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Meetings

You are all invited to JPNA meetings at 7pm Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings.

MARCH 26, JOHN RUBINO FROM THE 'NEW PARADISE ITALIAN BAKERY'

APRIL 30, JOHN GARRIDO FROM THE GARRIDO STRAY RESCUE FOUNDATION

MAY 28, ALDERMAN GARDINER, 45TH WARD

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

IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE

Interview of Alderman Gardiner by Eva Skowronski

.....AND, A 'TRADER JOE'S IS COMING TO THE AREA' (JOYFUL SCREAMING BY A CROWD OF ABOUT 200 INTERRUPTED THE END OF THIS SENTENCE) WHERE CVS WAS LOCATED AT FOSTER & HIGGINS. NOW, WASN'T THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE BY ALDERMAN GARDINER AT HIS COMMUNITY MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, LIKE A 'DREAM COME TRUE'? WE HAVE ASKED ALD. GARDINER AS TO THE TIMELINE INVOLVED BETWEEN HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OWNERS OF TRADER JOE'S AND THE FINAL OUTCOME. THE FOLLOWING IS A CONDENSED INTERVIEW WITH THE ALDERMAN:

Q: ALD. GARDINER, WHEN DID THE EARLY CONVERSATIONS BEGIN?

A: EARLY CONVERSATIONS BEGAN AFTER CONTACTING CORPORATE OFFICES IN OCTOBER OF 2023.

Q: WHEN DID THEY BECOME MORE SERIOUS?

A: OCCURRED IN MID APRIL OR EARLY MAY OF 2024.

Q: WHAT WERE SOME OF THE ISSUES NEEDING TO BE RESOLVED?

A: IN ORDER FOR TRADER JOE'S TO OCCUPY THAT PROPERTY, THERE WAS A ZONING AMENDMENT AND A RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUE THAT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

Q: ALD. GARDINER, HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU SECURED THE DEAL?

A: I FELT VERY HAPPY AND PROUD FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. KNOWING HOW MUCH THE RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA WANTED A TRADER JOE'S AND BEING ABLE TO DELIVER FOR THEM, IS AN AMAZING FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

TO BE HONEST, I AM VERY HAPPY FOR THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN JEFFERSON PARK BECAUSE THIS ADDITION IS A CLEAR SIGN OF WHAT IS SOON TO COME TO OUR COMMUNITY. BY ATTRACTING AN ANCHOR STORE, WE ARE INEVITABLY LETTING RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND INVESTORS KNOW THAT JEFFERSON PARK IS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS ON THE RISE. WHEN YOU WITNESS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS LIKE TRADER JOE'S BUY PROPERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT WILL HELP ATTRACT RESIDENTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES TO OUR GREAT COMMUNITY. (ALDERMAN GARDINER - 45TH WARD) THANK YOU, EVA S.

YES, TRADER JOE'S PRESENCE HERE MAY START A TRICKLE EFFECT. AND, THE INFLUX OF SO MANY NEW SHOPPERS COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS WILL BE NOTICED BY BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURS ANXIOUS TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO RENT, LEASE OR BUY AVAILABLE PROPERTIES WHEREVER AVAILABLE. HOPEFULLY, FROM THAT EARLIER 'TRICKLE', WE WILL EVENTUALLY GET A 'GUSH' OF LIFE.

THE JPNA HAS INVITED ALDERMAN GARDINER TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH MEETING SO HE CAN GET FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS ON 'DREAM COME TRUE, PHASE 2.'



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Get The Most From Your Beat Meeting

Beat community meetings are a key part of the CAPS (The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) strategy of partnerships and problem solving. These meetings, held on all 285 police beats in the City, provide a regular opportunity for police officers, residents, and other community stakeholders to exchange information, identify and prioritize problems, and begin developing solutions to those problems.

What Are Beat Meetings ... And Why Are They Important?

Beat community meetings are regular meetings held on all 285 police beats in Chicago. Every beat is required to meet at least quarterly, although the vast majority of beats meet every month or every other month. (Beat meeting schedules are available by calling the City of Chicago Information Hotline at 3-1-1.) The primary purpose of the beat community meeting is to allow beat residents, other community stakeholders and police to discuss chronic problems on the beat and to engage in problem solving using the CAPS five-step problem-solving process. Beat community meetings provide an opportunity for police and community residents to exchange information about conditions in the neighborhood, to identify crime and disorder problems, and to develop strategies to combat those problems. The meeting also provides an opportunity for police and community to get to know one another.

Who Conducts Beat Meetings?

Beat community meetings are hosted by the Chicago Police Department and are usually conducted by a team consisting of a resident beat facilitator and a beat officer.

Become An Informed Decision-Maker and Problem-Solver

Once you become aware of all the problems on your beat, you may have additional information that would be helpful to residents and police as they analyze the problems and work on solutions.

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Rudy's Bicycle Shop — OUR HISTORY

Rudy's is proud to be part of the Portage Park neighborhood of Chicago for over 60 years.

Originally the store location at 5711 West Irving Park Road was called Lundin's Bike Shop, owned by Harry Lundin who first opened the store in 1937. At that time Rudy Kubica Sr. and his brother Paul were working at the Schwinn Bicycle Co. Rudy Sr. heard that Lundin was retiring and selling the store, so he purchased the store in 1961. He changed the name to Rudy's Schwinn Cyclery. At first Rudy Sr. and his family lived behind the store with all 5 kids sharing one bedroom. Later with the expansion of the business the name was changed to Rudy's Cycle and Fitness.

Rudy Jr. worked with his dad since he was a kid. He worked alongside him until 1984 when Rudy Sr. retired. Rudy Jr. took over the business and managed the store for over 35 years until his retirement in 2021. Rudy Jr. continues to be an active cyclist while enjoying retirement and is a frequent customer.

Rudy's Cycle & Fitness has always been run with the philosophy "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CUSTOMER." Rudy's employees listen to their customers, ask questions and help them find the right bicycle for their needs. Rudy's Cycle also knows that time is important -- so they do the research for their customers by checking product reviews and forums, using bikes and accessories themselves, and belonging to cycling clubs to stay up to date with the latest and best products.

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Since 2024, Rudy's has been owned by Christopher Keenan who is carrying on the Kubica Family tradition of serving the local community with all their cycling needs. Rudy's Cycle & Fitness is your local bike shop that will continue to serve and grow on the Northwest side of Chicago for years to come.

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