

JPNA

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter for Spring 2018

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General Meetings:

Last Wednesday of Month @ 7pm, Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 West Giddings. All are welcome. Anyone can attend.

March 28: Ms. Elizabeth Jurkacek will discuss changes in Real Estate probate Laws. Jacob Dimuzio will talk about "Turning the Page" which is the feature article in this Newsletter.

Board Meetings:

Second Monday of Month @ 7:15pm, 16th District Police District, 5151 N. Milwaukee Ave. All members are welcome.

Organization in Focus: Turning the Page

Turning the Page reached out to JPNA about their organization to talk at one of our meetings.

Turning the Page's mission is to link public schools, families and our community so that, together, we can ensure students receive valuable educational resources and a high-quality public education.

Programs include Community Nights, Author Visits, and Summer Learning Events, as well as Parent Leadership programming, teacher professional development and book distributions for families' home libraries. Programs build on each other to support school communities and parents leaders becoming skilled and confident in their abilities to improve education through ongoing family engagement.

COMMUNITY NIGHTS - Turning the Page Community Nights, eight of which are held at each partner school per year, consist of educational parent workshops, literacy-based child mentoring activities, book giveaways for families' home libraries, and a free, healthy family dinner.

AUTHOR VISITS - Since 2001, more than 75 author and illustrator volunteers have visited 150 Community Nights! Visiting authors read one of their stories to families and answer student questions. Classrooms of students will have discussed the author's book beforehand and often prepare a special welcome for the visiting author.

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Sgt. Alvarez Says,

"Lock your car, house, garage doors and windows, all the time, every time.

Recent news reports have featured motor vehicle hijackings throughout the city. In order to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a carjacking, always lock your car doors as soon as you enter your vehicle. Remain cognizant of your surroundings and avoid sitting in your parked vehicle for a prolonged period. Be aware of people walking toward your car.

There has also been a rise in thefts of vehicles left unattended and running. Consider a remote starter if you want to warm up or cool down your vehicle before getting into it.

As always, do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle, especially in plain view. This also includes your garage door opener. Remember, also never keep your identification items or financial documents inside your vehicle. Please consider implementing the above crime prevention tips to increase your personal safety and retain all your belongings.

If you suspect a crime, **Call 911**. For more information, call the CAPS Staff and Sgt. Alvarez at 1-312-742-4521

Safety Tip

To help the police, firemen, and paramedics place your address on the back of your garage.

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SUMMER LEARNING Events- Learning shouldn't stop when school is out of session! During the summer months, Turning the Page partners with local museums and other cultural sites to host a series of innovative Saturday and evening field trips.

PARENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES - Turning the Page's parent leadership initiatives help parents identify their strengths, build social capital within their school communities, and take action. TTP leads at least two six-hour leadership conferences each year for parent leaders across all partner schools, where parents come together to learn from one another and collaborate on ideas to improve their schools and serve their neighborhoods.

SUPPORTING PARENT LEADERSHIP PROJECTS - Turning the Page provides parent leaders with extensive support and guidance at each of their schools, and in the community, throughout the year. TTP parent leaders have started parent-teacher organizations, organized sustainable service initiatives and health initiatives and math and science nights, have testified at city council hearings and participated on principal selection panels and school budget committees.

Help Stop the construction of 16 floor Skyscraper at Lipps and Ainslie

Donate for Lawsuit by sending check to 5150 Lawsuit, PO. Box 30072, Chicago, Illinois 60630-0072 or GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/2017ch12986-lawsuit-fund>

Membership is Important The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association has been in existence since 2001. We have been a positive influence in the community. As different issues arise, the JPNA takes a stance which, we hope, is always in the best interests of its Neighbors. We NEED YOUR INPUT, thoughts and concerns. We would like you to be a part of our decision making process. We encourage your ideas which would improve the lifestyle in and around our neighborhood. We would love to be able to count you as our member. Joining is easy and, hopefully within your budget. We have both a 1- year and 2-year membership with discount for those over 50. "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" you may ask. The next time the JPNA takes a stance on an important issue, sponsors a worthwhile event, YOUR voice was being presented and, I hope, that feels great.

—Eva Skowronski, Board Member



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Garden for the Hungry Fundraiser, April 7 2018, Rabbits Bar 3-6PM

Summer 2018 Articles: Ethics and Garden for The Hungry.

Deadline for Articles and Advertisement is May 25, 2018. Call 773-282-3879

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