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### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — MAYOR DALEY HONORARY CHAIR!

What's so special about **Thursday, June 21, 2007**? Not only is it the longest day of the year and the first day of summer, it is also the day selected to commemorate a '**Golden Anniversary**' on the Gold Coast.

On Thursday, June 21st we are celebrating the **50th anniversary of the Gold Coast Neighbors Association**. We are proud to announce that **Mayor Richard M. Daley** has agreed to be the Honorary Chair for this exciting event and is expected to attend. The GCN Directors invite members, guests and neighbors to join Mayor Daley for the celebration.

The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a tour of two private homes in the Gold Coast. After the tour, trolleys will transport guests to the Chicago History Museum for cocktails and hors d' oeuvres followed by a full dinner buffet. Emcee Rick Kogan, noted author and columnist, will share his stories of growing up in the Gold Coast. Guests will receive a keepsake program book full of historic tidbits and a specially selected gift, compliments of the GCN.

Tickets are available for \$125 per person. To order tickets, please call 312.360.0386.



**Thursday, June 21, 2007**

**Fifty Years  
Preserving and Protecting  
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## **NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES**

**NEW 18TH DISTRICT COMMANDER** - CAPS, Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy, facilitator and GCN Director, Mario Stefanini (owner of Mario's Ristorante) welcomed Steve Georgas, the new 18th District Commander, at the January CAPS meeting. Commander Steve Georgas grew up in the Gold Coast, attended Ogden School and worked at his dad's Gold Coast Market, located at State & Division. Commander Georgas has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and a masters degree in public administration. He has held a number of positions since joining the department in 1991. His knowledge of our neighborhood and his experience in law enforcement will benefit his department and our neighborhood. Welcome home Commander Georgas!

**POLICE BEAT INFORMATION** - Concerned about crime? Follow our website link to 'The Neighborhood' and choose 'Community Resources'. There, click on the Policing link where you'll see a list of the crimes committed in our neighborhood. We take this number seriously and we regularly raise our concerns with the two Aldermanic offices serving our area. We also maintain an active liaison with our local police precinct, 1824. If you have questions about our efforts, please contact us @ 312.360.0386 or visit our website [www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org).

**BANKS / LSD ZONING UPDATE** - The fight continues. Although the City and the neighbors won the first trial regarding the constitutionality of the downzoning, after the second trial, the Illinois Supreme Court has sent the case back to the Circuit Court for another hearing. The Circuit Court has been instructed to compare the amount spent by Draper & Kramer, prior to the City's action to downzone the property, with the value of the land and the estimated cost to complete the project. After doing so, the Circuit Court is to determine whether Draper spent enough - taking into account that it is a developer and not a home owner - to justify granting it approval to proceed with its proposed high-rise. As of yet, no hearing has been scheduled.



*1320 North Lake Shore, location of the property*



*Goudy Park is a popular playground for GCN children*

**SPEED BUMPS TO BE INSTALLED** - The safety of our neighborhood children may be improved later this spring when the speed bumps, promised by the City of Chicago, are installed on Goethe and Astor Streets surrounding Goudy Park. Thanks to the members of the 1310 Ritchie Court Condominium Association who have worked closely with our association to secure approval of the speed bumps.

**GOUDY PARK SECURITY UPDATE** - We are awaiting a formal letter from the City's Park District authorizing the locking of Goudy Park at 10 pm nightly. Once we receive this letter, doormen from the surrounding condominiums will lock the gates and open them every morning. GCN thanks both 65 East Goethe and 1310 Ritchie Court for their support. Locking the park at night will improve the safety of our neighborhood and reduce disturbances.



*Nine Emergency dog bag stations are in the Gold Coast*

**DOG CLEAN-UP REMINDER** - Chicago is known as a dog friendly city. The Gold Coast is no exception and is home to many of Chicago's four-legged friends. In order to maintain the beauty and safety of our neighborhood, dog owners are reminded to please clean up after their pet. Dog waste is unsightly and can attract rodents. To help, the GCN has mounted nine emergency bag stations throughout the area. Over 80,000 bags have been used during the past year. Should you find yourself in need, please grab a bag.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**EVENING ON ASTOR** - This year we're happy to announce the 25th anniversary of our annual Evening on Astor block party. Plans are already underway to make this a delightful night. The event will be held Wednesday September 5th with a rain date of September 6th, on Astor Street between Banks and Goethe. We're pleased that we will once again enjoy live entertainment provided by The Michael Lerich Orchestra. Food and drink will be available for purchase. There will be games, prizes and a clown for the kids, along with a raffle for the adults. There is no charge for admission.



*Gold Coast Neighbors enjoy the 2006 party!*



*Banners herald the GCN's anniversary celebrations*

**PROSPECT AND RENEWAL INCENTIVES**

If you are a new or renewing member, you will receive either a \$20 ChicagoLimousineService.com certificate toward your \$65 airport ride or a \$10 Mario's Ristorante gift certificate.

**PLEASE RENEW !!**

If you are not current, (see the address label on next page), please use this form and renew.

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!** - A limited number of table are available until August 15th. Large rectangular tables that seat eight may be reserved for \$150. Small round tables that seat four may be reserved for \$75. For those wishing a premium location, **Silver Sponsor** tables for eight may be reserved for \$200. Seating is limited so to avoid disappointment, call Larry Gard at 312.541.8833 now to reserve your table.

**ANNIVERSARY BANNER ANNOUNCEMENT** - The 50th Anniversary of the GCN and the 25th EOA party will be heralded with banners that will be hung throughout the neighborhood in May. Gold and Silver banners will be displayed in the Gold Coast commemorating the events. Happy Anniversary GCN and EOA!

**Dues for 12 months ending May 31, 2008**

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mario's \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MEMBER CATEGORIES**

Neighbor.....	\$30.00
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**Please send this form and your TAX DEDUCTIBLE check or charge card authorization to:**

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

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## GOLD COAST NEIGHBORS UPDATES



*Blossoms abound on Astor Street*

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** - 2006 was a tremendous year for Gold Coast Neighbors as we welcomed nearly 100 new members! Our past survey found that you count on GCN to serve as your collective voice, and our ability to do so is strengthened as our membership grows. A special "thank you" to those who renewed their membership (see the mailing date on this newsletter for your renewal date). We will continue to focus on your priorities such as zoning issues, safety and maintaining the character of our unique neighborhood. As part of our ongoing communication with our members, we've mailed a series of three postcards that describe some of GCN's recent activities. But, we cannot rely solely on our past accomplishments to sustain our membership. At the end of the day, GCN is **your** organization so we will continue to look for ways to make it fulfilling and fun for you to become involved.

**GCN DIRECTORS RETIRE** - President Maureen O'Brien has announced the retirement of two GCN Directors, Carol Johnson, and Gay Leffel. A third Director, Casey Carter, has resigned as she has moved to Washington DC to pursue a career with NASD.

We thank Carol Johnson for her work on the community outreach committee and Casey Carter for her work on our Echoes event. We also thank Gay Leffel for her many years of service in many roles and on many committees, including our 50th Anniversary committee. Thank you again ladies for your contributions to GCN.



*Springtime brings a burst of color to the neighborhood*

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