimum front setback in Subdistrict B is 45 ft. The minimum front setback in Subdistrict A is 30 ft. The minimum front setback in Subdistrict A is 40 ft.

See Sec. 17-17-0306 for rules governing the measurement of front setbacks.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication.

signed by GeneSchulter
Eugene C. Schulter
Alderman, 47th Ward

Graceland West Community Association

Income & Expense Statement -- January 1-December 31, 2005

Income

Contributions Income	65.00
GWCA Fest	9,519.53
Interest Income	38.20
Membership Dues	1,640.00
Other - Garage Sale	85.00
Total Income	\$11,347.73

Expense

Administrative Expense	84.18
Contributions	1,500.00
Garage Sale Expenses	116.08
Garden Walk Expense	588.29
GWCA Fest Expense	8,729.98
Meeting Expense	85.00
Newsletter	1,457.76
Program Expense	781.01
Total Expense	\$13,342.30
Net Income	-\$1,994.57

Cash Balance 12/31/05 \$10,045.91

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. 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: _____