

## Upcoming Community Events Calendar

**Quarterly Community Meeting**  
3rd Thurs of every third month.  
Business is conducted by vote of  
attending members.

●  
**Council Planning Meetings**  
3rd Thurs of the month  
before each membership  
meeting (for planning).

●  
**CAPS or other  
community meetings**  
\*For Beat 1922 (half of our  
neighborhood from Berneau  
north)...1st Wed of even months.  
\*For Beat 1923 (half of our  
neighborhood from Berneau  
north)...2nd Tue of odd months.

●  
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at Warner Park & Gardens  
Wed., May 21 at 7:00 PM

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at Chase Park,  
4701 N. Ashland  
Wed, Jun 3 at 7 PM

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Various locations throughout  
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Contact Christi Lowell with  
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Lake View High School  
Auditorium,  
Tue, Jul 8 at 7 PM

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## Welcome Spring!

### Next GWCA Community Meeting Announced

### Plan on Attending on May 21st at 7PM at Warner Park & Gardens Featuring Container Gardening Demonstration

Come out and enjoy a warm spring evening and catch up with your neighbors after a long, cold winter.

Our Thursday, May 21st Community Meeting meeting will be a warm-up meeting for the upcoming GWCA Garden Walk. We will start promptly at 7 PM with a container garden demonstration by Sheila Caswell of Fertile Gardens, located on Diversey, just west of Ashland. Sheila will work with containers for both sun and shade. Besides answering your gardening questions, Sheila will also give Fertile Gardens discount coupons to all attendees. Rain or shine, please plan to attend!



## PLANNING FOR 26TH ANNUAL GRACELAND WEST GARDEN WALK IN FULL BLOOM

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." Our 26th annual Garden Walk will be held this year on June 22nd from 12:00-4:00. It will be followed by our gardener's dinner in Warner Park at 6:00 PM. All are invited, even if you have not participated in the Garden Walk - just bring a dish to share. We need volunteers and, of course, gardens to make the Garden Walk a success. To volunteer, please call Donna Forsberg at 773-348-1469 or email [donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net).

# Comings and Goings

GWCA wishes to acknowledge two residents and offer them congratulations and Good Luck in their next endeavors.

**Lauren Frisch** of Greenview is graduating from the Latin School in June. She plans to attend Colgate in the fall.

**Patrick McAndrew** of Warner has been nominated for a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is one of the 31 finalists for this prestigious award. 10 winners will be chosen and announced in mid-May. Patrick teaches 5th grade at the Andrew Beye school in Oak Park. GWCA is rooting for you!

## GOOD BYE

Good-bye to **Heidi Huck** and her daughter **Illana** of Cullom Avenue, who will be moving to Petoskey, Michigan and to **Josh, Audry** and

**Andrew Eisenberg**, also of Cullom, who are moving to beautiful Oak Park (AKA the Graceland West of Harlem Avenue!).

## WELCOME

Welcome to **Erin and Mike Kelly & family** who recently moved to Pensacola; to **David Brown & family** who recently moved to Greenview; and to **Patrick Smith** who moved to Cullom Avenue.

## LOSSES

**Patch Huzenis** of Berteau -15 I/2 years old, (That is over 100 in dog years!) passed away at Easter time. He was one 4 pups that resulted from surprise indiscretion of the dog owned by "Larry the Tree Man". Larry, who passed away at 84 years old used to live in the graystone two-flat on the alley on the south side of Berteau.

Send news for the comings and goings section of the GWCA newsletter to **Deirdre Jameson**, [djameson@jameson.com](mailto:djameson@jameson.com)

## Warner Park Named One of Best Eight Places in the City to Read

Christopher Borelli wrote the following about Warner Park in the April 3, 2008 edition of the *Chicago Tribune*:

"The first thing to know about this patch of winding community garden is that you are welcome. Still ... at first it's not hard feeling like an intruder in a private yard, so intimate are the surroundings. What we have here is a garden and gazebo, a handful of slatted benches and stone seats in the middle of a residential block, sandwiched between a pair of old homes off Clark Street, as suburban a strip of real estate as you'll find in Chicago. But it is public. And cozy. Lois Buenger made sure of it. A neighborhood resident, she died five years ago, but not before buying the lot (and saving its beloved ginkgo tree) from developers. She took a second mortgage on her home to pay the \$72,000, said Margaret Weiner, program director for NeighborSpace, a non-profit that maintains green spots around the city. Fifteen years later, her health failing, Buenger sold the property (now valued at \$1 million) to NeighborSpace for \$600,000. The outcome: an urban oasis (with a few helpful electrical outlets, for laptops)."

Other sites listed on the "Eight Great Places to Read List"

**Great Hall at Union Station** 210 S. Canal St.; open daily, 5 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

**Behind the Evanston Art Center** 2603 Sheridan Rd., Evanston; 847-475-5300; open daily, 7am -11 pm

**Botany Pond**, University of Chicago 1101 E. 57th St.; open daily, dawn to dusk

**The Noble Tree** 2444 N. Clark St.; 773-248-1500; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends

**Scoville Park** 800 W. Lake St.; Oak Park; open daily, dawn to dusk

**The Golden Bean at Hotel Indigo** 1244 N. Dearborn Ave.; 866-521-6950; open daily, 6-11 a.m., 5 p.m. until closing

**G.A.R. Rotunda and Memorial Hall, Chicago Cultural Center** 77 E. Randolph St.; 312-744-6630; open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.

## Chicago Public School News

It was recently announced that Coonley Elementary has been designated as a Chicago Public School Regional Gifted Center beginning in Fall 2008. In addition to this designation, Coonley School will also be receiving additional capital funds from the City of Chicago for both interior and exterior improvement, including the creation of an outdoor classroom. This designation was accomplished through the efforts of Alderman Gene Schuster, Congressman Emanuel and Principal Kenndey-Kartheiser. It is a great example of community leaders getting together to ensure that the 47th Ward remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



## GOOD TIMES AND GOOD NEIGHBORS AT GWCA SPRING FLING PARTY

A small but lively group of GWCA neighbors attended the Spring Fling evening at the home of Andy and Ann Maxwell on Saturday, April 12th. Everyone enjoyed the appetizers and desserts provided by Barb Sullivan, Tim McGonegle and Deidre Jameson. The Chinese buffet dinner was also delicious. It was wonderful seeing old friends after our long Chicago winter, catching up with events on other blocks in the neighborhood and anticipating the pleasure of being outdoors again. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a pleasurable evening. Over \$350 was raised for GWCA!

### MAKE NEW FRIENDS! THREE GWCA COUNCIL COUNCIL POSITIONS AVAILABLE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Graceland West Community Association is comprised of a nine member volunteer leadership council. The council members serve rotating 18 month terms so that there is always a balance of new and sustaining members. The council works as a team and each member generally focuses on one or two areas of interest during his/her term. These

### LOCAL SHOPPING AND BUSINESS NEWS!

Have you been to **Candyality** on Southport? This new candy emporium is owned by Terese & Matt McDonald of Berateau. According the local email publisher Daily Candy, "McDonald consulted with a candy council of local seventh graders for tips on what's in (sour squeeze bottles, apparently) and chose her stock accordingly. It's quite literally a sweet tooth's paradise." Candyality is located at 3425 North Southport Avenue, at Newport Avenue (773-472-7800).

Barbara Schermer reports that **Umaiya**, a new Sushi restaurant on Montrose is a great addition to neighborhood dining options within walking distance of Graceland West. Umaiya is located at 1605 W. Montrose just west of Ashland. They also deliver!

Looking for some great local music from a fellow Graceland West neighbor? Check out local artist and Warner Ave. resident **Jack Callahan**. Jack can be seen regularly at Martyrs on Lincoln. Visit Jack's web site at [www.jack-callahan.com](http://www.jack-callahan.com) for current concert dates or to purchase his CD *This Unsettled Life*.

Are there any other musicians out there that play in local venues? Feel free to send your information along for future newsletters.

focus areas include schools, parks, garden walk, GWCA Fest, website, newsletter, fundraising, social events, alderman liaison, safety/security, etc. The Council generally only meets 4 times a year. You will find the experience interesting and rewarding in addition to being a great way to give back to your community. **We are seeking three able bodied candidates for expiring terms in June.** Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity. If you are interested, please contact any Council member. A contact list of names and emails is included in this newsletter.

### PETITION CIRCULATED TO PAVE GREENVIEW ALLEY

The petition for rebuilding and paving the alley bounded by Greenview, Montrose, Cullom and Ashland was submitted to Alderman Schulter's office in January 2008. Approximately 62% of the owners, whose property fronts said streets, signed the petition which suffices the 51 percent requirement. As proposed, upon submission the alley will be surveyed by field engineers, designed and property owners will be called to a public hearing. Prior to the hearing taxpayers will be notified by mail to the time and location.

If there are any objections to the alley being paved, the objectors are given a legal protest petition. Thirty days are allowed from the date of the public hearing to circulate the protest petition and submit it to the Board of Local Improvements. Over 51 percent of residents must sign the petition to successfully protest the alley paving.

Assuming all proceeds as planned, it should take approximately two years from the date the petition is received to rebuild the alley. For a copy of the full petition, with signatures, please contact Terry Baublis at 281-2958 or [motordc@aol.com](mailto:motordc@aol.com) and reference alley petition.

### GWCA Classified

One garage space at 1434 W. Belle Plaine immediately available. \$100 per month. Contact Toby Fried at 773 549-7468



# GWCA GARAGE SALE

## Saturday June 7th - 9am to 3pm

GWCA Neighbors: The "popular" neighborhood-wide garage sale is back again...Option B (see below) netted almost \$500 profit for our neighborhood last year - so everybody - clean out those closets, basements, attics...and Thank You!

- Option A:** Pay a small fee and run your own sale. For this fee you get:
- your location listed on the "Garage Sale Map" that is passed out the day of the event
  - signs
  - advertising in local newspapers
  - flyers delivered door to door and signs posted around the area
  - address listed on the required garage sale permit

**Option B:** Donate your stuff and GWCA members will sell it for you. We'll take a box full or a basement full! All proceeds will go towards community projects - i.e., GWCA fest, the Halloween party, neighborhood beautification, etc.

This year we will run the community sale at Warner Park and Gardens. Please drop the items off there by 7:30 am on Saturday, June 7th. This will be the advertised starting point for the sale - we hope to get great neighborhood penetration this year by locating this in a central location.

If you are inspired to "Get Organized"...then take advantage of this great day and participate with your own sale or by donating items.

Please call Garage Sale Coordinator Christi Lowell with any quest  
773.525.2426 or email [christilowell@aol.com](mailto:christilowell@aol.com).



## GWCA Garage Sale

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Option A: Where will your sale be held?

Garage: \_\_\_\_\_ Back yard/alley \_\_\_\_\_ Front yard \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to GWCA - members \$10.00, non-members \$20.00

Option B: I will drop off items to Warner Park & Gardens \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to help sell items on 6/7

Shift 7am-10am \_\_\_\_\_ Shift 10am-1pm \_\_\_\_\_ Shift 1pm-4pm \_\_\_\_\_

# GRACELAND WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES • JANUARY 21, 2008

Attendance:

X	Barb Sullivan-chaired		Ann Maxwell	X	Carol Blalock
X	Ann Bines	X	Keith Johnson	X	Christi Lowell
X	Steve Bines	X	Donna Forsberg	X	Jeny Kroah
X	Mike Kailus	X	Mark Nehring		

Meeting called to order by Barb Sullivan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
<b>February Meeting</b>	To be held at LVHS at 7PM. Community meeting, no potluck. Agenda was finalized: Budget Approval-K. Johnson CAPS trends-M. Lohss Election of new board members Neighborhood survey results-M. Johnson Format of Summer's Eve Party	Chair Barb Sullivan Secretary Jeny Kroah
<b>Nomination slate</b>	Josh Eisenberg Mark Nehring Mike Kailus 2 more nominees needed	Ellen Romano attended tonight's meeting and may consider running. Will let Barb know of decision.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Bob and Mary Beth F. will be taking over the newsletter. The deadline for submission of information for the February printing is January 27th. Please submit all info to Bob via e-mail.	Need to publicize the Spring Fling/silent auction at Ann Maxwell's house in April. Include sign up information as well as price for attendance. Solicit items for silent auction. Bob will ask Ann the admission price based on catering costs.
<b>Calendar updates</b>	Change February meeting to 7PM Add Local School Council elections on April 16; voting from 6AM-7PM 4/17 meeting at Sullivan's  5/15 meeting at Warner Park 7PM Garage Sale date will remain June, 7 Garden Walk 6/22	7/17 meeting Steve Bines will run again for community rep.  Carol B.-chair/Ann B. Secretary Donna F. will organize gardening/planting program for meeting. Need 3 more nominees for board by then Christi will chair, Ann B. will help. Explore moving "central" location to Warner Park instead of LVHS to increase foot traffic. Barb S. will do refreshments. Donna F. will chair Bines house
<b>LVHS Pool Repair</b>	Steve Bines reported on the stalled process for fixing the high school's pool. The pool has been inoperable for a significant period now and has resulted in the swimming teams	Steve will also get the necessary information to Bob to include in the next newsletter encouraging a letter writing/phone campaign of support by the neighborhood.

<b>LVHS Pool Repair, cont.</b>	being unable to practice and compete to their level. LVHS has a very strong wording/format of the letter.girl's team for those who aren't aware. Steve requested that a letter of support for funding to make the necessary repairs be sent by GWCA. The motion was passed as well as the wording/format of the letter.	
<b>Web Site Update</b>	The GWCA web site is down. It appears no one has "renewed ownership" of the domain name. The fee appears to be nominal.	Steve Bines will research and "grab" ownership of the site back. Fee will be reimbursed by GWCA. After checking that web domain is no longer available.
<b>General Information</b>	The 1923 CAPS beat meeting place is relocated to LVHS due to the sale of the church on Greenview and Berteau where the meetings were held. Mark Lohss(south beat) and Carol Blalock(north beat) continue to be our reps.	Publicize in newsletter
<b>4136 Greenview update</b>	Tim M. reported on the latest. Seeking a permanent injunction preventing the owners from building to their original plans. This will be determined at a hearing-date TBD by January 30th.	Tim will write an update for the next newsletter.

## GWCA COUNCIL MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Area of Focus</b>	<b>email ID</b>
Carol Blalock	1/07 - 6/08	1469 W. Pensacola St.	CAPS 1922 ( N. of Berteau)	cmcb918@msn.com
Donna Forsberg	1/07 - 6/08	4334 N Greenview Ave	Garden Walk	donnaforsberg@sbcglobal.net
Barbara Sullivan	1/07 - 6/08	4117 N Greenview Ave	Event Planning/Zoning	barbarasullivan06@comcast.net
Ann Bines	7/07- 12/08	4217 N Greenview Ave	Membership	annbines@yahoo.com
Steve Bines	2/07- 12/08	4217 N Greenview Ave	LV High School LSC	steven_d_bines@rush.edu
Ellen Romano	3/08- 12/08	1430 W. Belle Plaine		elromano@Ameritech.net
Josh Eisenberg	3/08-6/09	1442 W. Cullom		josheisenberg@hotmail.com
Mike Kailus	3/08-6/09	1461 W. Hutchinson	501c3	mkailus@hotmail.com
Mark Nehring	3/08-6/09	4330 N. Greenview Ave.		mnehring4@yahoo.com



**Summer's Eve Party**

Warner Park & Gardens  
Sat, Jul 12 at 7 PM



**Council Meeting**

Location, TBD  
Thurs, Jul 17, 7:30 PM



**CAPS Beat 1922**

at Chase Park,  
4701 N. Ashland  
Wed, Aug 5 at 7 PM



**Community Meeting**

Location, TBD  
Thurs, Aug 21 at 7:30 PM



**CAPS Beat 1923**

Lake View High School  
Auditorium,  
Tue, Sept 9 at 7 PM



**GWCA Fest**

4200 Block of Greenview  
Sat, Sept 6, 11 AM - 5 PM



**Graceland Cemetery Tour**

Meet at Graceland Cemetery  
Sun, Oct 19, 1:30 PM

**CAPS UPDATE BY MARK LOHSS**

Most of the March 11th meeting for Beat 1923 was about preparing for Cubs season, and the rash of thefts of portable GPS systems from cars around Wrigley field this past winter and spring (they are a hot item apparently and can be easily resold for quick cash). Also district 19 commander George Rosebrock retired and a new commander will be appointed soon.

The next meeting for CAPS Beat 1922 (North of Berteau) is Wednesday, June 4th at 7 PM at Chase Park, 4701 North Ashland.

The next meeting for CAPS Beat 1923 (South of Berteau) is Tuesday, May 13th at 7 PM at Lake View High School Note that Beat 1923 meetings are now held in the auditorium of Lake View High School.

More info on community crime can be found on <http://chicago.everyblock.com>.

**GWCA Council Researches Organizational Status**

The GWCA council is examining whether to convert its IRS election to a 501(c)(3) organization from its current status as a 501(c)(4). As a 501(c)(3), contributions to GWCA would be tax deductible to contributors. Council member, Michael Kailus of Hutchinson, is leading the effort on the 501(c)(3) issue. Mike can be reached at 773-750-6274 if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

**NEWSLETTER STAFF**

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Send any suggestion, news or corrections to [flannerybob@yahoo.com](mailto:flannerybob@yahoo.com)

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cl) \_\_\_\_\_

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. Please give us permission to publish for GWCA members only.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

# **UPCOMING GWCA COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## **GWCA COMMUNITY MEETING**

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FEATURING CONTAINER GARDENING  
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