

## A Message From the GCN President About Neighborhood Safety

Dear Neighbors,

Early this summer the Gold Coast faced an unusual number of unwelcome visitors. On Memorial Day Weekend rival gang members from all over the city gathered on North Avenue. The police department was quickly notified and their response was immediate. Many gang members were arrested and the outbreak was brought under control. However, residual issues remain a concern to our neighborhood.

The Gold Coast Neighborhood Association had already been in touch with city authorities when Bob Newman, president of the North Dearborn Association contacted me and suggested we jointly address the matter with our Aldermen.

Both Alderman Daley and Alderman Reilly agreed to meet with Bob and I, as representatives of our respective organizations. Meanwhile each association formed small working groups to identify issues and brainstorm recommendations to solve our more specific concerns.

Joined by our Aldermen, Bob and I met at Police Headquarters with Commander Ken Angarone of the 18<sup>th</sup> District, who described Tweeting and Facebook as a method in which gang members communicate and how they can quickly assemble. Commander Angarone was very candid with us regarding the details of the weekend and, though, the most serious gang activities have been resolved, he recognizes that some serious issues remain.

Commander Angarone outlined the department's response to the problem and I want to share this strategy with you.

1. For the remainder of the summer months, a Special Employment Force of a sergeant and ten officers, in two shifts, will be patrolling the beachfront.

2. A 60 passenger prisoner van has been positioned at the North Avenue turnaround and will remain a visual deterrent to those who may be considering bad behavior.
3. Police cameras have been placed at the North Avenue Beach turnaround and at the chess pavilion.
4. Additional cameras will be added at Ohio Street and Fullerton Avenue.

The police department has increased bike, squad, and ATV type vehicle patrols on the beaches, underpasses, and deeper into the Gold Coast neighborhood.

We were very impressed with the attention we continue to receive from our Aldermen and Commander Angarone, but we did offer some additional recommendations which included:

- Cameras at or in the underpasses.
- Additional police presence in the neighborhood, especially on weekends between 4PM and dusk.
- Improve garbage collection on the beach, in the park and in the neighborhood.

It is in our best interest that we remain vigilant and help our police help us. The Commander strongly emphasized that 911 is not only for emergencies, but should be used to immediately report any suspicious or threatening behavior.

On a lighter note, we can all look forward to The Chicago Air & Water Show on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see many of you enjoying our beachfront. Our wonderful neighborhood party, "Evening on Astor" will take place on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and we hope that you will all join us for this very special event.

*Tom Thilman, GCN President*

## Gold Coast Neighbors Association



[www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org)

Summer 2010

## 28th Annual Evening on Astor September 1, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

GCN is proud to announce the 28th Evening on Astor, to be held on **Wednesday, September 1st** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Astor Street between Goethe and Banks. Rain date is Thursday, September 2nd.

### *A Gold Coast Neighbors Favorite!*

The Gold Coast Neighbors Association has hosted Evening on Astor since 1983. Join us to be a part of this annual block party, which brings nearly one thousand people together for an evening of fun on Astor Street. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and support your neighborhood organization. Sudler-Sotheby's International Realty has graciously pledged to be our corporate sponsor once again this year.

### *Admission*

Free of charge. For everyone's safety, please remember that dogs and skateboards are not permitted.

### *Tables*

In order to assure a seat, we recommend that you reserve a table in advance. **Deadline for table reservations is Friday August 20th.** Please contact Dr. Larry Gard at (312) 787-9620 or email him at [EveningOnAstor@gmail.com](mailto:EveningOnAstor@gmail.com). Availability is limited so please reserve promptly to avoid disappointment.

A 36" round table that seats 4-persons is \$100 (price for non-members of GCN is \$150). A 30" x 96" rectangular table that seats 8-persons is \$200 (price for

non-members of GCN is \$250). Tables come furnished with a vinyl cover, but we encourage you to be creative and design your own special, festive tablescape. **Sorry, no refunds on reservations cancelled less than one week prior to the event.**

### *Entertainment*

Once again this year we're pleased to have the fabulous Michael Lerich Orchestra, dancing, children's games, a clown performance, and face painting which are all free of charge.

### *Food and Drinks*

Food will be available from *Edwardo's Natural Pizza Restaurant* and hot dogs from *Mario's Ristorante*. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be offered by the *Division Street Merchants Association*. Ice cream provided by Mitchell's.



*An elegant arrangement at the E.O.A. from 2009*

## Welcome to the Summer 2010 Edition of our Newsletter

Our mission is to protect and enhance the heritage of our historic area for the benefit of our neighbors, the City of Chicago at large, and for all those who visit our lakefront and parkways. We accomplish this 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.

**PRESIDENT**  
Tom Thilman

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**  
Ed Baran

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Karen Herman

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Chris Ryan

**SECRETARY**  
Beth Zanarini

**TREASURER**  
Dorothy Bossung

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
Jacqueline Chesler

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**  
Vern Broders

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
Bill Ketchum\*

**OTHER DIRECTORS**  
Dan Collins  
Susan Downing  
Tim Egan  
Jess Forrest  
John Gable  
Audrey Gallery  
Larry Gard  
Karen Gleason  
Joe Gromacki  
Julie Hess  
Gerry Himmel  
Karen Kammer  
Jim Kinoshita  
Gay Leffel  
Michelle McCarthy  
Maureen O'Brien\*  
Pat Paul  
Michael Perlstein  
Bill Staples\*  
Mary Clare Starshak\*  
Mario Stefanini  
Gabrielle Weisberg  
Sis Whennen  
Peggy White  
Abby Zanarini\*  
Dianne Zaubi  
\* Past President

**DIRECTORS EMERITUS**  
Russ Iacono  
Rosie O'Neill  
Jack Telander

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Barbara Boden

**Gold Coast Neighbors Association**  
PO Box 11579  
Chicago, IL 60611

☎ 312-629-6046  
✉ info@goldcoastneighbors.org  
🌐 www.goldcoastneighbors.org

Join in Our  
**Neighborhood's**


**Spooky, Yummy,  
Scary**

**2010 HALLOWEEN  
at "Ghouly" Park**


**Sunday, October 31**

**4:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Goodies, Games  
and  
Ghoul Galore**



**Do not miss  
this exciting  
annual family  
event  
at Goudy  
Park  
(Astor &  
Goethe)!**



### Tips on Preparing Your Garden for Fall

It's hard to believe in a matter of weeks the beginnings of nature's color change will be underway. Now is a good time to start thinking of how to stretch a few more weeks of enjoyment out of your container plantings as deep into the season as possible before that first dreaded frost hits.

On the brighter side, your neighborhood enjoys the benefits of being close to the lake during this season. Jack Frost's fingers can't quite reach into your neighborhood until weeks after the first sightings of frost have hit the suburbs.

As you prepare to update your planters for the fall season take a look at what is worn out and in need of replacing. With that in mind, the hot weather plants such as caladium, coleus, inpatients, and sweet potato vine will not fare well with the cooler temperatures. The "filler" plants like ivy, sedum, lysmachia, and grasses can take the changing season, so recycle them. Cool weather flowers are what are

needed to give the extra weeks of color to your pots, for example; stock, cyclamen, petunia, alyssum, snapdragon, chard, kale and cabbage.

Think about the natural change of color at this time when nature is moving into a pallet of rich warm hues. Rotate your color wheel in the direction of nature with your selections. This will give a natural appearance to your plantings. Bunches of dried grasses or decorative branches can be added to the new look as well.

Once Jack Frost has hit the neighborhood, be sure to prepare your containers for winter by removing the spent plants and taking proper steps to protect your containers that can not take the extremes of winter. After that is done you'll have several months to dream of the bright colors of spring and plant combinations for next season.

*Will Spiegelberg  
Spiegelberg Landscape Design, Chicago*

### Other Key Contacts

Alderman Vi Daley  
735 W Wrightwood Ave  
Chicago, IL 60614

☎ 773-327-9111  
✉ ward43@cityofchicago.org  
🌐 www.chicago43.org

Alderman Brendan Reilly  
325 W Huron St, Suite 510  
Chicago, IL 60654

☎ 312-642-4242  
✉ office@ward42chicago.com  
🌐 www.ward42chicago.com

### GCN Remembering Neighbors

GCN would like to take this opportunity to remember two of our members who have passed away recently. **Marilyn Olsen** will be remembered for her many years of service to our organization and our neighborhood. She is dearly missed by her friends. The organization also wants to remember **Casey Carter Bonar** who was a GCN member. Casey was the Senior Vice President and Director of Federal Government Relations at LaSalle Bank Corporation and later ABN AMRO in Chicago.



Value

Stability

Growth



"Good As Gold" highlights at [www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org)

The 2010  
GCN  
"Good As  
Gold"  
Spring Event  
held on  
May 12th

### MEMBERSHIP FORM - PLEASE PRINT

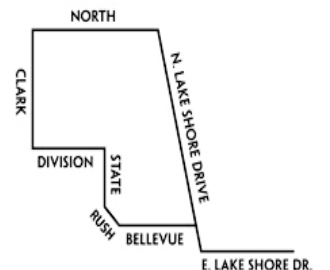
If you are a new member, choose either a \$20 ChicagoLimosineService.com certificate toward your \$65 airport ride or two \$10 Mario's Ristorante gift certificates. Renewing members may select either the \$20 limo certificate or one \$10 Mario's gift certificate. Please also consider a donation for our General Fund! Kindly send this form along with your tax deductible check or charge card authorization to:

Gold Coast Neighbors (or GCN) • PO Box 11579 • Chicago, Illinois 60611

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Select a certificate:  Limo  Mario's  
Membership Categories:  
Neighbor, Building Association,  
and Associate (*for those outside  
GCN's boundaries*)  
Annual Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*All categories are \$40 per year*  
**New option: 3-year renewal for \$100**  
General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to volunteer for the following Committee(s): *please indicate your choice(s)*

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Meeting   | <input type="checkbox"/> Goudy Parkways    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ghouly Halloween  | <input type="checkbox"/> Police & Streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws           | <input type="checkbox"/> History/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Event     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication/PR | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership        | <input type="checkbox"/> Website          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening on Astor | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter        | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning           |

**Please visit our website:**  
[www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org)  
**for more information about  
our committees and the work  
they do.**

Questions? Please call GCN office at 312.629.6046. Please share your comments & suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_