

We are an all-volunteer led community organization bordered by Montrose (N), Clark (E), Irving Park (S), & Ashland (W). Graceland West is the only part of Lakeview north of Irving Park and is represented by both the 46th & 47th Wards.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 15 • 9:50 – 11:15am | Warner Park & Gardens, 1444 W Warner

- The event is free and open to all Graceland West residents over 18 years old. Bring your own mat or rug. Weather permitting.
- Please RSVP to info@gracelandwest.org by June 14 and check gracelandwest.org for possible additional summer dates.

SUMMER SOLSTICE ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, June 20 • 6:30 - 8 pm | Warner Park & Gardens, 1444 W Warner (rain location as needed)

- Program: Judy Pollock, President of **Chicago Birding Alliance** (former Chicago Audubon) will return by neighborhood request and share information on local and migrating birds and their needs.
- Neighbors Ben and Sarah Conley are certified TreeKeepers, who will provide support information on habitat for birds and tree care.
- Neighborhood updates, Garden Walk sign-up, semi-annual Council election.
- Summer Solstice Potluck, bring a finger food app, main or dessert to share. BYO beverages, compostable plates and reusable utensils.

42ND ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Sunday, July 28, 1-5 pm | Throughout neighborhood, start at Warner Park and Gardens, 1444 W Warner

- Sign up by 7/15 at gracelandwest.org/garden-walk to show your apartment, condo, house, school or business garden of any size and type.
- Printed and virtual maps and garden descriptions will be available. Information Tables to include Master Gardeners, TreeKeepers, Native Plant Pollinator Pathway and Stormwater Absorption Initiative and Pizzo Native Plant Landscape.
- Invite family, friends, or neighbors to enjoy our neighborhood gardens with you.

LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY | Details shared when available

Late Summer • Early Fall | Lake View High School, 4015 N Ashland

- In 1873 the citizens of Lake View Township voted to establish a High School. Built on land donated by the Graceland Cemetery Company, Lake View High School was constructed at a cost of \$16,000 and opened its doors to 73 students on May 4th, 1874.
- After a massive fire nearly destroyed the entire building in 1885, Lake View reopened in 1886, with a new four-story addition.
- In 1916 a new 5-story building was erected and in 1939 another section was added.
- Today Lake View High School encompasses 77,000 SF and a full-city block. A \$27 million renovation project was completed in 2018.

44th ANNUAL GRACELAND WEST NEIGHBORHOOD FEST

Saturday, September 14, 3-8 pm | 4100 block of Greenview between Belle Plaine & Warner – Now on Saturday!

- DJ, euchre tournament, trivia contest, raffle, silent auction & experience parties, bounce house, basketball, miniature golf, tie-dye t-shirt creation, magic show, pizza truck, cotton candy, beer, wine, craft cocktails and more!

FALL COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, September 26 • 7 - 8:15pm | See website and social updates for topic and location

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 26 • 11am – 1pm | Warner Park & Gardens, 1444 W Warner

11TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER STREET LEAF CLEAN-UP:

November 16-24 | Kickoff 11/16 at 10am at Greenview & Belle Plaine, Berteau & Cullum

- Reduce stormwater flooding and increase pedestrian safety.

WINTER COMMUNITY MEETING & HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Thursday, December 5 • 6 - 7:30pm | See website and social updates for topic and location

- A brief GWCA business meeting, 2024 recap & semi-annual GWCA council elections

Engagement • Preservation • Environment • Community • Service • Action • Social

Visit gracelandwest.org for details on GWCA's initiatives + updates & details on all these upcoming events. Save these dates and join us!
gracelandwest.org | facebook.com/gracelandwest | instagram.com/graceland_west_gwca

Congratulations Lake View Class of 2024! | Congratulations graduates on receiving over \$1.9M in scholarships and acceptances to over 180 Universities. Lake View is home to over 1476 students grade 9-12. Lake View’s Core Belief is Honor... for self, school, and society. Ownership... of learning and leading. Mastery... of skills and growth. Education... for the future.

4116 North Clark Zoning | Thank you Alders Pawar, Martin and Clay, the GWCA Council and neighbors for helping with the 5+ year vacancy at the former 7-11. We are told that the 7-11 lease ends in July 2024. On May 7th GWCA held an in-person Community Meeting and joined Alderwoman Clay’s on-line Presentation with potential tenant Seth Boustead, Executive Director of **Access Contemporary Music**. ACM wants to bring their fourth neighborhood site to Graceland West to teach music and hold recitals and small indoor concerts. GWCA Members voted 89% Yes, 11% No to change zoning from RS-3 to B3-1 if ACM is the tenant. Members voted 84% Yes, 16% No to allow ACM to sell alcohol during indoor music concerts if ACM becomes the tenant.

#9 Ashland Bus Extension | Alderman Martin has announced that the CTA 9 Ashland bus will be rerouted from its current turnaround on Clark north of Irving Park to continue north on Ashland to a new terminal at the Ravenswood Metra Station. The extended route will also provide direct connections to the Metra, #78 Montrose bus, and #81 Lawrence bus. Additional details are forthcoming.

Pollinator Habitat Donations + 3 New Sites | Thanks to a \$1,000 donation from Congressman Quigley and a matching \$1,000 donation from neighbor Mark Signa, the GWCA Native Plant Pollinator Pathway and Stormwater Absorption Initiative established 3 new sites in May. Each will provide pollinator habitat and absorb more than 2,000 gallons of stormwater annually. All will be on our July 28 Garden Walk. Contact GWCA if you’d like to develop a corner parkway, or share information about your native plants, grasses, shrubs, trees, rain gardens, green roofs and green efforts.

Cicada Photos Wanted | Celebrate our 2024 double cicada brood emergence, the first in 221 years. Email photos to info@gracelandwest.org

Neighborhood History Sought | Lake View High School was established in 1874, 150 years ago and neighborhood development began in the early 1890’s. GWCA’s September meeting will focus on our history. Please contact membership@gracelandwest.org if you have a property built before 1900 or if your family has information or photos dating from 1870-1970.

Fest Donations + Volunteers Sought | Looking for individuals to help the day-of event in a variety of roles. Have a connection to a local business or a unique activity/experience you can donate to our silent auction? Please contact info@gracelandwest.org

BECOME A MEMBER

Name(s) _____
 Email(s) _____
 Phone(s) _____
 Address _____ Total Paid: _____ via Zelle Venmo Check Date _____

Name 1	Name 2	Interest Areas
_____	_____	Block Representative (communications / outreach / neighborhood issues)
_____	_____	Leadership Council (18-month term)
_____	_____	Membership (growth / coordination / outreach)
_____	_____	Website & social media
_____	_____	Communications
_____	_____	Interests (<i>circle area(s) of interest - Aldermanic Issues, Aging in Place, Children & Family Activities, Environment, Flooding, Gardens & Greenspace, History, Lake View High School, Preservation</i>)
_____	_____	Events (<i>circle event(s) to potentially help with - Garden Walk, Graceland West Neighborhood Fest, Halloween Party, Holiday Programming, Quarterly Meetings, Leaf Cleanup, Yard Sale</i>)

Membership Levels	1 year	5 years
<i>Individual</i>	\$15	\$60
<i>Couple / Family / Business</i>	\$25	\$100
<i>Senior Individual / Couple</i>	\$10	\$40
<i>Nonprofit / School</i>	\$20	\$80

1 • Complete Form & mail to 1466 W Hutchinson or email to membership@gracelandwest.org
2 • Submit Payment via Zelle (info@gracelandwest.org) or QR code below,
 via Venmo (@graceland-west-community-assoc) or QR code below,
 or mail check payable to GWCA to 1466 W Hutchinson
 GWCA membership questions? Contact us at membership@gracelandwest.org



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Consider an additional GWCA tax-deductible donation. Thank you!
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