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## SUMMER 2006 NEWSLETTER

This year's "Evening on Astor" is our 24th annual block party and fundraiser. Over 1,000 should attend. It's a great way to meet friends and neighbors. Please save the date, September 6, and spread the word. Tom Gariti is our great

Chairperson, Larry Gard Co-Chair. We hope you will support your association by attending and also by contributing financially. P.S. We are also selling tables this year so our key supporters can be assured of good seating at the event.

### *Evening on Astor*

*Wednesday, September 6 (Rain Date 9/7)*

*5:30-8:30 PM*

*On Astor, Between Banks and Goethe*

*Music by Michael Lerich Orchestra*

*Food by Mario's Ristorante and  
Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks by Lodge Management  
Announcer Leslie Hindman*

*Free Admission, Free Children's Games*

*Dancing, Ice Cream, Fun, Clown Magic Shows*

*Food Coupon/Raffle Book \$20.00*

**NO PETS, SKATEBOARDS PLEASE**

We would appreciate your financial participation. Entertainment and admission are free. Please become an "Angel", "Benefactor", or "Good Neighbor" by returning the coupon below with a check or charge card authorization by August 22. Your name will be listed in the evening's program brochure. You also can reserve/buy a table.

I would love to donate/buy a table: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name to be printed in program)

Angel - \$200    Benefactor - \$100    Good Neighbor - \$50    8 Top - \$150  
4 Top - \$ 75

Please send this form with your tax-deductible check or charge card authorization to:  
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**54 E. SCOTT** - The discussion in our last newsletter about a proposed deeded, multi story, automated parking facility elicited a number of responses, some very detailed, mostly negative. Primary concerns were safety, zoning, tight traffic conditions. We have not heard more about the proposal.

**NEIGHBORHOOD FIXES** - What would you like done to improve the aesthetics and safety of our neighborhood? Examples: (clean up Division underpass; clean up north side of North Ave. signage to stop big trucks from going east on North Ave. past State; Schiller signage at Clark; and the wooden alley). Please write us, see address on the back page with your thoughts.



*Park District Property, North of North Ave.*



*Wooden Alley, West To East (See Page 4 Article)*



*Cul-De-Sac Off Road, Lost Truck*

**BANKS AT LSD** - As you may recall, there have been two lawsuits, the Constitutional one which the neighborhood and City has won (Illinois Supreme Court refused to review) while the other about the City's right to not issue a building permit has been affirmed by the Circuit Court and the Appellate Court but the Supreme Court will review that this Fall. The Near North Preservation Coalition is financing the neighborhood's cost of these suits and definitely needs your tax deductible contribution. Checks should be made payable to NNPC and sent to Tom Begel, President, Suite 1900, 980 North Michigan, Chicago, IL 60610.

**WE ARE CURIOUS** - A number of our neighbors eat out and we thought it would be fun to create a list of favorites. So, pick your favorite four and either call the office at 360-0386 or drop us an email. We will tabulate and put the results in your Fall newsletter.

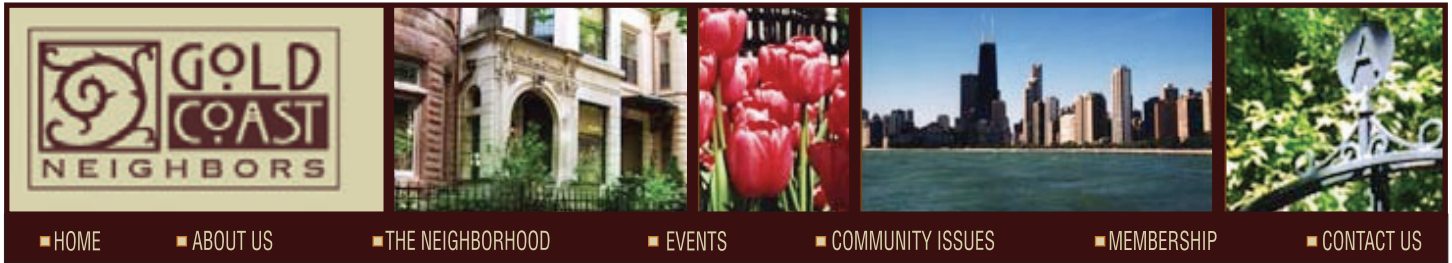
**50TH GALA** - Please 'save the date' for June of 2007, as GCN prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our founding! Location and details will be announced in the Fall GCN newsletter. If you have any history information about the Gold Coast in 1957, please contact us!

**IN MEMORIAM** - We note with sadness the passing of active GCN Director Bob Friend. Bob served as a Director of GCN for 5 years and died of cancer this spring. He will be fondly remembered for his 'stripped prison' costume at the Ghoully Park Halloween party in 2004!

GCN also announces the retirement of two Directors. Mary Myers served as our PR rep for many years. We also bid farewell to GCN Director Carl Madda. Thanks to both for their many contributions to GCN.

**JULY DIRECTOR MEETING** - Each July the Directors tour the GCN boundaries so we can view firsthand and then focus on issues that will better serve our neighborhood. President Maureen O'Brien, led the directors along with Alderman Vi Daley and a Natarus representative on a hot, but fun trolley ride throughout the area that included stops into the Division Street underpass and the Wooden Alley behind the Cardinal's residence.

Web - Some of you are not aware of our website, [www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org).  
We thought you might like to see its page 1 in your newsletter.



## Welcome! Gold Coast Neighbors Association

Our neighborhood organization has been providing a voice for the Gold Coast of Chicago since 1957. Until now, we had been the NSALSDA. We have changed our name to Gold Coast Neighbors to more clearly reflect our membership and our mission. We have 18 streets within our boundaries, we are the heart of the Gold Coast, and we are neighbors. Being an all-volunteer organization, we care passionately about preserving our heritage through education, advocacy, and beautification. We invite you to learn more about your organization by exploring our website.

- † Become [involved](#) in your neighborhood Join a Gold Coast Neighbors' committee, attend a Chicago's Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meeting, make certain your membership is current and make a donation to Gold Coast Neighbors. Beautify your garden!
- † Stay [informed](#), amplify your voice Let us know what you think! Check the website for up to date information on issues facing our community, public meetings being sponsored by Alderman Vi Daley and Alderman Burt Natarus and other available community resources. Read our newsletters for expanded articles.
- † [Meet](#) your neighbors Gold Coast Neighbors hosts the Evening on Astor block party, the spring fundraiser Echoes, the Association's Annual meeting and supports Mario's "Joy of Toys". See the calendar for other happenings in our area. Many thanks to our [Sponsors!](#)
- † [Learn](#) about your neighborhood's history The Gold Coast Neighborhood is one of Chicago's most treasured residential areas. Educate yourself on your neighborhood's history and its architecture.

### *Did You Know?*

The GCN Association is a partner along with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Park District in the Lincoln Park Community Art Initiative...[read more](#)

## *PHOTOS CHANGE PERIODICALLY*

### Summer in the Neighborhood ...

Stroll the walkways of the Gold Coast, enjoy the lakefront breeze and all the colorful flowers in our area.

### GCN Event Photos:

Cocktails for Art Lovers and the Curious  
Held on April 3, 2006 - Andy Warhol / Supernova  
Museum of Contemporary Art

### Upcoming GCN Events:

Evening on Astor 24th Annual Block Party, Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Astor Street (Goethe to Banks)

**WWW.GOLDCOASTNEIGHBORS.ORG**

**WEB UPDATE** - Your site has now been up for 23 months and your feedback has been great. There is new information every month, new photos of the area, member renewal forms, and much more. Please visit [www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org).

**CAPS** - You can talk directly to our Police about problems and questions at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 26, Ambassador East Hotel, second floor.

**ECHOES** - Chair Beth Zanarini reports that on 05/04/06 Gold Coast Neighbors Association celebrated the 11th Anniversary of Echoes. With the theme of "Spring Fling", the Echoes event gathered 130 members and friends to celebrate spring and raise monies to benefit our neighborhood. The Three Arts Club provided the perfect venue for all to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, live entertainment by Mark Burnell and an array of silent auction items. Proceeds help fund GCNA beautification and education initiatives. We also want to thank our Co-Chairs Casey Carter and JoAnn Turnquist.



*Your Echoes Committee*



*Obviously Happy Guests*



*More Happy Guests*

**WOODEN ALLEY** - Late in the 1800s and early in the 1900s many cities in the United States started using wooden blocks to pave their streets and alleys. Wooden blocks were used near hospitals, schools, and in residential areas because they substantially cut down on noise coming from horse-drawn carriages as they used the roadways. Over time, most of these alleys have been removed or paved over with asphalt.

One of the few remaining wooden alleys in the city can be found in the Gold Coast behind the Cardinal's Mansion. In 2002, this alley was placed on The National Register of Historic Places. Paved in 1909 out of cedar blocks soaked in creosote oil, the west end of the alley remains virtually intact as it was when it was built almost 100 years ago. Recently, as a result of neighborhood congestion, heavy traffic flow passing through the alley has started to significantly damage many of the wooden blocks.

Gold Coast Neighbors Board members believe that this alley is a rare, historic, neighborhood treasure that should be saved. We are working closely with Alderman Daley to find a way to permanently preserve the part of the alley that is still intact. The Board is asking for help from neighbors who care about preserving the historical nature of our neighborhood and who want to see this wonderful piece of Gold Coast history saved.

We are in the process of forming a "Save the Alley" committee that will meet monthly until the alley is restored and safe from further damage. If time commitment is a constraint, then perhaps a financial donation is more in order.

Either way, please contact us by e-mail or phone with your questions, concerns, and comments, [info@goldcoastneighbors.org](mailto:info@goldcoastneighbors.org) or (312) 360-0386.



*Wood Block Pavers - - Tired. Also, See Photo on Page 2*

**STATE STREET BARS** - Upon receiving complaints from the residents of One East Scott and other nearby hi-rises, the managers and owners of McFaddens, PJ Clarkes and Bella Lounge decided that conversation, community input and cooperation is the best way to solve this on-going problem.

A 'model' plan was put into place as these establishments agreed to: face their music speakers inward, close their windows at 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m., report loud, uncooperative cab numbers to Commissioner Reyes who, in turn, sends inspectors directly to the Cab Companies.

Finally, the bars will station additional police officers and security guards at the closing times of 2 A.M. and 4 A.M.. to ensure patrons leave quietly.

"This is a work in progress", said Mario Stefanini, "but we are working together and making progress. We are trying to relieve this problem at the community level. We are the barometer of this problem and with the help of everyone, there is content improvement."

## NEW MEMBER 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.

**NEW DIRECTORS** - We elected eight new directors last month, Joe Boccio, Casey Carter, Jackie Chesler, Jean Gamble, Renee Hennessy, Wilbert Jones, Nicki Pecori and JoAnn Turnquist. We look forward to their participation.

**GOUDY PARK SAFETY** - We have asked the Chicago Park District to lock the gates at 10 P.M. and reopen at 8 A.M. Our 18th district police come by the park several times at night to help ensure safety.

**OFFICER APPRECIATION** - GCN was proud to make a \$500 contribution to the 18th District's DAC Officer Appreciation Day. This annual event provided meals and recognition for 500 sworn and civilian personnel during the day-long event.

**NORTH AVENUE CUL DE SAC SCULPTURE**  
The 43rd Ward, Vi Daley, again has art sculpture in ten neighborhood locations including our circle. Artist Nicole Beck presents her work "Asteray" a great one year exhibition for the neighborhood.



*At North Ave. Cul-De Sac*

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

### Dues for 12 months ending August 31, 2007

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Limo \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mario's \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBER CATEGORIES

Neighbor.....	\$30.00
Building Association.....	\$40.00
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**GOLD COAST NEIGHBORS MISSION** - Our mission is to enhance the beauty and protect 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.

Our committees are all-volunteer and we do our work because we are passionate about our unique neighborhood.

**CALENDAR:**

- Sept. 6 Evening on Astor
- Oct. 16 Annual Meeting, Maxim's
- Oct. 31 Ghoully Halloween
- Dec. 2 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 either a \$20.00 ChicagoLimousineService.com gift certificate toward a \$65 airport ride *or* a \$10 Mario's Ristorante gift certificate.

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**RENEWAL TIME?**

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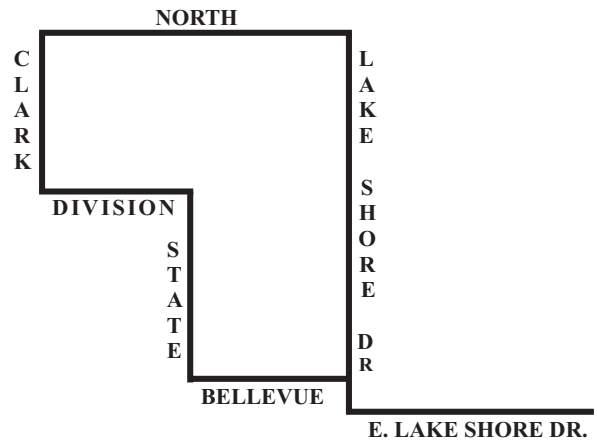


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**NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL INCENTIVES**

We are offering for new members a ChicagoLimousineService \$20 certificate toward your \$65 airport ride.

If you are renewing, our great friend Mario's Ristorante is offering a \$10 certificate as a thank you.



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