



GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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GWCA Calendar

CAPS Beat 1923

(2nd Tues of odd months)
4100 N. Ashland, 7pm
May 8th, July 10, Sept 11



GWCA Meetings/Elections

Thursday, May 10th, 7pm
Warner Park & Gardens
(In case of bad weather:
4117 N. Greenview)



CAPS Beat 1922

(1st Wed of even months)
4701 N. Greenview, 7pm
Jun 6th, Aug 1, Oct 3rd



GWCA Garage Sale

Sat, Jun 9th, 9am-3pm
Various homes &
LHVS parking lot



25th GWCA Garden Walk

Sun, Jun 24th, 1-5pm
Various gardens in our
neighborhood
Sun, Jun 24th, 6-8pm
Dinner for gardeners



Council Meeting

Thurs, July 12th, 7pm
4117 N. Greenview
RSVP to Barb Sullivan
773-327-2940



Meeting - survey results

Thurs, Aug 9th, 7pm
Warner Park & Gardens



GWCA Fest (families)

Sat, Sept 8th, 11am -4pm
4200 block of N. Greenview

GWCA Fest (adults)

Sat, Sept 8th, 7-9:30pm
Warner Park & Gardens



Council Meeting

Thurs, Oct 11th, 7pm
Location TBD



Graceland Cemetery Tour

Sun, Oct 14th, 1pm

***** Public Meeting - Thursday! *****

When: Thursday, May 10, 2007 -- 7:00 pm

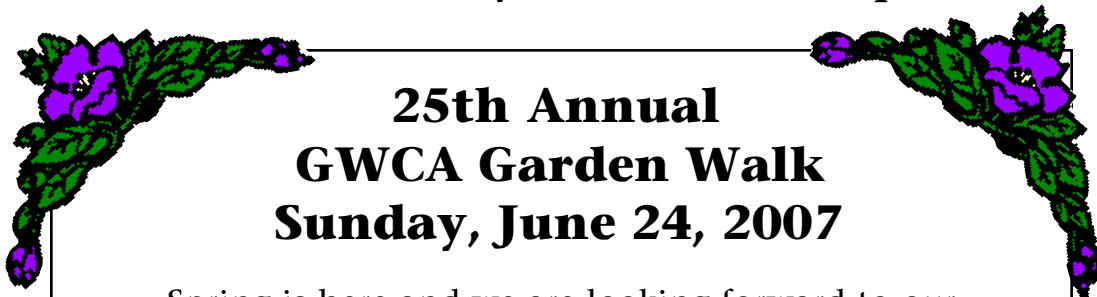
Where: Warner Park & Gardens (In case of rain, we'll still have the meeting, but will move to the basement of 4117 North Greenview... enter through the alley behind Greenview.)

The evening will begin with a representative from Fertile Delta giving us a demonstration on "Container Gardening". Get motivated to get your decks, porches and yards planted so they look great for our 25th annual garden walk!

We will also be electing three new council members to serve from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Come and vote for someone to represent your interests in our neighborhood.

At 8:00 we will be joined by **Dan Luna from Alderman Schulner's office**. Dan will talk with us about what can be done about the unsightly and dangerous "hole in the ground" at 4136 North Greenview. Come let the alderman know how concerned our neighborhood is about this abandoned property and bring up any other concerns you believe the alderman should be addressing.

Come out on Thursday and Voice Your Opinion!



25th Annual GWCA Garden Walk Sunday, June 24, 2007

Spring is here and we are looking forward to our 25th annual Garden Walk on June 24th, from 1-5, to be followed by our gardener's dinner from 6-8. This will be your last newsletter reminder. Please help us make this our biggest and best! We will have volunteers canvas each block, but if you know now that you would like to participate or volunteer in any way, please contact us. Also, this year we would like to have local talent entertain at the dinner. Don't be shy, please let us showcase your talent and we'll have our own Graceland West version of American Idol!

Questions: donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net 773-348-1469 or tmcgonegle@comcast.net, 312-501-7686.

Comings and Goings

GWCA welcomes new members **Emily & John MacEntee** of Cuyler

Caroline Maxwell of Greenview will be graduating from Dartmouth in June and will attend Harvard Law School in the fall.

Lily Maxwell of Greenview will graduate from St. Ignatius in June. She plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the fall. She plans to be a high school or college math teacher and Vanderbilt has an excellent school of education.

Ryan Bines of Greenview is graduating from St. Ignatius and has not finalized his plans for fall.

Elizabeth Sheridan of Cullom is graduating from the Chicago Academy of the Arts. She will attend University of Illinois Circle this fall.

Michelle Frisch is graduating Chicago City Day School. She will attend the Latin School of Chicago in the fall.

James Cooper of Greenview is graduating 8th grade from Hawthorne Scholastic Academy. He will attend Walter Payton College Prep. He will be honored on May 16th when he is inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

Welcome back to GWCA: **Barbara Sullivan, Tim McGonegle and Matt** will be moving back to 4100 block of Greenview after a year's absence while they made repairs after the fire last February.

Send news for comings and goings to Deirdre Jameson at djameson@jameson.com



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.

To dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling 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 inter-governmental 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.

Graceland West Council Member List

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

Steve Bines	525-3249	steven_d_bines@rush.edu	Lake View High School
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!

GRACELAND WEST COMMUNITY SURVEY

PLEASE RESPOND BY JUNE 1, 2007

Thank you for filling out this survey! We are anxious to have your opinion, but please only one survey per person. In appreciation we will give you a one-year membership in Graceland West Community Association (GWCA). Please fill out the membership form at the end of this survey so we can confirm that responses are from within the neighborhood and so we can process your membership. Be assured your privacy will be respected.

Note: if you prefer to fill this out online, go to GWCA's website: www.gracelandwest.org/survey and follow the instructions for filling this out online.

The GWCA Council will tally responses and publish highlights in the July newsletter. Come to our August 9th meeting (7 pm) at Warner Park & Gardens and join the discussion of results and help determine how GWCA can accommodate prevailing community preferences.

If you completed this survey on paper, please send or drop off at:
GWCA c/o Kathy Scardina, 4325 N. Greenview Ave., Chicago IL 60613.

What should our neighborhood association do for you?

	Low	Med	High
<u>Sponsor social opportunities</u> (rate importance to you)			
Kid-Friendly Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen Interest & Involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult Social Gatherings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult Wellness e.g. Health, Exercise, Yoga, Weight Loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Events & Welfare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Special Interest Groups/Clubs (Specify) _____			
<u>Facilitate communication</u> (rate importance to you)			
Printed Newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GWCA Website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Block Captain Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corner Kiosks and Signs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flyers for Special Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other? Please specify _____			
<u>Act as a liaison</u> (rate importance to you)			
Alderman's Office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Warner Park & Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nearby Community Organizations i.e. LVCC, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cubs/Wrigley Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Chicago Government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chicago Police Department (CAPS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other? (Please specify) _____			

Advocate for community issues: (rate importance to you)	Low	Med	High
Crime reduction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of streets, sidewalks, alleys	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking (slots per residents, permits)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flooding/sewer/water main condition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic management e.g. Speeding, Stop Signs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health & safety e.g. pet nuisance, dumpster	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building setback protection (front yards)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building and zoning code enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain historic character of neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other? (Please specify) _____			

Promote Community Pride & Spirit (rate importance to you)	Low	Med	High
Appreciation of neighborhood history	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corner gardens & other beautification projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education on historic preservation & restoration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood cleanup days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
“Welcome to Graceland West” banners or signs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other? (Please specify) _____			

Today GWCA sponsors these activities each year	Low	Med	High
Please rank the value of each activity to you:			
Spring Fling Auction/Dinner (March 31)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garage Sale (June 9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden Walk (June 24)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GWCA fest (Sept 8, afternoon)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult After fest Party (Sept 8, evening)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graceland Cemetery Tour (October 14, 1pm)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Halloween fest (October 28, 1pm)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holiday Potluck (December 6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holiday Caroling Party (December 9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comments: _____			

Do the following statements reflect what you believe the GWCA mission should be?
 The following are the 7 purposes of GWCA, as defined in the by-laws since 1979:

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| Yes | No | |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | encourage a sense of community and develop a neighborhood spirit. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | provide an open forum to discuss community matters and their resolution. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | provide a united effort in the securing of city and neighborhood services. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | develop and preserve an appreciation for the historical significance of the area. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | encourage preservation, restoration, and beautification of the neighborhood. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | promote an appreciation of the cultural diversity of the neighborhood. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | establish a means to provide for the welfare of the community. |

Suggested purpose(s) _____

What would entice you to attend a GWCA meeting (check all that apply)?

GWCA membership meetings are held 4 times a year --

2nd Thursday of 2nd month of each quarter at 7 pm -- to conduct organization business.

- Discussion of emerging issue(s)
- Guest Speakers. Please suggest possible topic(s): _____
- Serving Food/Beverages at meeting
- Meet at different time/day. Please suggest when: _____
- Other: _____

Choose your preferred method for GWCA to communicate to you <select one>:

- newsletter website Postage mail email
- block captain program corner kiosks/signs door-to-door flyers for special events

Comments: _____

How long have you lived in Graceland West? ____ yrs.

What is your age group? Under 30 30-45 46-65 Over 65

Do you currently receive the GWCA newsletter? YES | NO

How many times have you visited the GWCA website since January? _____

Please feel free to make any other comments or raise any topics that we have missed.

JOIN TODAY! Graceland West Community Association Membership Form

Date: _____

I am interested in volunteering for GWCA by:

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

- 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 _____

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.

Make checks payable to: GWCA
Send or drop off CHECK & COMPLETED FORM to:

Kathy Scardina, 4325 N. Greenview, 60613



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 Garage Sale: Saturday June 9th - 9am to 3pm

GWCA Neighbors: our annual neighborhood-wide garage sale has an added twist!

Option A: Pay a small fee and run your own sale. For this fee you get:

- location listed on the "Garage Sale Map" that is passed out the day of the event
- location "markers" (signs)
- advertising in local newspapers
- flyers delivered door-to-door & signs posted around the area
- address listed on the required garage sale permit

For all of you who have wanted to do some organizing, but don't feel you have "enough" or don't have the time or desire to run the sale yourself, Option B is for you!

Option B (the twist!): Donate your stuff and GWCA members will sell it for you.

We'll take a box full or a basement full! All proceeds go for community projects – i.e., GWCA fest, the Halloween party, neighborhood beautification, etc.

We will run the community sale at the Lake View High School parking lot. Please drop off items by 7:30 am on 6/9. LVHS will be the advertised starting point for the neighborhood sale and refreshments will also be sold here.

If you are inspired by the many shows like "Clean Sweep", "Cash in the Attic" – etc...then take advantage of this huge multi-family sale and get organized!

Please call Garage Sale Coordinator Christi Lowell 773.525.2426 with any questions!

FILL OUT FORM BELOW and DROP OFF or MAIL to:
Christi Lowell, 4048 N. Clark St., Unit I, Chicago, IL 60613

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Choose ONE:

Option A - Where will your sale be held: garage _____ front yard _____ back yard/alley _____

Make checks payable to GWCA Current GWCA members = \$10.00, Non-members = \$20.00.

Option B - I will drop off donated items to the LVHS parking lot on 6/9 _____ (please call & remind me)

Are you willing to help sell on 6/9 at the High School?

What is your preferred "shift"? Start up 7-10 ___ 10-1 ___ Close Down 1-4 ___ Anytime ___