



# GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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## GWCA Calendar

### CAPS Beat 1922 Meeting

7 pm, Wednesday,  
November 3, 2004

Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month



### CAPS Beat 1923 Meeting

7 pm, Tuesday, November 9, 2004  
Lakeshore Baptist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month



### GWCA Book Club

Thursday, October 28th 7 pm  
Ann Bines' House  
4217 N. Greenview  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled  
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Thursday, December 2 7pm  
*The Awakening* by Kate Chopin



### GWCA General Membership Meeting & December Holiday Party

December 7th, 7-9pm  
Lakeview High School  
Community Room, followed by  
Potluck Dinner



### GWCA Caroling Party Sunday in December. Date to be announced soon!

### GWCA Online

Didn't get your newsletter?  
Misplaced it? Tossed it?  
Forgot the date of an event?  
You can read it again online  
at: [www.gracelandwest.org](http://www.gracelandwest.org)  
Let the board know if the site  
meets your needs.  
Your suggestions are needed  
and appreciated!

## November General Membership Meeting

Monday November 8th, 7 PM

Lakeview High School

Vote to change By-Laws

(copies on website and available at the meeting)

Nominations of new GWCA Board Members

Presentation by 12th District Commissioner Forrest Claypool, ~  
7:10 PM Topic : current status of real estate tax reform and the  
"Save Our Homes" ordinance & initiative.

Draft of 2005 Proposed budget will be provided for review, approval  
will be made at the December General Membership Meeting  
Tally of GWCA Fest expenses and profit made,  
provided by Dawn Ragan  
GWCA Board Meeting immediately following the  
GWCA General Membership Meeting



## December Parties

Second Annual December Caroling Party -

Don't miss this chance to carol around the  
neighborhood and spread some holiday cheer!  
There will be a pre-caroling party to make sure we  
are in harmony and the singing will be followed by

a light potlucksupper. Date to be announced, but is tentatively  
set for the second or third Sunday in December. Please let a  
Board Member know if you are interested in hosting the  
light supper at your home !

## Holiday Potluck Dinner

following December General membership meeting  
Lakeview High School Community Room

Share your favorite holiday dish or family recipe  
with your GWCA neighbors at our December Potluck  
Dinner, December 7th, 7-9pm



## GWCA is creating a Member Directory.

If you would like to be included, please update your  
contact information at the membership meeting  
or provide it to a Board Member!

# Comings and Goings

Welcome to the new GWCA members!

**Laurie & Carmen Lugardo** on Ashland, **Claudia Flores** on Warner, **Garrett & Heather Boehm** on Belle Plaine, **Jeremy Segal** on Berteau, **Carlos & Kate Portillo** on Pensacola, and **Terry & Beverly Meland** of Evanston, former owners of 4108 Greenview.

We have new neighbors as well. Welcome to brother and sister **Pete Bellande** and **Rachel Bellande** who live on Belle Plaine. Rachel teaches at Lakeview High School, talk about an easy commute! Welcome to **Sandy Wang and Christopher McGowan**, the new owners of the Munoz' former home on Greenview. They have 2 boys, Nicholas, (age 3 ) and Charlie (age 2) who attend St. Chrysostom's Pre School. Congratulations to **Sharon and TJ Perrine** of

Cullom Avenue on the recent birth of twin girls, Sarah and Megan. Everyone, including big brother, Sean, is doing great.

**Peg Tomaszek Witry**, our neighbor on Warner, will be showing twelve quilts and wallhangings in the fiber arts exhibit called Sacred Threads of St. Peter's at 621 W. Belmont, Oct 29th and 30th.

**Nicholas Friedman of Hutchinson and Jake Huzenis** of Berteau performed in the play *Catch-22* at the Latin School. Nick portrayed Major Major and the Old Man and Jake was Milo MinderBender, the amoral mess officer.

**Ann Maxwell** of Greenview and **Eric Langshur** of Cullom both completed the Chicago marathon again this year. Congratulations to you both.

Please send news of your "Coming and Goings" to Deirdre Jameson, 1422 W. Berteau, 348-4198 or [djameson@jameson.com](mailto:djameson@jameson.com)

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## Volunteer to serve on the GWCA Board

Ever wonder what the GWCA Board does and how to get more involved in the GWCA Community ? Now is the time as the GWCA Board is looking for 3 new members ! The Board has 9 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.

The only qualification for becoming a Board member is your commitment and willingness to work on behalf of the GWCA organization to continue its existing programs and add innovative new programs to GWCA's annual calendar. The term for being a Board member is 18 months and elections are held every 6 months when 3 of the Board members' terms expire. Our thanks go to the following retiring board members: Ann Bines, Debbie Frisch, and Seri Porter whose terms expire at the end of the year. Elections will be held at the December meeting so if you are interested in serving or would like more information on the topic, please contact members of the Nominating Committee: Debbie Frisch [derbyfrisch@aol.com](mailto:derbyfrisch@aol.com) or Barbara [Sullivanbsullivan4117@aol.com](mailto:Sullivanbsullivan4117@aol.com).



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## GWCA Council Members

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Laura LeCoque 348-4187  
Ann Maxwell 528-6677  
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CAPS Coordinator  
GWCA Fest Auction  
Newsletter Delivery  
Website/Event  
Membership  
Family Networking  
Alderman Liason  
Newsletter Assistant

## GWCA Fest Report

On Saturday, September 11, our annual neighborhood party sponsored by Graceland West Community Association kicked off at 11:30 am at the corner of Belle Plaine & Greenview. Pet lovers of all ages marched in style! This grand march was followed by a beautiful afternoon of music, food & neighbors visiting in the 4100 block of Greenview Avenue.

There was our usual petting zoo & pony rides, games for the kids, baked goods, a silent auction and lots of good food. We were entertained by Lisa B Duo, The Jesse White Tumblers and Magic by Randy. LaLa the Clown painted faces.

At five pm we closed up shop on Greenview and moved over to Warner Park & Gardens to celebrate

the 25th anniversary of the first Graceland West Community Association blockparty. We had a fabulous dinner catered by Ranalli's Up North. The Lisa B Band entertained and neighbors were able to relax and enjoy an adult's night out. Not only did we have a terrific party, but we cleared about \$2,500 to add to the organization's bank balance.

There were dozens of people involved in all aspects of this event. Our thanks to the many, many volunteers who helped throughout the day and for our gracious sponsors who made the day possible with their donations. As always our chefs & bakers had the food well in hand (along with the addition of chili, in honor of the first GWCA block party in 1979), the children kept the games going all day and Board Members and other volunteers sold tickets, T-shirts and GWCA memberships.

## Acknowledgements to:

### GWCA Fest 2004

#### Committee Chairs:

*Auction:* Laura LeCoque

*Bake Sale:* Peg Tomaszek &  
Rosanna Malato

*Children's games:* Ann Maxwell

*Donations:* Marlene Granacki

*Entertainment:* Terry Baublis

*Finance:* Dawn Ragan

*Evening Party:* Karen Lohss

*Food:* Matt McDonald and Mark  
Riehle from Ranalli's Up  
North

*Layout/Set Up:* Tom Miller

*Logistics/Volunteers:* Barbara  
Sullivan

### GWCA fest 2004

#### Party Sponsors:

Alderman Eugene Schuller  
Ellyn, John, Nikki & Kara Banks  
Brant, Kristie & Will Booker  
Boy Scout Troop 889  
Dick, Dylan & Miles Burke  
Dr. Shail Busbey  
Captain Nemos on Ashland  
Ms. Antonia Contro  
Joan Cusack  
Kent, Nate & William Daniel

Mr. Jack Edwards

Dr. Lee, Hannah & Laila Francis  
James, Amy, Olivia & Jasper Geier  
Dr. Michelle Gittler

Marlene, Jim & Nicole Granacki  
Peggy Harper

Jim, Maria, Isabel, Jack & William  
Hoffman

Charlie, Audrey & Jake Huzenis  
Harry, Olly, Ella & Maddie Huzenis

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David, Dr. Susan, Sophie, Mia &  
Lizzie Kalt

Dave, Christopher & Ava Kucera

Ms. Victoria MacCarthy

Mr. George Marquisos

Michael, Claire, Rachel, Caroline  
& Alexandra O'Grady

Chris, Leslie & Sydney Olson

Ranalli's Up North

Stacey Saunders

Dr. Scott, Kim, Chloe & Audrey  
Stiffle

Jack, Julie & Spencer Stoneberg

Stoneberg Architects

White Hen Pantry

#### GWCA Fest Auction Sponsors:

Biasetti's Steak & Rib House

Body Endeavors

Bodywork Matrix

Dawn Monastero's Professional

Hair Design

Deleece

Cindy Dimmitt

Fuga

Linda Heidt

Home Made Pizza Company

Jake

Julius Meinl

Jon Tan Lai

LaLa the Clown

Le Petite Spa Inc.

Laurie Lugando (Mary Kay

Cosmetics)

Maxine Salon

Tim McGonegle

Multiplex

Nail Bar

Progressions

Sloane Silbert

Gayle Stephens

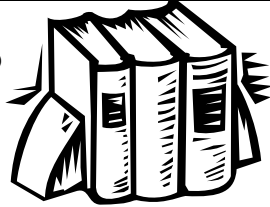
Strega Nona (Carlucci Hospitality)

Thousand Waves

World Gym

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## GWCA BOOK CLUB



The GWCA Book Club will meet Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 7 pm at Ann Bines' House, 4217 N. Greenview. Call her at 525-3249 if you'd like to attend. The club will be discussing The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

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## Newsletter News

The newsletter staff has expanded! **Jane Huber** on Belle Plaine is assisting in gathering info and writing copy and **Iris Brenk** volunteered to do layout. Thanks so much Ladies!

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## Information Kiosks & Doggy Bags

The GWCA board continues its quest to communicate more effectively with neighborhood residents. The neighborhood now has information kiosks in 4 locations, one with a doggy bag dispenser. The locations are Greenview/Warner, Greenview/Berteau, Greenview/Pensacola and Clark and Irving. The kiosks were filled with newsletters and already empty. The next location is planned for Cuyler and Greenview. If you would like a kiosk on your corner please contact Tim McGonegle, 327-2940, [tmcgonegle@aol.com](mailto:tmcgonegle@aol.com). Also, we need residents who will help keep the kiosks supplied with newsletters.

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## Letter from Howard Binder, Lake View High School

### Lakeview High School Volunteer Tutoring Program Resumes

I would like this opportunity, once again, to express the gratitude of Lake View High School and its students to our Graceland West Neighborhood Volunteer Tutors for their tutoring help last year. Those students that elected to take advantage of the tutoring services offered by your volunteers found the assistance to be extremely helpful.

This year, the Board of Education has instituted the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) program to provide tutoring help in reading and math. These services are made available through outside providers. Cambridge is one of those providers. However, these services do not address the needs of students in other areas of study such as Chemistry, Physics, the Constitution, higher mathematics and the like.

At this time I am polling our teachers to see which of them would like tutoring services for their students. That's where you come in. I have been told that there is an interest from some members in the Graceland West Association to provide tutoring help to Lake View students again this year. Because the majority of our rooms are being occupied after school in the SES program, Saturdays would be the best day to provide space for other tutoring. If you could let Janice Horwich know of your interest and the areas you feel qualified to tutor in, I will see where there are matches

with our teachers' requests for tutoring help for their students. Thanks again for your unselfish desires to help our students succeed in their studies and ultimately in their lives.

### Volunteering Facts

Volunteers only need to commit for up to six sessions. Arrangements are flexible to accommodate an occasional Saturday morning conflict. There are no tutoring sessions on weekends that Lakeview is on holiday. A November start date is presumed.

GWCA volunteers have tutored at Lakeview now for two years. Subjects have included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, French, Algebra, Geometry, Trig, English, Remedial Reading, History, Constitution and more. Some subjects need more volunteers than others. Also we sometimes have more willing volunteers than students who can be scheduled.

I encourage you to volunteer and I will continue to champion and facilitate this important program. Please email me for an application or information. In your email, please provide your complete name, address and contact information, preferred subject(s) and briefly summarize your qualifications. My email is [jhorwich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhorwich@sbcglobal.net). When I hear from you, I will email an application and provide additional information. If the email won't go through my number is 975-0004.

## Graceland Cemetery Tour Held

The Annual Graceland Cemetery Tour took place on Sunday Oct. 17th. Approximately 20 people attended the GWCA tour which was provided by the Chicago Architectural Foundation. Interesting history along with examples of architectural significance were provided by the knowledgeable docent. Graceland Cemetery is 119 acres and is the final resting place of some of the brightest figures in the history of Chicago. Appetizers were provided at Deleece immediately after the tour. If you can't wait until next year, take a stroll through the cemetery on your own but be aware that jogging, roller blading and biking are prohibited. Also, the Architectural Foundation provides tours almost every Sunday, so contact them directly to join another tour group. Thanks go to Ann Bines for organizing the event again this year!

### Beat 1922 Report October 6, 2004 Meeting

Six police officers, Dan Luna, from Alderman Schulner's office and 12 neighbors, representing GWCA, Ravenswood and other neighborhoods were in attendance.

Subjects Discussed:

#### **I. Local Crime:**

1. Police reported that a burglary ring had been broken up. 17 condo buildings on Ashland Avenue had reported that their laundry rooms had been broken into, and the washer & dryer coin boxes had been broken open and the money stolen. The problem was that there were no witnesses until after the 17th break-in. A tactical officer recognized the 2 burglars from the description provided, confronted the people, and they confessed to the 17 burglaries.
2. The parking problems near the Romanian Church on Paulina have eased, after the police spoke with the Pastor about illegal parking during their weeknight and Sunday services.

#### **II. American Indian Center**

Two gentlemen representing the American Indian Center on Wilson Avenue addressed the CAPS meeting. They addressed on-going concerns regarding the amount of homeless people who loiter near the Center. The gentleman mentioned that the homeless people are not members of the American Indian Center, and are perhaps loitering there because it's somewhat dark and they aren't easily noticed at night. The Center has already posted No Trespassing signs on their front doors and has been working with the Alderman's office to get additional lighting for the front of the building, as their current budget does not allow for this type of purchase right now. The representatives mentioned that the Center was formed as a Social Service agency and acts as a food pantry and provides clothing, educational services, and wellness programs for low-income people in the 60640

zip code area as well as the entire American Indian population in Illinois. The representatives promised to continue to attend CAPS meetings and to report on the progress being made to alleviate the homeless situation near the Center.

The next Beat 1922 Caps Meeting will take place the Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

### Beat 1923 Report October 12, 2004 Meeting

The CAPS meeting for beat 1923 was held at Lakeshore Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Eight police officers were in attendance as well as firefighters from the Wilson-Racine fire station.

The police department is still changing over their information reporting system. The new system is not up yet so the usual statistics were not available.

Officers have been patrolling the intersections by Lakeview High School before the start of school. There have been complaints that students are speeding through streets and alleys. The police have not witnessed any problems, but will continue to monitor traffic in that area.

In August, an armed robbery during the daytime was reported. In September a similar incident occurred. An assailant with a b b gun robbed a nanny walking with 2 babies at 11: am at Lincoln and Warner. The assailant was caught. Because the 2 incidents are so similar in nature, the police believe one person may be responsible for both crimes. They are waiting for the victim in the first crime to positively identify the assailant.

A resident of the 1700 block of West Belle Plaine reported a graffiti problem in his alley. Police are checking into it.

The next CAPS meeting for beat 1923 will be held Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Baptist Church.

# Results of Neighborhood Canvass on Landmarks Announced

GWCA has compiled the results of the canvass of our neighborhood on the question of seeking Chicago landmark status for all or a portion of our boundaries. 174 responses were completed surrounding the September 27 special meeting on the landmark issue. The results were provided to Alderman Gene Schulner and Deputy Commission Brian Goeken. At press time, no decision had been made by the city to seek an expedited landmark application for any portion of Graceland West.

The results are: 86 in agreement with a landmark application; 70 in opposition to any landmark application; and 16 undecided. GWCA would like to extend a thank you to all of the neighborhood volunteers who participated in the door to door canvass of the neighborhood. Your hard work has allowed us to poll the neighbors on an expedited basis to address the issues surrounding the landmark application in response to the demolition permit for 4136 North Greenview.

The board voted to send a letter to the owners of the property. It stated that although neighbors are divided in their opinions on pursuing landmark status, they are united in their opposition to the demolition of 4136 N. Greenview. The board offered to assist them in any way as they endeavor to realize the home they'd like and maintain the façade of the property. The board has no knowledge at this time of the owners' final decision.

## *Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 2nd!*

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_