



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

Newsletter for Winter 2018/2019

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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.

December 17: JPNA Christmas Party, Dino's Pizza, 7004 W. Higgins 7-9pm.

January 30: TBD

HollyJollyJP

By William Brian Wardman

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, Children and Parents of Jefferson Park welcomed Santa and his helpers at Jefferson Memorial Park. Santa transformed the Esdohr House, built in the 1880's, into his workshop. Children were able to talk to Santa Frank, have their picture taken, see Santa's Naughty and Nice Book (no-peeking), and see the toys ready for packaging. While in the workshop, live music was played by Steve Gulyas. Once leaving the workshop, Children and Parents went along looking through the side window where Santa slept when he was in Jefferson Park.

After taking a picture with Santa, Children went into the field house to create a framed picture or ornament of their own design. Parents and Children then went into the gym where they received free water and vendors were setup to sell their wares. Photobooth Printz provided a Free Photo Booth for goofy photos to remember the day, and music played by Ten Twelve Entertainment was enjoyed by everyone.

Vendors included: Oliver & Company,; Rachel Allison Pottery; Rinyo, Inc; Soapably; Stella & Dot; Yumies for you, Tastefully Simple; Photobooth Printz (Sponsored by Trisha Kannon Real Estate); Amati Originals; Blue Line Glass; Delightful Pastries; Denise's Cupcakes; Eleni's Bling 'a Ding Ding; Andrea Pierro-Reindeer Food Stuffs; and Pamela P. Wu - Stampin Up (Cards), and Usborne Books. Gifts from each vendor were raffled off to the lucky winners.

There was also activity upstairs in the auditorium. Children and their Parents were greeted by Hot Cocoa, Popcorn, and a Movie. This was a full day for all!

HollyJollyJP was a free event sponsored by the Jefferson Memorial Park Advisory Council, Chicago Park District and the Jefferson Park Chamber. Volunteers from Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (JPNA), Northwest Unite, Chicago Park District, and Jefferson Park Forward spent many hours to help make this event a success.



Sgt. Alvarez Says,

"Lock your car, house, garage doors and windows all the time, every time!"
With the approaching holiday season, criminals are looking for opportunities to steal your gifts. Please take extra precautions and be mindful of the mail and parcels you are sending and receiving. The following prevention tips can deter thieves from stealing packages. Consider having your package delivered to a location where it can be received by a trusted person. Another alternative would be requesting that the shipper hold the package at their respective facility. Or, you can register to receive email notifications from FedEx, UPS and companies like Amazon to track your package from initial shipment to its arrival location. Valuable items should be insured. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

If you are thinking of volunteering in 2019, please consider becoming a court advocate.

Demonstrate your support for the victims and witnesses of crime in your community. Your presence in court sends a strong message to the alleged offender (and to other would-be offenders) that crime will not go unnoticed in our district. Please contact our Community Policing Office for more information at (312) 742-4521.

If you suspect any crime, call 911. For more information, call the CAPS Staff and Sgt. Alvarez at 1 (312) 742-4521.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Mayor and Alderman

Election time is coming Tuesday February 26, 2019.

First day of early voting: 2/11/2019

Last day of early voting: 2/15/2019

Last day mail ballots can be postmarked: 2/26/2019

Remember THE CANDIDATES who share our VIEWS and VALUES. Vote and CAST your BALLOT Accordingly.

Spring Newsletter Deadline
February 22, 2019
jpna@jpna.net

Neighborhood Business You Should Know

Dino's Pizza

Dino's Pizza is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We have been serving the neighborhood since 1968. We offer a variety of Italian favorites, Sandwiches, Chicken & Ribs, along with our award winning Pizza. We have a Banquet room for parties up to 100 people. We offer catering, carry-outs, delivery service, and dine-in with full Bar available. Looking forward to seeing you soon. We are located at: 7004 W. Higgins, Chicago, IL 60656, (773)763-4077. Thank you JPNA for choosing us for your Christmas Party

WINTER KINDNESS FOR ALL

By Eva Skowronski

December Holidays are filled with gift giving. So, please, let's not forget to 'give' something to our doggie pals, namely pet-friendly sidewalk melt. This will not burn their paws as they tread through snow & ice. (Sorry to admit, but my 'pal' won't wear booties). Yes, it's a bit more expensive than the regular salt but isn't it worth our pets' well being? WOOF, WOOF!

Now, think about all the people using our sidewalks to get to the trains, buses, schools, businesses. Please make it easier for them by clearing your sidewalks of all snow/ice as soon as possible. See City Ordinance 10-8-180 for details. Also, if you can, try to help an elderly neighbor who can't quite handle this chore. Not that anyone wants to be 'unkind' but if it becomes difficult to get around your unshoveled sidewalk, a person can make a "snow-uncleared sidewalk" report to the City of Chicago 311 service request line. To avoid the possibility of any fines, just have your shovel ready at all times. Thank you.

Help Stop the construction of 16 floor Sky-scraper at Lipps and Ainslie

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

Ethics in Politics By William Brian Wardman

Many companies around the world have their employees take classes in ethics. This is to ensure that all employees and their families understand ethics laws. For example, if your position is privy to inside information regarding development, you, or any family member, cannot profit from that information. Another example would be that you cannot accept gifts, of any size, because of your position. Depending on the industry, there are internal and external agencies that track and monitor infractions that may occur. Not following ethics can result in loss of credibility, loss of business, loss of job, financial fines (both personal and company), and jail time.

Unfortunately, many elected government officials who represent voters have shown a disregard for ethics. How often have we heard the following?

- The purchase of property at a development site not yet known to the public.
- Taking money from developers and architects for zoning changes. (See Chicago Tribune, Sunday December 9, 2018, Beyond designing, architects donate).
- Taking money from an industry which legislators regulate.
- Receiving free or discounted Chicago Cubs Tickets or free parking.
- Obtain multiple anonymous social media accounts for the purpose of attacking citizens.
- The list goes on and on.

I must clarify, if someone is violating ethics, that does not mean it is illegal. There is a Chicago Board of Ethics set up to help improve public perception and confidence of the City officials and workers. The purpose of the Ethics board is stated within the Introduction as follows:

" The Chicago Board of Ethics (the "Board") was created to administer the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance (the "Governmental Ethics Ordinance" or "Ordinance"), which is Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago ("the Code"). The Board is charged with maintaining records, educating City employees, officials, lobbyists and the public regarding ethical standards in Chicago government, issuing confidential advisory opinions, and adjudicating and/or settling charges resulting from investigations regarding matters related to the Ordinance."
(<https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/Ordinances/Rules-Reg-2014.pdf>)

There is an ethics pledge which employees and officials can accept whether they will follow ethics laid out by the City. It is not required for officials to take this pledge. It should be noted that most of the Aldermen did not take the pledge.

The City of Chicago Board of Ethics Ordinance as stated above (<https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/Ordinances/Rules-Reg-2014.pdf>) outlines ethics and provides penalties if they are violated by public officials. If we have such an Ethics Ordinance, why are some of these violations not being addressed properly and appear to be without consequences? The people that are managing ethics review and penalties have very little authority; and every-day citizens do not even know that this "Ordinance" exists and that they are able to file complaints. The impact of elected officials not following a code of ethics is the continued break down of public confidence in our elected system. This can be shown in poor election turnouts.

What can be done? As citizens, issue complaints with evidence to the Ethics Board on violations. All ages should become more involved in being part of ethics boards and being part of the solution. Moving forward, there needs to be a change in the paradigm. This is what happened with the Chicago White Sox scandal in 1918. An autonomous commission (this could be the Board of Ethics) that is non-partisan needs to be empowered and should be separate from elected officials. They should have the ability to initiate penalties to violators and provide evidence to federal law enforcement if there are any illegal activities.

Jefferson Park Winter Market

Copernicus Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence: Sundays: Dec. 23, Jan. 27, April 7 and May 5, from 10:00 - 2:00pm

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