



# GRACELAND WEST NEWS

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## GWCA Calendar

### CAPS Beat 1922 Meeting

7 pm, Wednesday,  
March 2, 2005  
Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month



### CAPS Beat 1923 Meeting

7 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2005  
Lakeshore Baptist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month



### GWCA Book Club

March 10, 7 pm  
Ann Maxwell's House  
4240 N. Greenview  
*The Golden Compass*  
by Phillip Pullman



### GWCA General

**Membership Meeting**  
Monday, March 14, 2005  
Lakeview High School  
Community Room  
Park District Presentation



### UPCOMING DATES

### CAPS Beat 1922 Meeting

7pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2005  
7pm Wednesday, May 4, 2005  
7pm Wednesday, June 1, 2005

### CAPS Beat 1923 Meeting

7pm, Tuesday, April 12, 2005  
7pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2005  
7pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2005

### GWCA General Membership Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2005  
Warner Park and Gardens  
Gardening Presentation

### GWCA Book Club Meetings

Wednesday, April 6, 7pm  
Deirdre Jameson's house  
1422 West Berteau  
*Travels with Myself and Another:*  
*A Memoir by Martha Gellhorn*

Thursday, May 5, 7pm  
Jane Huber's House  
1407 Belle Plaine  
*Step-Ball-Change*  
by Jeanne Ray

## GWCA General Membership Meeting

Monday, March 14th, 7pm

Lakeview High School Community Room

Speaker, Tom Bracy,

Area Manager, Chicago Park District

He will inform us about programs and services in our area as well as across the city. Learn how the park district can enhance your life in the city.



## Meet your new GWCA Board Members

GWCA members elected three new board members at the December meeting. Here is a short introduction to them.

**Carol Blalock** resides on Pensacola. She moved there in July of 1996 with her husband **Brian**. She loves the neighborhood and is a big CUBS fan. She grew up in the suburbs, graduated from the University of Iowa and then settled on the northside. She works as a sales rep for U.S. Sample Corp., a company that makes swatch books for the home furnishing and apparel industries. She enjoys golf and tennis. She has been working as the CAPS Liaison for Beat 1922 and is looking forward to her tenure on the GWCA board.

**Dimitri Christopoulos** resides on Berteau with his wife **Libby** and his infant daughter **Elena**. They moved to the GWCA neighborhood in 2002. Libby owns a wedding design business, Dew, Inc., which she operates out of their home. Dimitri is an attorney who practices in the Beverage Alcohol and Hospitality Industry. Dimitri is a Chicago native and Libby is from Martinsville, in Central Illinois. They met training for the Chicago Marathon in 2000. Though retired from marathon running, they still enjoy getting out on the lakefront path. Dimitri and Libby also enjoy sailing in the summer on their boat "Le Beteau" out of Montrose Harbor. Dimitri is excited to serve on the GWCA board with responsibility for beautification.

**Jim Friestad** and his wife **Eileen** live on Greenview. They moved in on Halloween in 1996 from a condo in Lincoln Park. They still love Halloween in the neighborhood as well as the Garden Walk and Andie's restaurant. Jim grew up in Dekalb, IL and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration from U of I. He lived ten years in Vail, CO and four years in San Francisco working in the hotel industry but moved back to Chicago to be near Eileen. He earned a Certificate in Computer Programming from DePaul University, and worked as a programmer at Bank One and Arthur Andersen LLC. With the latter's demise, he ventured into several areas in the last few years including managing the 'here is new york' exhibition for The Department of Cultural Affairs and working for the Transportation Security Administration at O'Hare International Airport. He now operates his own business, an on site computer repair company, Sweet Home Computer, which he formed last year. Eileen is from the South Suburbs and has worked downtown for her entire career. Eileen has had a long career in Wealth Management representing two prominent Chicago families. Eileen comes from a dedicated White Sox family so living so close to the Cubs has always been a challenge for her. Her team is just a short ride on the "L" however! Jim is eager to participate on the GWCA board and handle website responsibilities.

# Comings and Goings

## Welcome to new GWCA neighbors:

**Chris & Monisha Lozier** moved in on Cullom as well as Dorine Hoss.

**Edward Folts** is at home on Belle Plaine and **Lynne and Matt** on Hutchinson.

**Diane Nale, Dr. Christopher Staehling** and **Robert Nolfi, Jr.** now reside in the row homes on Southport.

**Jeffrey and Carolyn Winick** have moved into their new house on Berteau with their sons, **Ben**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and **Sam**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The boys attend Anshe Emet. Stop by and meet them. They would love to make some neighborhood friends.

## Neighbors' News

**Brittany Andrews** of Cullom Avenue graduated for North Park Elementary in June. She entered Loyola Academy this fall.

**Nick Friedman** of Hutchinson portrayed Moonface Martin in the Latin School Production of "Anything Goes" last month.

GWCA board member **Jane Huber** visited relatives in Pakistan in February. She went to meet her new baby niece.

Send news for **Comings and Goings** to Deirdre Jameson, 1422 W. Berteau, 348-4198, [djameson@jameson.com](mailto:djameson@jameson.com)

## Audit 2004 T

The GWCA board would like to thank Sid Frisch, Andy Maxwell and Barbara Sullivan for donating their time to complete an audit of the GWCA finances for the year 2004. They found GWCA's finances accurate and in order. The results are listed below:

### Graceland West Community Association Profit & Loss January through December 2004

January 29, 2005	Jan-Dec 04
<b>Income</b>	
GWCA Fest	11,044.70
Interest Income	23.90
Membership Dues	2309.00
Miscellaneous Income	147.00
Other - Garage Sale	235.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,759.60</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administrative Expense	45.02
Beautification	1724.95
Garage Sale Expense	278.81
Garden Walk Expense	555.32
GWCA Fest Expense	6,900.09
Meeting Expense	817.28
Newsletter	2881.05
Program Expense	1,323.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>14,523.08</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-763.48</b>

## The Arts in Graceland West

The Ravenswood Music Institute, a ministry of the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, began its spring semester on February 5th. Ravenswood Music Institute offers classes for youth and adults in piano, voice, guitar, recorder and theory as well as a children's chorus. Classes take place on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 for adults and from 10:00 to 12:00 noon for children at Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, 4300 N. Hermitage Ave. Cost is \$40 per month per person with a \$10 registration fee. For further information, call 773-281-8172.

Art classes are available at Linda Eisenberg's house at 4232 N. Greenview on Thursdays from 1:15-4:15. Explore different media call if interested 248.1078

## Email Addresses

Do you want to receive neighborhood news electronically? Send your email address to [djameson@jameson.com](mailto:djameson@jameson.com). You will be added to the GWCA email list.

Did you give us your email address but have not received any emails recently. There could be several problems. If we received your email through a handwritten request, we may have misread it or entered it incorrectly. Have you set your computer to receive emails from GWCA? Some emails are returned saying the receiver is not accepting them. Finally, if your internet service provider changed, we may have an outdated address for you. Let us know your new address and we'll get the GWCA news to you faster!

## Streetscaping Project for North Clark St.

A meeting was held Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at Chase Park, regarding a process to develop and implement a streetscaping plan for north Clark St. from Argyle south to Montrose Avenue (4900N to 4400N). Scott Waldinger, from the Chicago Department of Transportation presided, along with Dan Luna, from Ald. Schuler's office, as the Alderman was unable to attend. A representative from Ald. Shiller's office was also present but did not speak. Approximately 40 to 50 area neighbors were in attendance.

At present, the Clark St. project is "unfunded", but the plan is to utilize proceeds from the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district that was created in 1999. Funds will begin accumulating due to new building development in the TIF district, and currently planned developments at the former Rainbow Skating facility (Lawrence and Clark) and the former Flash Cab facility (Leland and Clark) may be among the first to contribute. Disbursement of TIF funds would occur at some time in 2005, with design scheduled for 2006 and actual construction and implementation scheduled for 2007. Other funding options for streetscape projects include federal and state dollars, "General Obligation" bond funds, and developer money, although none of these sources is expected to be significant for this particular project.

The scope of the project is estimated to be \$3 to \$5 million depending on the size of the area and the elements that need improvement. Improvements in the other streetscape projects have included: New sidewalks and curbs, street resurfacing, including into side streets to the closest alley or 125 feet, new lighting, new "community identity" banners, new planters, new bicycle racks and new catch basins

Local residents will be needed "adopt" plantings including the actual plant purchases and ongoing maintenance. "Hardscape" improvements are maintained by the city. Mr. Waldinger stated that decisions about what exactly is done in each project are deter-

mined by the budget, combined with the wishes of the Aldermen and the wishes of the community. Two to three block increments are worked on at one time, and Mr. Waldinger stated that no streets would be closed during construction, but that traffic is diverted to side of the street when necessary.

Owners of buildings, who have "sidewalk vaults", would require a permit and have to pay a special fee to keep their building's access to these vaults.

It was continually stressed that this was a first information meeting, and that no decisions regarding design or implementation dates have been made.

A "question and answer" time then took place, with some questions as to whether it was premature to beautify an area that has not yet become a destination area. Others queried, "until current tenants of the "wholesale" companies decide to become involved, or until these types of businesses leave the area altogether, what's the point of the improvement?" Generally the reaction was favorable, however.

To view previous Streetscaping improvements and for more information, see [www.cityofchicago.org/transportation](http://www.cityofchicago.org/transportation)

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## Recycling Update

Mayor Daley's blue bag recycling program has received lots of negative press in the last month. GWCA neighbors who really would like to make sure their cans, bottles and newspapers are recycled may want to investigate [www.resourcecenterchicago.org](http://www.resourcecenterchicago.org). That website provides information on drop-off sites for recycling. They even have a drop-off site for garden waste although that is on the south side. They will come pick up recycling in the neighborhood if there are enough neighbors who want to participate. GWCA participated with this organization before the blue bag program began. If you would like to improve the recycling in our neighborhood, let the GWCA board know. If enough neighbors express interest the board will investigate resuming pick up with the Resource Center of Chicago.

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## GWCA Council Members

### Current Graceland West Council Members (& Responsibilities):

<b>Dale Petersen (1/04 -6/05)</b>	<b>281-4546</b>	<a href="mailto:drpchicago@aol.com">drpchicago@aol.com</a>
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<b>Tim McGonegle (1/04-6/05)</b>	<b>327-2940</b>	<a href="mailto:tmcgonagle@aol.com">tmcgonagle@aol.com</a>
<b>Jane Huber (6/04-12/05)</b>	<b>296-4200</b>	<a href="mailto:jhuber@sti-inc.com">jhuber@sti-inc.com</a>
<b>Bob Flannery (6/04-12/05)</b>	<b>549-7472</b>	<a href="mailto:flannerybob@yahoo.com">flannerybob@yahoo.com</a>
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<b>Carol Blalock (1/05-6/06)</b>	<b>281-1648</b>	<a href="mailto:cmcb918@msn.com">cmcb918@msn.com</a>

**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.

## **Beat 1922 Report** **Berteau to Lawrence, Clark to Damen** **December 1, 2004 Meeting**

Six police officers including: Mike Haas, Manny Mendoza, Kelly Simz, Officer Lamb, Officer McMahon & Officer Gablin; Faye Patterson, the CAPS liaison for Beat 1922 and 13 neighbors, representing GWCA, Ravenswood and other neighborhoods were in attendance.

### **Subjects Discussed:**

#### **Issue of the Homeless in the Precinct**

American Indian Center: "100% improved from a couple of months ago"

Church/Food Pantry located at Wilson & Hermitage: The Minister was present at this month's meeting to say that she is working with food pantry users to address problems such as disorderly conduct, littering, etc that were brought up at last month's meeting. She will continue to attend the monthly CAPS meetings to monitor the situation.

## **Update on Unsightly Dog Doo**

The GWCA board had an attractive green plastic bag dispenser installed on the corner of Berteau and Greenview. Its purpose was to provide dog owners with plastic bags to clean up after their dogs and thereby maintain clean attractive parkways. So

## **Lakeview High School Tutoring Program**

The Lakeview High School Tutoring program continues to operate and grow. If you are interested in donating an hour on Saturday mornings, please contact Janet Horwich at jhorwich@sbcglobal.net or call me at 773 975-0004.

GWCA would like to take this opportunity to thank the following neighbors who have facilitated, operated and contributed to this program. Janet Horwich has coordinated the GWCA end and Howard Binder has coordinated the student side. Ellen Romano assisted Janet. Terry Baublis, Aaron Gin, Sarah Hamlin-Gin, Alicia Hlustik, Dennis Jarrett, Kimberly Peterson, Jerry Stadheim, Angela Zucker, Keith Johnson, Linda Eisenberg, Mineille Ruiz, Donna Forsberg, and Shannon Brier donated their time and tutored regularly. Thank you all.

### **Newsletter Staff**

Deirdre Jameson, Newsletter Editor  
Jane Huber, Newsletter Assistant  
Iris Brenk, Design and Layout  
Ann Maxwell, Newsletter Distribution

### **Attempted Break-in on Greenview near Cullom**

The officers attending the meeting weren't aware of the incident, as they work the afternoon and evening shifts.

### **Disorderly Conduct at Winchester & Cullom**

A neighbor attending the meeting mentioned a problem with a man walking down the street, early in the morning, shouting and swinging a hammer in the air. Officers were aware of this individual and knew that he had a mental health history, and it was learned that the individual has been admitted to the psych ward of a local hospital.

### **'Tis the Season...**

Officers reminded the group that this is the season for stick-ups, auto theft and break-ins. Please be sure to be aware of your surroundings, do not leave gifts and packages in visible sight inside of cars, and do not use remote car starters and then leave your car unattended, as car theft tends to increase during cold weather due to the use of these remote starters.

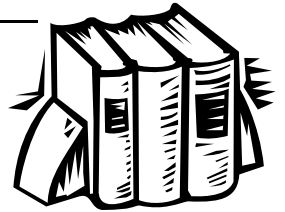
The next Beat 1922 Caps Meeting will take place the first Wednesday of January, January 5, 2005.

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far the plan has failed because all 400 bags were pulled out of the dispenser within three weeks. It would be cost prohibitive for GWCA to invest in more dispensers and more bags when the bags have to be replaced so often. Neighbors who still have concerns and/or solutions to the dog refuse problem are asked to contact a board member.

## **GWCA BOOK CLUB**

The GWCA Book Club continues to meet regularly. If you would like to attend, please contact the hostess directly and let her know.



Thursday, March 10th, 7 PM  
Ann Maxwell's house,  
4240 N. Greenview, 525.3249  
*The Golden Compass* by Phillip Putnam

Wednesday, April 6th, 7 PM  
Deirdre Jameson's house,  
1422 W. Berteau, 348.4198  
*Travels with Myself and Another: A Memoir* by Martha Gellhorn

Thursday May 5th 7 pm  
Jane Huber's House  
1407 W. Belle Plaine, 296-4200  
*Step-Ball-Change* by Jeanne Ray

Wednesday June 8th 7 pm  
Elizabeth Taubert's House  
2105 W. Giddings, 728-8832  
*Comfort Me with Apples: More Adventures at the Table* by Ruth Reichl

## **Beat 1922 Report** **Berteau to Lawrence, Clark to Damen** **February 2, 2005 Meeting**

In attendance: Six police officers including: Mike Haas, Manny Mendoza, Kelly Simz, Heidi Looney, Office Matosi & Officer Gablin; Faye Patterson, the Community Organizer for the CAPS Implementation Office; Pat King and Garrett from Ald. Schulner's office; 10 neighbors, representing GWCA, Ravenswood and other neighborhoods

### **Subjects Discussed:**

#### **Issue of the Homeless in the Precinct**

A neighbor reported a problem with homeless people sleeping in the vestibule of her building, located in the 4500 block of North Greenview Avenue. Police officer said that's it is a common occurrence for during cold months. Homeless people look for apartment buildings with unlocked vestibules. They then enter the buildings, head for the highest floor so that they're not easily seen, and sleep. Report any broken locks and make sure the vestibule doors close & lock behind you upon entering.

#### **Fire at 4211 N. Greenview Avenue on January 28, 2005.**

The officers attending the meeting weren't on duty the night of the fire (1/28/05) and were therefore unaware of the incident. The Community Policing Office for the 19<sup>th</sup> District (312/744-5574), stated that their report called the fire as of "an undetermined nature" and was "non-criminal" in nature.

#### **Graffiti**

Graffiti has increased on garages up and down Ashland Avenue. Be sure to call 911 if you see & suspect that someone is defacing property.

The next Beat 1922 Caps Meeting will take place the first Wednesday of March, March 2, 2005.

## **CAPS Beat 1923 January**

A CAPS meeting for Beat 1923 was held at Lakeshore Baptist Church on January 11th at 7 p.m. Seven police officers and 1 CAPS organizer were in attendance.

The graffiti problem in the neighborhood was discussed. No new incidents had been reported all month and patrols had been increased. Today, just before the meeting, a tagging incident was called in. The caller got the license plate number and police will follow up on it.

Some suspicious activity is being reported in Warner Park and Gardens. Police strongly suggest putting signage in the park which restricts park hours to daylight hours only.

Park hours are currently posted until 9 p.m. The change in signage will make it easier for police to patrol the park.

An aggravated criminal sexual assault took place on December 28th at 2:30 a.m. in the 3700 block of N. Wilton. The victim was approached by the offender as she was entering her residence. The offender displayed a weapon and forced his way into the residence. Once inside, the offender robbed and sexually assaulted the victim.

The top ten crimes for the last 2 months are as follows:

#### **November 9th to December 14th**

Theft - 28	Burglary - 24
Criminal Damage - 23	Battery - 22
Deceptive Practice - 10	Motor Vehicle Theft - 5
Battery - 8	Assault - 5
Robbery - 3	Narcotics - 2
Offense Involving Children - 1	

#### **December 14th to January 11th**

Burglary - 21	Theft - 19
Motor Vehicle Theft - 7	Criminal Damage - 7
Deceptive Practice - 6	Robbery - 2
Weapons Violation - 1	

The next meeting for Beat 1923 will be held on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:p.m. at Lakeshore Baptist Church.

## **CAPS Beat 1923 February**

The CAPS meeting for Beat 1923 was held Tuesday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Baptist Church. 8 police officers and one CAPS representative were in attendance.

Lee Koloze spoke to the group about the new 911 center at Madison and Loomis. If the physical presence of a police officer is required call 911. Call 311 to file police reports or for city services. If you call 911 you can request to remain anonymous.

The officers were happy to hear the posted hours for Warner Park and Gardens were being changed. The park will now be open from dawn to dusk. This will make it easier for police to patrol the park for suspicious activities.

The top ten crimes for Beat 1923 were as follows:

#### **1-12-05 to 2-8-05**

burglary - 13	theft - 11
criminal damage - 9	battery - 7
criminal trespass - 3	motor vehicle theft - 2
sex offense - 1	robbery - 1
public peace violation - 1	deceptive practice - 1

The next meeting for Beat 1923 will be held Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Baptist Church.



