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Golden Updates

By Jane Lenkman, President

Greetings,

I'd like to thank Vern Broders, our outgoing President, for his leadership over the past two years. We accomplished a lot during his term, including our well-received beta test of the Safety Patrol in Summer 2013 and a generous donation made on behalf of our members and neighbors who donated to the Goudy Park Renovation fund.

As President of GCNA, my Executive Committee and I look forward to active involvement in our neighborhood this year. I'd like to thank Dorothy Bossung, Karen Herman, Chris Ryan, Michael Perlstein and John Gable for being a part of my team.

For my term of office, my objectives include:

- Implementing more social events for our new members, including Meet & Greets and Coffee Hours. We need your friends and neighbors to join us, so please spread the word and look for our events calendar to be published soon!
- Fundraising for continuing the Safety Patrol and perhaps even expanding the days and times, if we are able to garner enough funds from our neighbors to support this initiative.
- Introduce holding an annual outreach event for our neighbors in need.
- Hearing from you on our zoning projects that continue to increase in number and gain momentum in the market place, and working in partnership with the Near North Preservation Coalition, North Dearborn Association and the Aldermen, as needed.
- Working with our friends at North Dearborn Association as we partner on the Lincoln Terrace South Park conservancy project.
- Eagerly anticipating a revitalized Goudy Park to enjoy - hopefully by the end of this summer!
- Seeing you in our 'hood, at our Spring Event on May 14th, Evening on Astor on September 3rd, and our Annual Meeting in October (date TBD)!"

Regards,
Jane



Safety Committee

The Gold Coast Neighbors Association continually works towards enhancing the safety of Gold Coast neighborhood residents, visitors, pets and property. To that end, GCNA Board members take actions like attending Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meetings and providing a consistent message on the state of our neighborhood to the CAPS team.

One recent initiative was the GCNA Safety Committee's hiring of a private security firm to patrol the neighborhood during the summer of 2013. The patrol protected the area from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and all day Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. The patrols began on Memorial Day weekend and stopped after Labor Day weekend.

The Safety Patrol's mission was to provide a deterrent presence to discourage potential offenders:

- Watch for disturbances or suspicious activity.
- Notify police of any suspect activity in progress.
- Assist police as requested with investigations.
- Identify property damage for early notice to homeowners and police.
- Intervene if citizens are physically threatened or in danger, using protocols applicable to on-duty police officers.
- Observe compliance with community safety agreements by business owners.

GCNA received weekly reports of incidents and observations by the safety officers. The reports showed the Safety Patrol's positive impact in carrying out its mission.

The 2013 Safety Patrol was a beta-test, and GCNA covered its costs entirely with proceeds from previous fundraising events. But to renew, and perhaps expand, the Safety Patrol program in 2014 will require significant additional funds. Members and residents are encouraged to support this important and effective program through direct donations or contributions to GCNA fundraisers. This is a yearly fundraising event and all donations can be made either through the website www.goldcoastneighbors.org or by calling the office via 312.332.6122. The GCNA appreciates your support of this safety program.

CAPS Report

The CAPS meeting was held at 6:30 pm on January 21, 2014, at the Latin School. Most of the news was very good. It was reported overall crime statistics for the area have gone down year-over-year while the arrest rate has gone up. Also, the police have intensified their surveillance of the Clark and Division area which has resulted in several arrests on charges of illegal drug sales.

The police continue to stress the importance of the Court Advocacy Program. Volunteers in this program work with other community members tracking court cases and attending judicial hearings to show support for victims and solidarity against crime in our community. The presence of Court Advocates in the court room sends a strong message to the defendant, the judge and all other interested parties in the criminal justice system that the community cares and is willing to devote time and energies to monitoring the workings of the judicial system.

To participate in this program an individual must attend a one hour orientation and training session. Participation can be time consuming and the best candidates for this program are retirees. If you are interested in this program contact the police at CAPS018district @ chicagopolice.org.





Gold Coast News Nuggets

Re-locating:

Due to the imminent demolition of the building at the northeast corner State & Elm, the e-bay dropoff relocated to 1201 N. Clark Street (entrance facing Division Street) and Oak Street Tailors relocated back to Oak Street at 67 E. Oak Street, 6th Floor. Harry of Harry's Shoe Repair has retired. All of the shoes that were still at the shop at the time of closing have been moved to his son Peter's shop - Harry's Shoe Repair, located at 1 W. Chestnut, corner of State & Chestnut.

Welcome to the Neighborhood:

- Nico Osteria - 1015 N. Rush Street
- The Frye Company - 1007 N. Rush Street
- Thompson Chicago Hotel - 21 E. Bellevue Place

In addition to the Divvy station at Michigan and Oak, we have others located at Clark just north of Schiller, close-by at Elm and Clark, and a couple just as you enter the south part of Lincoln Park - one on Lake Shore Drive and another on Clark Street.



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Gold Coast Neighbors Association

Save the Date! 2014 Spring Event A Day in May

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Time: 6:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Germania Place - 108 W. Germania Place

Come celebrate Spring in Gold Coast Neighbors fashion by attending the annual Spring Event "A Day in May" at the historic Germania Place. There will be cocktails, appetizers, entertainment and a live & silent auction. Tickets are \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Please visit the GCN website or call the office to purchase tickets for the event.

Germania Place was built in 1888 and is one of the last historic landmarks of the old German Town section of Chicago. The building featured elements of the Victorian-era Romanesque styling with elements of German neoclassicism. The centerpiece of the ballroom is a 15' stained glass portrait of the German Masters which was originally displayed at the Columbia World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893.



Think Spring!



Spring will soon be in the air! In fact, Daylight Savings begins on March 9, 2014 - remember to spring back your clocks! We are all looking forward to spring.



Gold Coast Neighbors Association Membership

MEMBERSHIP FORM - PLEASE PASS ALONG TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

All dues-paying members receive coupons to local businesses. 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), 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 625, Chicago, IL 60606

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Categories

- Neighbor Building Association Associate (for those outside boundaries)

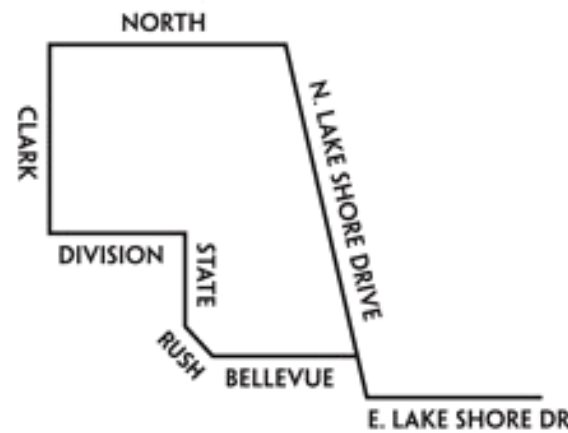
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All categories are \$50 per year (New option: 3-year renewal for \$120)

Signature _____

General Fund: \$ _____ Safety Patrol Fund: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____



I would like to volunteer for the following Committee(s):

- Annual Meeting Evening on Astor
 Beautification Ghoully Halloween
 Spring Event History/Education
 Membership Communication/PR
 Website

Beautification Committee

In our longing for some spring-like weather, we'd like to congratulate all of our 2013 gardening award winners!! Notifications and awards were provided a few months ago by the GCNA Beautification Committee to the following garden award winners:



- Residential**
- 1207 N. Astor Street
 - 3 W. Burton Place 1209 N. Astor Street
 - 11 E. Goethe Street 1224 N. Astor Street
 - 43 E. Division Street 1235-1245 N. Astor Street
 - 50 E. Elm Street 1242 N. Lake Shore Drive
 - 52 E. Elm Street 1245 N. Dearborn Parkway
 - 60 E. Scott Street 1300 N. Lake Shore Drive
 - 65 E. Bellevue Place 1401 N. Dearborn Parkway
 - 77 E. Cedar Street 1431 N. State Parkway
 - 1040 N. Lake Shore Drive 1435 N. Astor Street
 - 1200 N. Lake Shore Drive 1449 N. Astor Street
 - 1201-1205 N. Astor Street 1451 N. Astor Street

- Commercial**
- Carmine's, 1043 N. Rush Street
 - Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse, 1028 N. Rush Street
 - Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House, 1024 N. Rush Street
 - Luxbar, 18 E. Bellevue Place
 - PJ Clarke's, 1204 N. State Parkway
 - Tavern on Rush, 1041 N. Rush Street
 - Whispers Café, 1031 N. State Street

The Beautification Committees of the North Dearborn Association (NDA) and Gold Coast Neighbors (GCN) have met with the Lincoln Park Conservancy (LPC) and selected Chris Gent as the landscape designer to coordinate efforts to beautify the south area of Lincoln Park. Mr. Gent is the president of the IL Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (IL-ASLA). He is a principal with Chris Gent Landscape Studio.

Annual Meeting Report

The GCNA Annual Meeting was held on October 21, 2013 with the GCNA President, Vern Broders, presiding. Over 200 neighbors attended the meeting and heard from a few of the Board members on topics ranging from a Treasury report and a recap of the safety patrol from summer 2013.

GCNA was fortunate to have Alderman Michele Smith and Alderman Bob Fioretti as guest speakers at the meeting. Both aldermen discussed the various zoning issues in our neighborhood and emphasized the need for new projects to keep the city vibrant.

Six new directors were elected to three-year terms, including Lauren Burny, Joe Feldman, William Kies, Bob McIlhattan, Dawn O'Neal and David Pallas.

The reception following the meeting was enjoyed by everyone! This event's large attendance showed how much our neighborhood is loved and appreciated. GCNA would like to thank Abby Zanarini and Peggy White for Chairing the planning committee.

Zoning Committee

Zoning issues can change quickly. The following status of zoning items is as of the print date of the newsletter. There may have been a change in the status since the print date.

- 1149-1159 N. State Street, State & Elm - A demolition permit has been issued for the building at the northeast corner and demolition is underway.
- 1112 N. State Street, Cedar Hotel - Alderman Reilly has requested a zoning reclassification to reduce the density of any future development. Also he has worked on ensuring any future development will save the historic facade and incorporate the existing historic structure.
- 1300 N. Dearborn Parkway, Three Arts Club - RH, Restoration Hardware, will restore the property and open a showroom in the building.
- 1210 N. Clark Street - Plans for the redevelopment of the Jewel property continue to be discussed.
- 20 E. Scott - The zoning reclassification to reduce density has been approved.
- Chicago Development Partners LLC has met with various neighborhood groups and hosted a public meeting regarding their proposed development on the southwest corner of Clark and North. They have shared two options for the space.
- The prospective owner of Maxim's, 24 E. Goethe Street, has not yet applied for a liquor license.

21st Annual Joy of Toys

We had a wonderful time supporting our friends at North Dearborn Association in their annual Joy for Toys Holiday Wrap Party on December 7th! Mario Stefanini of Mario's Table, 21 W. Goethe St., hosted and provided food and drink to the volunteers. Our President, Jane Lenkman, had a great time chatting with Michele Studl, President of North Dearborn Association and watching the toys donated being wrapped so professionally by the energetic volunteers. Great event and wonderful supporting the students at George Manierre School and the Catherine Ferguson Child Parent Center! Well done again, NDA!



Ghouly Park

The GCNA would like to thank the following sponsors and volunteers for their hard work and support of our 2013 Ghouly Park event. Although the weather did not cooperate and caused us to cancel the event on the afternoon of, we truly appreciated all of the preparations for it! GCNA would like to thank Mike Boccio for Chairing the planning committee.

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Volunteers



VOLUNTEER TEAM

Michael Boccio
Event Chair

John & Elizabeth
Gable

Dale & Laurie
Ashcraft

Jerry & Kathy
Koster

Lauren Meyer

Lauren Burney

Claire Ritchie

Pat Peterson

Courteney Fox

Rachael Sherman

Goudy Park History & Update

As we prepare ourselves to lose access to our lovely park for a number of months this year as it undergoes a well-deserved renovation, we at GCNA wondered if our members knew why there is an "A" above the Astor Street entrance gate to Goudy Park?

When researching the origins of this mysterious "A" it was learned the original name of the park was Union Square. Later the name was changed to Astor Square and then to Goudy Square. One might assume the "A" is there since the park was once named Astor Square. But, that cannot be the case since the ornamental fence surrounding the park was not in place before 1991 when the Chicago Park District created a custom-designed playground for the park. The answer really lies in looking at the gate on Goethe Street. Above that gate there is a "G". Thus the answer is that the "G" stands for Goethe Street entrance and the "A" for Astor Street entrance. Here's a picture of the "A" above the Astor Street entrance gate.



Here's another interesting tidbit: The park's name has never been officially changed to Goudy Park and is still formally known as Goudy Square.

Even though the park will not be available for most of the summer of 2014, the neighborhood is looking forward to its redevelopment. The start and completion dates are dependent on the weather, so we are all hoping the weather cooperates!

History & Education Committee Facts

Our History & Education Committee wanted to share an interesting fact about the street numbering change that impacted our neighborhood and the city of Chicago back in 1909! Here is the information from The Plan of Renumbering published in 1909 by Chicago Directory Company:

EXPLANATORY

The new house numbering plan passed by the City Council June 22, 1908, to be in force and effect September 1, 1909, makes Madison Street from Lake Michigan to the city limits on the west the base line for numbering all north and south streets and streets running in northerly or southerly direction. For east and west streets and streets running in a generally east and west direction the base line is State Street from the southern city boundary line to North Avenue, thence extended by an imaginary line through Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan.

Eight hundred (800) numbers are assigned to each mile, or one hundred (100) numbers to each one-eighth of a mile. Commencing with No. 1 at the north line of Madison Street, the numbers run north at this rate to Lake Michigan or the northern city limits, and similarly south of Madison Street on streets running north and south the numbers commence with No. 1 at the south line of Madison and run to the southern city limits. In a like manner the numbers on east and west streets commence with No. 1 at the east line of State Street and run east to the lake, and with No. 1 at the west line of State Street and run west to the city limits. The prefixes North, South, East and West will be used on all streets, according to their location, which are open on each side of either of the base lines, State Street or Madison Street, and also on all numbered streets and numbered avenues, whether open on each side of the base lines or not. The prefixes will not be used on any named streets which are only open on one side of either of the base lines, such as Ann Street on the West Side, open only north of Madison, and Bowen Avenue on the South Side, open only east of State Street.

By this plan it is possible to easily tell the exact location of a number on any given street. On all east and west streets west of the base line 800 is at Halsted Street, 1600 at Ashland Avenue, 2400 at Western Avenue, 3200 at Kedzie Avenue, 4000 at Fortieth Avenue, 4800 at Forty-eighth Avenue, and intermediate numbers accordingly. On north and south streets north of the base line 800 is at Chicago Avenue, 1600 at North Avenue, 2400 at Fullerton Avenue, 3200 at Belmont Avenue, 4000 at Irving Park Boulevard, 5600 at Bryn Mawr Avenue, 6400 at Devon Avenue, and 7200 at Touhy Avenue. On the south side the old system of numbering north and south streets remains unchanged, which plan allowed 1200 numbers between Madison and Twelfth Streets, 1000 between Twelfth and Twenty-second Streets, and 900 between Twenty-second and Thirty-first Streets. South of Thirty-first Street the old and the new systems both allow 800 numbers to the mile.

The ordinance exempts from the new system the territory bounded on the north by the Chicago river, on the west by the South branch of the Chicago river, on the south by Twelfth street, and on the east by Lake Michigan, known as Chicago's business district.

Under the new law the even numbers on north and south streets and streets running in a northerly or southerly direction are on the West side of the street. The even numbers on east and west streets, or streets running in an easterly or westerly direction, are on the North side of the street.