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Upcoming Events

General meetings:

April 30 – Presentation on Participatory Budget ballot

May 28 - Presentation on flood prevention

June 25 – Steve Mancini presentation on home repairs

All general meetings are free and open to the public and are held at the Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5320 W. Giddings, in the basement auditorium at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are provided.

Volunteers needed!

Farmers Market Task Group – if interested, contact Merril at merrillynnmiller@zoho.com

Education Task Group – if interested contact Lotty at BCarlotty@yahoo.com or 773-736-1702

TIF Zoning Task Group – if interested send us a note at JPNA@jpna.net

Current Officers: Judy Skotzko , *President* Ed Irsch, *Treasurer* Brian Wardman, Vice-President Mike Bezanson, Secretary

Board Members: Lotty Blumenthal, Merril Miller, Eva Skowronski

All letters presented here are by individuals, who do not speak for the JPNA.

Happy spring, everyone!

At least, I hope spring weather is here by the time you read this. We've had a horribly brutal winter and I'm sure most of us, if not all, are glad to see it end. At least we're happy that those high heating bills are behind us and we can enjoy the lull until the high air conditioning bills start.

Our upcoming meetings will have presentations on keeping your home in tiptop shape. We'll also have a presentation on the Participatory Budget ballot. Voting for the Participatory Budget will take place in early May and we encourage all residents of the 45th Ward to vote. It's your chance to have a say in how money is spent in the Ward.

Speaking of the Ward, election season is upon us. I'd like to remind everyone that the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association does not endorse any candidate. Candidates are free to attend our meetings as is any member of the community. We may also facilitate debates or candidate forums as we've done in the past. Please check our website to see if we schedule any of these events.

Our Sunday Market will be starting on June 8th; we'll still be at Jefferson Park but look for us on Long Avenue, near the playground. It will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month through October.

The JPNA helped at another event at Channel 11 on Monday, March 10. That evening, we took pledges for the Antique Roadshow and Yanni. The group enjoyed the catering from Tre Kronor restaurant. Channel 11 is always grateful for our help and asked us to come back soon. If you are interested in participating in future pledge times, please let us know so we can contact you. We get recognition as a "group" by having 10 or more volunteers. It is a worthwhile cause and one you will enjoy. If you're interested, please contact Eva Skowronski.

If there's a topic that you'd like to see addressed at one of our meetings, please let us know. You can send an email to jpna@jpna.net. We're open to suggestions and will take all reasonable ones under consideration at our board meetings.

We hope to see you soon!

Judy Skotzko President, JPNA

Membership IS Important!

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association has been in existence since the year 2000. We have tried to be a positive influence in the community. As different issues arise, the JPNA takes a stance which, we hope, is always in the best interest of its residents. And, that's where you come in. We need your input, thoughts and concerns. We would like you to be 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 now have a 2-year membership at a \$5.00 saving, and we also have a reduced senior (55+) membership. "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" you may ask. Well, the next time the JPNA takes a stance on an important issue, or sponsors a worthwhile event, YOUR voice was being represented and, I hope, that feels Great!

- Eva Skowronski

JPNA Board member

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