

# Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (JPNA) Newsletter for Summer 2023





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#### Meetings:

June 28, 2023: Several Businesses will present.

July 26, 2023: Lionel Rabb from the Paschke Art Center,

August 30, 2023: John Garrido from the Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation . Nominations for President, Treasurer, and 3

**Board Members** 

September 27, 2023: Speaker TBD. Election of President, Treasurer, and 3 Board Members

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association General Meetings at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, basement auditorium, 5320 W. Giddings. Free parking is available at the Hoyne Drive-up Bank, Milwaukee & Giddings.

Refreshments will be provided.

# Migrants in Jefferson Park

By Floyd Rueger

The time is 8:00 p.m. on the eighth of May. Approximately 18 women, children and young adults were spread out with their few belongings on the floor of the 16th District Police Station on Milwaukee near Foster. Some area residents brought them donuts and sweets from Dunkin' and other places. A board member of the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association brought them hot cheese and egg sandwiches which they graciously accepted. All of these immigrants were asylum seekers from Venezuela, and had been sleeping on the floor in the lobby of the police station for 6 days. They did not know how long they would be there, or where they would go from there. Having journeyed through Mexico, they crossed the Rio Grande and entered the U.S. border near Brownsville, Texas. From there they were brought to San Pedro, Texas, and put on a plane to O'Hare. Then a bus took them to various police stations. The ensuing confusion of the language barrier, bathroom and shower arrangements, meals, health products and toiletries were organized on a time line by Shelley Frizelis of the 15th district station, aided by many area churches and private residents of Jefferson Park. Bilingual officers, college students and Spanish speaking neighbors helped with communications. The above mentioned group is not the first wave of asylum seekers to be delivered to our area, and is expected to be an on-going situation. So, the migrants wait as the city sets up more official shelters. As of May 19, there are no known plans to construct an adequate shelter in our area or repurpose a building such as a vacant school. The alderman's office (45th ward) is greatly concerned about ALL individuals comprising the 3,000 homeless people in Chicago. Anyone interested in donating clothing, food, or meal preparations for the refugees must first contact Shelley Frizelis at 312.639.5410 or email Shelley.Frizelis@chicagopolice.org.

It became public knowledge that as of May 28, asylum seekers from the 16th District Police Station and other districts were being taken in increments to Wilbur Wright College at Montrose and Narragansett. The upgrade is actual cots, gymnasium space, better bathrooms, and shower and laundry accessibility. The imminent future problem is that all this could evaporate August first when legitimate students need the facilities. Another major concern is private and/or public food procurement: It is difficult to find the balance or truth of whom or what may now be providing some or all food and other resources for these homeless individuals. The Wright College facility is under 24-hour security including no unofficial visitation or photos allowed. The contact person, whose name and email was not given out by security, did not respond to inquiries.



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#### 1. Request Your ride inside

Minimize the time that you're standing outside by yourself with your phone in your hand.

#### 2. Check Your Ride

Every time you take a trip with Uber, please make sure you're getting into the right car with the right driver by matching the license plate, car make and model, and driver photo with what's provided in your app.

#### 3. Have the driver confirm Your name

In addition to the Check Your Ride safety steps, you can also ask the driver to confirm your name before you get in the car.

#### 4. Be a back-seat rider

Whenever possible, sit in the back seat, especially if you're riding alone.

#### 5. Always wear your seat belt

## 6. Share your trip details with loved ones

While en route, tap Share trip status in the app to share your trip information.

#### 7. Protect your Personal information

Uber technology anonymizes your phone number when you call or message your driver through the app and masks your pickup and drop-off addresses in a driver's trip history.

#### 8. Follow Your intuition

Trust your instincts and use your best judgment when requesting a ride with Uber. If you feel you're in an urgent situation, call 911 by using the Emergency Button in your app.

And remember, if you feel unsafe you can end the ride at any time.

#### 9. Be kind and respectful

Please respect fellow passengers and your driver and their car

#### 10. Give feedback about your trip

After each trip, you're asked in the app to rate your trip.

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## **Events**

Jeff Fest @ Jefferson Memorial Park:

- Friday August 4, 2023 5pm—10pm
- Saturday August 5, 2023 2pm—10pm
- Sunday August 6, 2023 2pm—10pm

Throwback Fest @ Gladstone Park

- Friday September 9, 2023 5pm-10:30pm
- Saturday September 10, 2023 11am—10pm
- Sunday September 11, 2023 11am—8:30pm

Jefferson Park SUNDAY Market @ Jefferson Memorial Park:

• 2nd and 4th Sunday from 9:30am—1:30 pm from June to October

# Quotes

Learn from the Past, Plan for the Future, Live in the Present.

The less time you have your line in the water the less fish you will catch.

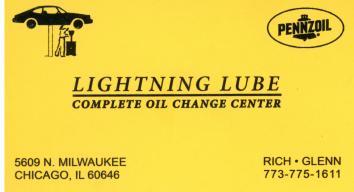
— William Brian Wardman

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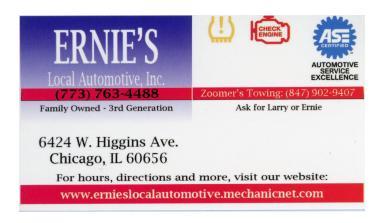














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