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Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter for Summer 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.

June 27 - Sara Moscovitz, Citizens Utility Board: "What's going on with electric rates/companies?"

July 25 - Irene Flebbe, Forest Preserve, Cook County: Help with yard maintenance the "green" way. Also, "what's biting me here?"

To our Dear Friend Andy:

Many of us at the JPNA have known Andy since 2005. It was Andy who found out, through our neighborhood association, about the community's interest in starting a vegetable garden and to donate the harvest to a food pantry. He then passed this on to his son Seth, who made this his Eagle Project. Andy instilled good character and hard work to his son. He was at the garden with Seth all the time, overseeing the project, yet letting the young man make needed decisions.

Witnessing this "Father & Son" relationship, showed us what a role model Andy was to Seth. When the Eagle Project was finished, this garden had become the "Talk of the Town." Even though Seth went away to school, Andy worked on that garden for hours and delivered pounds and pounds of healthy vegetables to the Northwest Church of Christ Food Pantry every Sunday.

Andy was also very innovative. He knew it was hard to maintain a garden without a good water supply. He found a way to connect to a nearby water hydrant (legally) and, in this way, get the needed moisture for his crop. And, Andy was also an entrepreneur. He worked very hard at fundraisers so he could buy more seedlings, plants, soil and mulch to keep the garden growing.

Although some of us were trying to help out, ANDY was the one who just kept on working the many hours needed. His only week-end off was when he took his Scouts on a trip.
you, Andy, from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do.

We are all amazed at Andy's energy and his wonderful attitude, especially when our excuses of not coming out more often to help are just accepted by hinting "that's ok, there is next time." We love Andy, not only because of what he does, but what he represents as a beautiful human being.

Love you, Andy,
Eva,

Board Member

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Sgt. Alvarez Says,

LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS ON YOUR HOUSE, CAR, GARAGE, ALL THE TIME, EVERY TIME

With the weather warming up, more citizens are out riding their bicycles. This is a good time to review bicycle safety. Reduce your chance of a serious head injury by wearing a properly fitted bicycle helmet. The majority of bicyclists who die in motor vehicle crashes were not wearing bike helmets. When riding, go with the traffic flow and obey all traffic laws. It's really important to make sure you and your bike are visible to drivers. Increase your visibility to drivers by wearing reflective cycling clothing and accessories. Invest in a front and back light combo, preferably with a flashing rear light for additional safety.

As children are out walking this summer, it's also important to remind them to walk in pairs and avoid walking in alleys and playing inside vacant houses. Remind children to never accept a ride from a stranger and never get into a stranger's car. Tell your child to say NO! LOUD and CLEAR! Please practice your safety tips and have a safe summer!

If you suspect any crime, call 911. For more information, call the CPS staff and Sgt. Alvarez at 1-312-742-4521

Safety Tip(s)

Remove the release cord from your Garage overhead door. Thieves break into overhead doors by drilling hole and use a wire to catch the overhead cord release.

When walking or biking at night wear a bright color. A Blaze Orange vest can be purchased from Outdoor Store for under \$5.

When staying at a hotel use a rubber door stop (under \$5) to prevent unwanted access when you are in the room.

DO NOT share on Social Media when you are out of town or when you are leaving.

William Brian Wardman

To our Dear Friend Andy:

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I would like to also add that when my kids were in the Scouts for years, where he was a leader, he selflessly put in lots of time with these Scouts; and his dedication is nothing short of outstanding. People like Andy who contribute so much to the community make the world a better place.

Thank You
Colleen Murphy
President

LIPPS AND AINSLIE

By Colleen Murphy

There is a proposal of a 16-story building at the northeast corner of Lipps and Ainslie. The construction of such a tall and dense building would set a precedent, not only for Jefferson Park but, also, for the entire northwest side. It would create much additional traffic, parking issues and further overcrowding at the local schools, already between 130% - 160% capacity. These are all concerns important to the local community.

Despite community opposition, in the form of a petition with 1,000 signatures against this building, Alderman Arena still chooses to move forward with this project. Ron Ernst, a JPNA board member, has filed a lawsuit, on his own behalf, to prevent this construction. He has raised a sizeable amount of money through fundraisers and donations using the 'go fund me' page. But, any additional help would be appreciated.

You can contribute by going to <https://www.gofundme.com/2017ch12986-lawsuit-fund>. If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to Ron Ernst, C/O JPNA, P.O. Box 30072, Chicago IL 30072.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Election time is coming in November 2018 and February 2019. Remember THE CANDIDATES who share our VIEWS and VALUES. Vote and CAST your BALLOT Accordingly.

UPDATE ABOUT 5150 N. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY!!

By Colleen Murphy

About a year ago, 6,500 signatures were collected opposing this 7-story building plan. At that time, an agreement was in force limiting construction height to 4 stories. This came from the Gladstone Park Commercial Corridor Study, written by a senior member of the Chicago City Dept. of Planning. It was then endorsed by the Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce and the Gladstone Park Neighborhood Association. The Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce added their endorsement for the area south of Foster and the Expressway. YET, Alderman Arena was and is intent on going forward with this plan.

The developer needed \$26 million in low income housing tax credits to be approved by the Illinois Housing Development Authority for this venture to go forth. But, the IHDA has decided NOT to award these **needed tax** credits for this construction. And, the next time these tax credits can be requested for this project will be in March 2019. Please keep this in mind as the next aldermanic election will be held in **February 2019 and COME OUT AND VOTE!!**

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT! The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association has been in existence since 2001. We hope we have been a positive influence to the Community. As different issues arise, the JPNA takes a stance which we believe to always be in the best interests to 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 a discount for those 50 and over. "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" you may ask. Well, the next time the JPNA takes a stance on an important issue, sponsors a worthwhile event, or leads a petition drive, YOUR voice was being represented and, I hope, that feels Great!



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Jeff Fest sponsored by Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce: August 3-5, 2018. Jefferson Memorial Park, 4822 N. Long Ave. <http://www.jeffersonpark.net/jeff-fest-arts-and-music-festival/>

Throwback Music Festival sponsored by Gladstone Chamber of Commerce: September 7-9. 6030 N. Milwaukee Ave. <https://www.facebook.com/events/258846714589314/>

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