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Meetings

You are all invited to come to the JPNA Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings.

With the help of Alderman Gardiner, the JPNA is hosting an informative get-together with the following speakers: **Senior Civil Engineer Michelle McKinney, Metropolitan Water Reclamation Dist. of Greater Chicago, Superintendent John Gallagher and Angel Hawthorne** from the Water Dept. The members and community residents will have an opportunity to bring up their concerns and questions (in a respectful manner).

Free parking is available at the Hoyne drive-up Bank, Milwaukee & Giddings. Refreshments will be served.

Nadig Press, a Neighborhood Staple By Eva Skowronski

When was the last time you bought the Nadig Press? Oh, you can't remember. Well, let's change that right now. You can get it directly from their office at 4937 N. Milwaukee. Or, if you don't want to go in, there is a newspaper box right outside. It costs \$.50 a week to pick it up. The newspaper is also available at most local convenience stores. This price has been in effect for about 25 years! What other item of purchase do you know has had the same price for that kind of time? Keep thinking about that.

If you don't want to handle the 'physical' copy of the paper and you like to read it on your computer or phone, you can sign up for the digital version at \$19.50 per year. Another way to help bring in more revenue is by placing an ad for various categories: Community Events, Apt. for Rent, Garage Sales, Help Wanted, Special Sales, Contractors offering their trades, etc.

I think it is wonderful to live in a neighborhood that has its own news outlet. And, how many of us get 'free advertising' by having our own Publisher, Brian Nadig, attend those events, meetings and other gatherings and write about them? Chicago's Northwest Side Press celebrates its 83rd Anniversary this year. Let's give them a 'hand' in going on for a few more decades!

Poor Municipal Election Turnout — Time to be Progressive!

By William Brian Wardman

The turnout of the February 28, 2023, and April 4, 2023, municipal elections was 35.85% and 38.67%, respectively. Municipal General election turnout is typical, as indicated by past turnouts of 35.45% (2019), 35.85% (2015), and 35.85% (2011).

Mid-term (2022) and presidential (2018) election turnouts tend to be higher at 46.39% and 73.29%, respectively. Moving the municipal elections to the mid-term means we immediately gain 8-10% points of voter turnout. The benefits of moving the municipal elections to the mid-term would include the following:

- Increase voter interest: Voters will be voting for mid-term candidates and municipal candidates at the same time.*
- Warmer weather for voting: The average November temperature is higher than February (41.3 F compared to February 28.8 F).*
- Cost: Consolidating mid-term and municipal elections will decrease costs due to having polls and counting votes in November.*

Let's move municipal voting from February to the same time as the mid-terms. Let's hear your thoughts on moving the municipal election from February to November.



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Residential and Apartment Burglaries

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves. They often get in through an open door or window. A vacant house, or one that appears to be vacant, is an appealing target to a burglar. This is true during the work day when everyone may be at work or school, or during a vacation, a weekend away from home, or a business trip.

Here are a few safety tips:

- *DO NOT advertise your schedule/vacations on social media.*
- *High quality surveillance cameras, "Ring style" camera doorbells. Use them.*
- *Invest in an alarm system with indoor/outdoor cameras, window, door, and motion sensors.*
- *Renting? Several well known alarms can be portable and leave a low footprint.*
- *Doors should be solid. Glass panels are especially vulnerable, so consider laminated glass or a grill.*
- *Both front and back doors should be fitted with a deadlock.*
- *Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under the doormat or in a flower pot. Thieves know this trick by now. If you must, then get creative.*
- *When you aren't home, use a timer set to turn interior lights on and off at varying intervals as though your home was still occupied.*
- *Don't keep large amounts of cash or really valuable jewelry around the house; or install a well built and properly secured safe in a secret location.*
- *Engrave all valuables with a unique identifier. Take pictures of these items with identifier and upload them to a secure cloud service.*
- *Be a good neighbor. If you see something suspicious, call the Police. DIAL 9-1-1.*

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