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SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER

ECHOES 2005 - Join your friends and neighbors at the Tenth Annual Echoes celebration at the Three Arts Club. The Event will run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 5 and will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music. Many fine specialty items donated by your favorite boutiques, service providers and area restaurants will be offered for your chance to win by raffle. Come early and give yourself every opportunity to win great prizes. The ticket price is \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door.

Chair Beth Zanarini and Co-Chair Mary MacDiarmid say "Enjoy a bit of Latin flavor in the Gold Coast. Our tenth anniversary on Cinco de Mayo promises to be double the fun." Special thanks to Northern Trust Company for invitations and all printing materials.

New and prospective members welcome!

For more information and tickets, please call Beth at 312-440-1905.

Echoes



A 10th Anniversary Celebration

*The Three Arts Club of Chicago
1300 North Dearborn Parkway*

6:00-8:30 pm

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Entertainment

\$75 per person, in advance

\$85 per person, at the door

Specialty Raffles



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PROSPECT MAILING AND MARIO'S OFFER -

We are dramatically expanding our membership due to the recent member solicitation mailing. If you renew now for \$30.00, we will send you a \$20.00 Mario's Ristorante gift certificate. See the mailing label for your membership expiration date.

WEB AND EMAIL - The new GCN web site is becoming quite a hit (no pun intended). There is an excellent calendar of neighborhood events, neighborhood and Association histories, great photos from the various events we sponsor, Alderman information and lots more. Go to www.GoldCoastNeighbors.org.

Email is also available for you to contact us. Please add to your address book: info@GoldCoastNeighbors.org.

EDUCATION / HISTORY COMMITTEE - Our history committee has been underway for almost a year. Early thanks go to Mary Myers for her written history of the association and to Cindy Bromelmeier for her written history of the neighborhood, both can be found at www.goldcoastneighbors.org. History Chairman John Stassen recently convened the committee, which will meet regularly and publish history articles in our newsletters (the first of which is on page 3!) and on our website. Minna Novick, Margie Staples, Gay Leffel, Ed Baran, Ray Zanarini, Margie Boyle and others join John, Mary and Cindy in their efforts. Interested in participating? Email John at info@goldcoastneighbors.org.

54 EAST SCOTT - The property at 54 East Scott has been in flux. For over a year, an abandoned development was left to deteriorate and become a safety hazard. Thanks to help from Alderman Daley, the City ordered the structure demolished. We are once again seeking the Alderman's assistance in having the owner erect a fence to permanently staunch the flow of illegal parkers on this vacant lot. Additionally, the future of the lot is under consideration. Developers have met with Gold Coast Neighbors' zoning committee, chaired by Jack Telander, to present various plans. GCN is supportive of a successful project on this site that conforms to current zoning ordinances. The site is currently zoned as R5.

GCN NEWS - Your Board is pleased to announce we have a new Executive Director, Barbara Boden, a person quite skilled in helping not-for-profits. With her back office support, we will now be able to take charge card payments by the end of this month.

IT'S NOT A THANKLESS JOB - Come join your friends, neighbors, business owners, and 18th District Police Officers on Thursday, April 21st, 2005, for the ANNUAL OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY Open House. Help us thank the police officers who watch over our streets, protect our safety and participate in the "CAPS" community outreach program.

The day-long event will be held at the 18th District Police Station located at 1160 North Larrabee. Join Susan Matyus, who will be representing GCN.

The highlight will be a ceremony promptly at 4 P.M. honoring the "SKI-TEAM;" two officers/partners, Mitch Masalski and Nick Kitowski, who have worked in our neighborhood for over 25 years and have made numerous friends, handled notorious arrests, and have earned the respect of fellow officers.

If you would like to volunteer to welcome officers, serve refreshments, donate desserts, organize awards or take photos, please contact Cynthia Bathurst at (312) 742-5778. The food and refreshments will be catered by a local restaurant.

To show our appreciation for the police officers in our district, GOLD COAST NEIGHBORS has made a donation in the amount of \$500. This donation was made by a unanimous decision among the GCN Directors. It will be used for many purposes, but mostly to defray the costs of specialized police equipment, updated bullet-proof vests, a noise meter and radar equipment.

Monetary donations can be made at the event or at the Oak Trust and Savings Bank, attention: Robert Sullivan, President, P.O. Box 11081, Chicago, IL 60611.

The police officers in our district are responsive, responsible and attend many of our community events, such as ECHOES, EVENING ON ASTOR and the "CLEAN AND GREEN" day. In addition to combating crime, our diligent officers attend to the many issues specific to our area, such as: aggressive panhandlers, auto theft, motorcycle noise, traffic management, graffiti and suspicious loiterers. Because of our 18th District Police Officers' outstanding efforts, crime is down significantly in our historic neighborhood! These subjects are discussed at the CAPS meetings, next one May 24, 7:00 P.M., Ambassador East Hotel, Second Floor, all welcome.

(Continued Profile on Andrew Harris)

Prior to this activation Andrew served as a staff officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCSOPS) at the Joint Headquarters of the Vermont National Guard.

Andrew looks forward to seeing his colleagues when he returns to the University sometime in 2006, and they look forward to seeing him.



Andrew

GOUDY PARK PARKWAYS - Your neighborhood association is working diligently towards the beautification of the parkways at Goudy Park. Spearheaded by Karen Herman, an association fundraising campaign is underway to fund the plantings and maintenance of the parkways. GCN is working closely with Alderman Daley to ensure our project is completed in time for summer. Interested in making a contribution? Please send your donation to the association office address. Make check payable to Gold Coast Neighbors and indicate "Goudy Park Parkways" in the memo section.

CONDO LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION - Alderman Vi Daley sponsored a meeting on March 16, 2005 at the Chicago Historical Society regarding the City's requirements for high-rise buildings and their life safety systems. First VP Maureen O'Brien attended for GCN. Guest speaker was Lisa Helene, architect for the City of Chicago Dept. of Buildings. High-rise buildings must meet the required dates for the new inspection the city is requiring. Data filings were due by March 31, 2005, complete reports to the City are due January 30th 2006, and all work required must be completed by the year 2012. For more information on the subject you can go to the cityofchicago.org/buildings.

NNPC - The Near North Preservation Coalition, Tom Begel, President, and Reuben Hedlund, attorney for seven Banks/LSD neighbors reported late last year that the constitutional issue was upheld by the Appellate Court and the vested rights issue was again turned down by the Circuit Court. The former was appealed by Draper & Kramer to the Illinois Supreme Court and was denied.

The latter battle will continue in the courts unless D&K wants to substantially compromise for the neighborhood their hi-rise position. Hopefully, there will be progress here to protect our very special neighborhood. In the meantime, NNPC continues to have legal bills and looks to residents for the contributions to pay them. Checks should be made payable to NNPC, 980 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

If you are not current, (see the address label), *please* use the form and renew.

Dues for 12 months ending April 31, 2006

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Email _____

MEMBER CATEGORIES

Neighbor.....	\$30.00
Building Association.....	\$40.00
General Fund Contribution.....	\$ _____

Please send this form and your TAX DEDUCTIBLE check payable to:

Gold Coast Neighbors or GCN P.O. BOX 11579, CHICAGO, IL 60611

As a thank you, you will receive a \$20 Mario's Ristorante Gift Certificate

GOLD COAST NEIGHBORS MISSION - Our mission is to protect and enhance the heritage of our historic area for the benefit of the neighbors, the City of Chicago at large, and for all those who visit our lakefront and parkways.

We accomplish the above by educating neighbors about our history, providing information on current matters of importance, serving as a public voice, contributing to area beautification and sponsoring forums to exchange ideas.

We are an all-volunteer organization and we do these things because we are passionate about our unique neighborhood.

CALENDAR

- May 5th Echoes
- Sept. 7th Evening on Astor Party, rain date 9-8
- Oct. 17th Annual Meeting, Ambassador East
- Dec. 3rd NDA's Joy of Toys at Mario's

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION - Check the label below and renew if you are not current or want to extend your current membership. In return, you will receive a \$20.00 Mario's Ristorante gift certificate.

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Boundary Lines: A Reminder: Alderman Daley's 43rd Ward includes the area bordered by the park side of North Avenue, then the east side of State to Division, then the north side of Division between State and Lake Shore Drive and Lake Shore Drive back up to North Avenue. Alderman Natarus's 42nd Ward represents the rest of our neighborhood area.

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