

MONTROSE AVENUE



43RD ANNUAL GRACELAND WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GARDEN WALK

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 1-5 PM

Boundaries

Montrose to Irving Park | Clark to Ashland

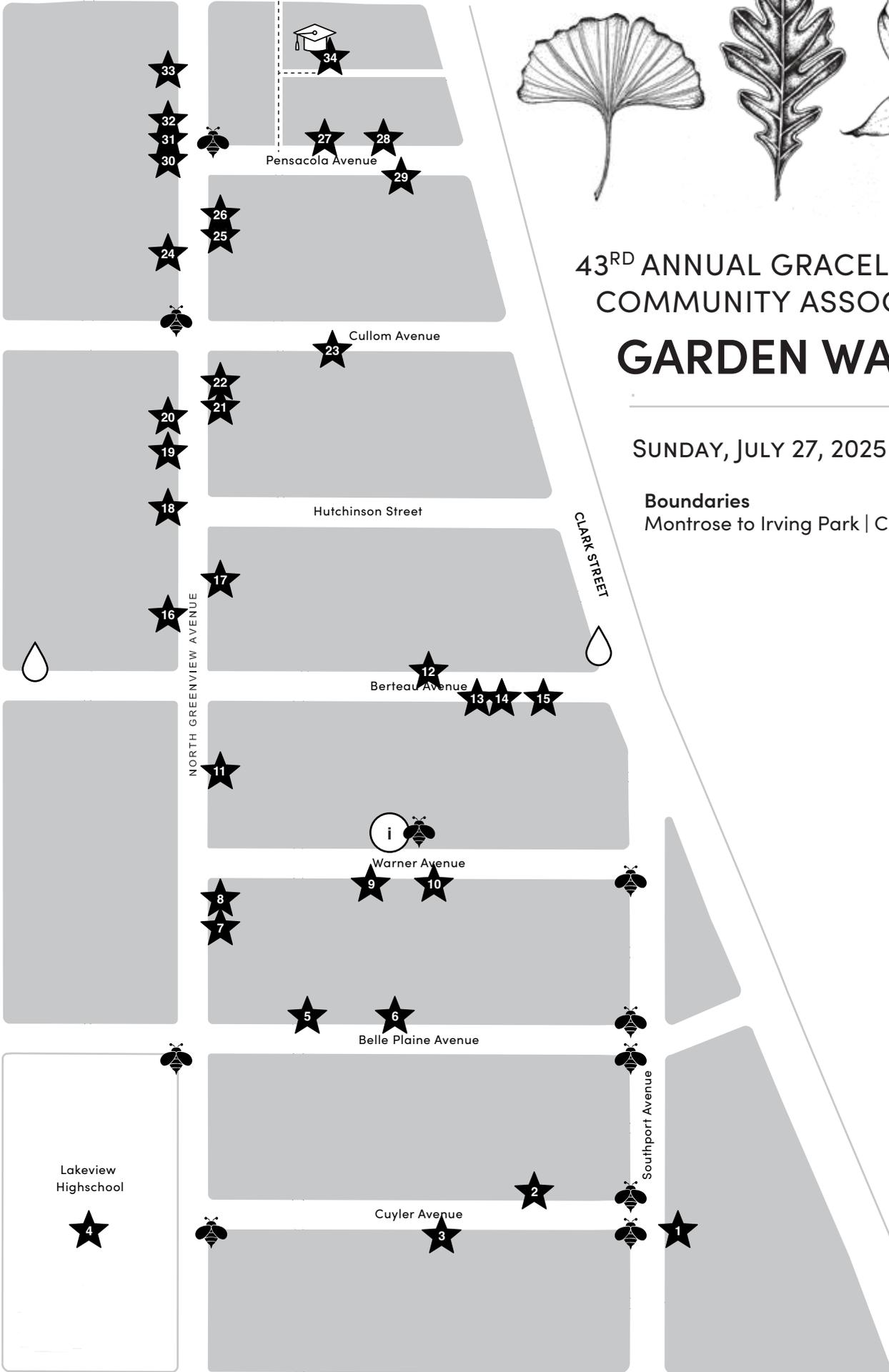
ASHLAND AVENUE

NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE

CLARK STREET

Southport Avenue

IRVING PARK ROAD



1. 4013 – 4035 N Southport Avenue – Southport Place

Southport Place had one of the most recent landscape renovations to add to the neighborhood stretching almost a half city block. In August 2023, Cityscape Landscaping did a complete redesign and full removal of the existing landscape to a more refreshing/consistent look. The design focused on trees and plants that offered plenty of different colors throughout the entire season. Trees, various plants, low voltage lighting, and a sprinkler system were added.
Front yard

2. 1416 W Cuyler Ave, Apt 2 – Container garden

Our huge Norway maple assures that no ground plants can survive. We rely on containers for some color.
Front yard

3. 1435 W Cuyler Ave

Front yard

4. Lakeview Highschool – LVHS Native Plant Garden

Every year, Lake View High School JROTC does a continuous improvement plan (CIP) project to improve the program and school as a whole. During the 2024/2025 school year, cadets in the program decided to do a school cleanliness project to improve the environment of the school, which included limiting the flooding from storms. This garden contains plants native to the Chicago area.
East & West of Playground

5. 1460 W Belle Plaine – Native Plants / 1893 house

Mostly native trees, shrubs, plants and grasses, including Red Bud, Hawthorne, Serviceberry, Ohio Buckeye, Ninebark, Low Grow Sumac, Rudbeckia, Sedges, Ferns, Yarrow, and Wild Ginger provide bird, bat, bee, butterfly and beneficial insect habitat. Deep rooted native plants plus soil amended for maximum absorbency help retain stormwater.

Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Front Yard, Parkway, Sideyard

6. 1446 W Belle Plaine – Belle Plaine Beech

Several shades of impatiens add color interest to our small lawn and boxwoods. Around the beeches you'll find bigleaf aster, nodding onions, ornamental onions, wild stonecrop, alumroot, fox sedge, joe pye, spicebush, bleeding heart, Canadian wild ginger, wild strawberry, mayapple, oakleaf hydrangea, and limelight hydrangea. The boulevard includes swamp white oaks, dwarf crested iris, blue flag iris, nodding onions, Canadian wild ginger, and ornamental huechera and boxwoods.

Front Yard

7. 4117 N Greenview Ave – Horto in Urbs

Our landscaping surrounding the house was designed and installed by local landscape architect Diane Bancel in 2008 to provide for a progression of blooming perennial plants, shrubs and trees for all seasons. The brick and stone walled seating on the rear patio is centered on a wood pergola with a wall fountain and pots of annuals, and plantings on two outdoor decks, completing the reversal of Chicago's motto into our own "garden in a city."

Front Yard, Sideyard, Backyard, Pergola and stone walls

8. 4125 N Greenview Ave

Front Yard, Backyard

9. 1451 W Warner Ave

Tolentino-Pellus

Backyard design by Tony Butterworth formerly of Christy

Weber. The objective and challenge was to create three zones in a small space for dining, conversing and lounging.
Front Yard, Backyard

10. 1437 W Warner Ave – Sanctuary

Our shade garden provides sensory interest all four seasons. It features perennials and native plants. A 100 year old silver maple dapples the sunlight. It's a labor of love and continual experiment.

Front Yard, Backyard

11. 4145 N Greenview – Greenview Gardens

We are a multi-unit condo building with several gardener owners. We all work together to maintain the grounds. Features include a parkway full of native, pollinator -friendly plants, front gardens that mix native and cultivated plants for three seasons of color and texture, and a whimsical backyard complete with ivy-covered treehouse and numerous display-worthy planters.

Front yard, Back yard, Parkway

12. 1436 W Berteau Ave – Berteau Gardens

19 species of trees are the main event of this quiet urban oasis forest. Special credit goes to the gigantic Japanese Maple in front, ostentatious Tri-Color Beech with its side-by-side mono-colored grafted root stock twin, Western Red Cedar which may one day tower over the neighborhood, and the featured soloist Lace Bark Pine in the middle. Other species rounding out the chorus include Yew, Paperbark Birch, Brown Birch, Serviceberry, Asian Dogwood, Hemlock, and Curly Needle Pine. Draped over an arbor in the back is a very old Concord Grape vine which produces 150+ lbs of fruit each year. And interspersed between the trees and perennial plantings are vegetable garden, experimental shade gardens, Ostrich Fern displays, and whimsical annual flower arrays and punctuations.

Flower Bed/Ornamental, Vegetable Garden

13. 1423 W Berteau Ave – Marell Garden

Backyard is zen inspired and our place of peace and relaxation. Front yard is a mixture of bushes and plants and flowers we find interesting.

Front Yard, Backyard

14. 1419 West Berteau – Our peaceful place

On a trip to Japan, we fell in love with their gardens. This is our attempt to create one here at home. Dwarf evergreens remain green all winter long. They symbolize hope and endurance; and that resonates with us.

Front Yard

15. 1413 W Berteau Ave – No More Grass

Anchored by the Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry and the Oak Leaf Hydrangea, the garden features aralia cordata, amsonia hubrichtii, allium (ornamental onion), calaminta nepeta, sesleria autumnalis (autumn moor grass), rudbeckia fulgida (little suzy black-eyed susan), salvia nemorosa (wesuwe salvia), echinacea (purple coneflower), amsonia tabernaemontana (blue ice), eurybia divaricata (white wood aster) and the carex appalachia (appalachian sedge). The garden is a brilliant splash of color that makes birds, insects and humans happy.

Front Yard

16. 4204 N Greenview – A Little Haven

Attracting butterflies and growing greens and tomatoes has shaped my yard.

Back yard

17. 4217 N Greenview - My Happy Place

My happy place. Changes with the seasons. Changes with my mood. A place to create.
Front yard, Back yard

18. 4230 N Greenview - Bird-Bee Haven

Front yard is planted with drought and shade tolerant perennials. Backyard contains a combination of bird/bee/butterfly plants and trees (both annuals and perennials) in soil and containers. There are two fountains and multiple bowls to act as bird baths as well as two seating areas. Combination of sun and shade loving plants throughout.
Front yard, Back yard

19. 4240 N Greenview - Hutchwell Family Garden

This mature garden sitting on a 52' wide lot has been on the Graceland West Garden Walk for many years, and is undergoing exciting changes with new owners as of 2022. The back yard has been maturing for 15+ years and is a lush urban haven filled with incredible hydrangeas, flowering dogwoods, peony bushes, a magnolia tree and a beautiful stone fountain that has been in the family for over 20 years! Be sure to check out the two 100+ year old rare Japanese Zelkova trees along the brick wall in the alley that provide incredible shade from the harsh western sun. Fun fact: the garage is original to the property (circa 1914) and was originally a horse stable and still features a (now decommissioned) water pump inside! The front yard (redone 2023) features 29 boxwoods, two (young) Japanese maples, multicolor hellebores, bright pink phlox, several species of young hydrangeas, lirioppe and pachysandra plus an exciting spring tulip garden in the parkway. The oversized front yard also features several very old and beautiful Japanese Zelkova trees and a beautiful maple tree. Come visit the front and rear yards to see the yard in all its current glory, as 2026 may hold new and exciting changes!
Front yard, Back yard

20. 4248 N Greenview - The Wild Witch

Natural habitat with surprise treasures from the Fae.
Front Yard, Parkway, Backyard

21. 4249 N Greenview- A Quiet Space

Backyard

22. 4255 N Greenview

House garden with large lawn areas and perimeter plantings. Pergola open car port.
Front Yard, Backyard

23. 1435 W Cullom Ave

Front Yard

24. 4308 N Greenview

Front Yard, Backyard

25. 4315 N Greenview - Diane's

Adapting each year to new possibilities.
Front Yard, Backyard

26. 4319 N Greenview

Two years into our garden and still lots to learn! Our garden has lots of perennials, and every month we discover something new. Our yard is a work in progress and will be updated as we learn!
Front yard, Back yard

27. 1460 W Pensacola Boulevard

28. 1448 W Pensacola - Victorian Accent

Small garden sanctuary for Joy and Roxy, and sometimes party venue. 31 years after purchase, it's pretty much how I want it.
Front Yard, Backyard

29. 1445 W Pensacola - The Jungle

Front Yard, Backyard

30. 4328 N Greenview

The front is a gravel garden. The backyard has a perennial border in full sun.
Front Yard, Backyard

31. 4330 N Greenview - For Birds, Bees & Butterflies

The garden has evolved and expanded significantly over the past 18 years we have lived here. The garden is highly focused on perennials and more recently on native plants which help the local wildlife and the environment. Multiple water features throughout the garden complete the relaxing setting.

32. 4334 N Greenview - Donna's Garden

The garden contains native plants appropriate for pollinators. Seven trees are located on the property including three black walnut. Come and see.
Front Yard, Sideyard, Backyard

33. 4346 N Greenview - Greenview Acres

The front garden, on a double, deep lot is designed to be formal and structured in keeping with the building's design. Take the center walk to the secret entrance to the pollinator garden. Beyond that is the shade garden and pottery reclamation area and then the yard, ending at composting site.

34. 1447 W Montrose - Quantum Leap Academy

Kids activities!
(Alley entrance)

Key



Participating garden



Pollinator Pathway / Stormwater Absorption plots



The Berteau Greenway Bioswales from 1400 Berteau through the Berteau / Greenview traffic circle to the bioswales at Berteau and Ashland



Warner Park and Gardens



Warner Park & Gardens Kids Pollinator Pathway Site (Some native plants in)
Visit information tables set up in the park for Garden Walk maps, GWCA information, GWCA Pollinator/ Stormwater Absorption sites, Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

Blue lobelia, Butterfly milkweed, Cardinal flower, Ohio spiderwort. Prairie onion, Smooth penstemon.



N/E corner of Pensacola / Greenview

Lambs ear, Penstemon, Day lily, lily of the valley, Cranes bill, Lily turf, Honeysuckle, Perilla, Yarrow, Amsonia, Blue star, Russian sage



N/W corner of Cullom / Greenview (New in 2024), 1504-1510 Cullom

Site will be all native in 2025. Current natives include Anise Hyssop, Aster, Beardtongue, Bee Balm, Black Eyed Susan, Coneflower, Foxglove, Phlox, Salvia,



S/W corner of Belle Plaine / Greenview. Installed in 2015.

Bee balm, Black-eyed Susan, Coral bells, Fleabane, Joe Pye Weed, Mountain Mint, Purple coneflower, and more.



S/E corner of Cuyler / Greenview (New in 2024), 4023-4025 Greenview

Big leaved aster, Calico aster, Blue lobelia, Cardinal flower, Blue flag iris, Penstemon digitalis, Wild blue indigo, Wild white indigo



S/W corner of Warner & Southport

Columbine, Coreopsis, Echinacea, False indigo, Joe Pye weed, Little bluestem. Mountain mint, Prairie blazing star, Rattlesnake master, Smooth penstemon,



N/W corner of Belle Plaine & Southport.

Anise hyssop, Aromatic aster, Butterfly milkweed, Common bone-set, Little bluestem, Monarda bradburianna, Mountain mint, New jersey tea, Oak sedge, Penstemon digitalis, Purple coneflower, Riddell's goldenrod.



S/W corner of Belle Plaine & Southport

Landscapers "weeded out most natives"



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N/W corner of Cuyler & Southport

S/W corner of Cuyler & Southport

Butterfly weed, Golden Alexanders, Gray-headed coneflower, Lead plant, Little bluestem, Obedient plant, Red columbine, Penstemon, Purple coneflower, Rattlesnake master, Spiderwort, Swamp milkweed, Whorled milkweed



Berteau Greenway, Bioswale between Ashland & Clark on Berteau, 1400 - 1600 Berteau

Bioswale:



Quantum Leep Academy 1447 W Montrose

Join us at the QLA School stop for a unique and engaging garden experience as part of the Graceland West Garden Walk! Our stop offers a variety of interactive activities that are perfect for garden enthusiasts of all ages. Here's what you can look forward to:

1. Birdhouse Making: Unleash your creativity and craft your very own birdhouse. This fun and hands-on activity is perfect for kids and adults alike. Take home a beautiful birdhouse to attract feathered friends to your garden.
2. Coloring Mandalas: Relax and express your artistic side by coloring intricate mandalas. This activity is not only calming but also a great way to explore the beauty of geometric patterns inspired by nature.
3. Potting Small Plants: Get your hands dirty and learn the basics of potting small plants. You'll have the opportunity to pot your own plant and take it home, adding a touch of greenery to your living space.
4. Mini Smoothie Making Class: Discover the joy of creating healthy smoothies with ingredients straight from your garden. Our mini smoothie making class will guide you through the steps to make delicious and nutritious smoothies, perfect for a refreshing treat.