



**Jefferson Park Neighborhood
Association (JPNA)
Newsletter for Winter 2019-2020
Happy Holidays**

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General Meetings:

Last Wednesday of Month @ 7pm, Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 West Giddings. All are welcome.

January 29, 2020: John Garrido, Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation

February 22, 2020: Kamil Szalewicz, U.S. Census

March 25, 2020: TBD

What is a Ward Committeeperson and why is it important?

By Colleen Murphy

A Ward Committeeperson, formerly known as Ward Committeeman, is an unpaid, elected position. Every Ward in Chicago has a Democratic and Republican Committeeperson. Their job is to motivate voter turnout and have a smooth working operation on election day, throughout each precinct of their Wards. Suburbs also have Committeepersons.

Committeepersons get to appoint replacements of any vacated State House or Senate seats. Each Committeeperson has a weighted vote, depending on the size of the Ward they represent. Jefferson Park is represented by the 19th State House District and the 10th State Senate District. Within the last year, both of these seats were vacated. John Mulroe vacated his State Senate seat to take the appointment as a Judge. Robert Martwick, State Representative at the time, vacated his position and was appointed to the State Senate seat. Lindsey LaPointe was then appointed to the vacated State Representative seat. These appointments were decided by some suburban Committeepersons and by the following Chicago Ward Committeepersons: Robert Martwick, 38th; Robert Murphy, 39th, Timothy Henneghan, 41st; John Arena, 45th. John Arena had approximately 45% of the weighted vote.

Almost all of Jefferson Park is in the 45th Ward except a small portion which is in the 38th Ward. In the 45th Ward, Kerri Urbanski is running for the Republican Committeeperson and 45th Ward Alderman Jim Gardiner and Old Irving Park resident Ellen Hill are running against each other for Democratic Committeeperson. John Arena, current 45th Ward Committeeperson, has not made any announcement of running for re-election. In the 38th Ward, Chuck Hernandez is running for Republican Committeeperson and State Senator Robert Martwick is running for re-election for the Democratic Committeeperson.

The next election is on March 17, 2020. In a Primary Election, voters will be asked whether they want a Republican or Democratic ticket. Please come out and VOTE.

Upcoming Events:

JEFFERSON PARK SUNDAY MARKET (WINTER), Sundays, December 22, January 26, April 5, May 3, 10:00 - 2:00, Copernicus Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence (free parking in lot).

CAPS MEETINGS FOR PRECINCT: 1623: Wednesdays, January 15, and MARCH 18. in Community Room at 16th District, 5151 N. Milwaukee Ave. (Third Wednesday in odd months).

CHICAGO ELECTION: Tuesday, March 17.

Officer John Rodriguez Says,

LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS ON YOUR HOUSE, CAR, GARAGE, ALL THE TIME EVERY TIME

Let's talk about vehicles. We understand that it's cold outside, and a frigid car may not be inviting. But, PLEASE, do not leave your keys in the ignition with the vehicle unattended to get/keep the car warm. Doing so is an invitation for a car thief.....or a ticket; that is, if we get to it first.

Ticket, you ask? Sorry, but YES. It is illegal in the City of Chicago to leave your vehicle running and unattended. Per Municipal Code 9-40-080: "No person driving, or in charge of a motor vehicle, shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine and removing the ignition key, and when standing upon any grade, effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the roadway."

"Nothing in this section prohibits the use of a remote ignition start device which is capable of starting a vehicle's ignition without the vehicle's ignition key, if (a) the vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft feature which prevents the vehicle from being driven without the ignition key being properly inserted; and (b) the owner of the vehicle displays on the vehicle decal or sticker indicating the presence of such a remote ignition start device."

You have a keyless ignition system? Great! Please do not start your vehicle and walk away from it, or leave the fob in the car. Many newer keyless ignition vehicles have safeguards so you cannot lock your key fob in the vehicle. Get acquainted with how your keyless ignition system works by reading the owner's manual and visiting the manufacturer's website.

Being without your car or its contents would be MORE of an inconvenience than the few minutes of chill you may feel. If you want a climate controlled vehicle, please invest in a professionally installed remote car start system. Properly installed, remote car starters have safeguards against driving away with your vehicle. Don't be an easy target!

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Jenny's Call to her Father

By William B. Wardman

Jenny was making her weekly call from college to her father. During the conversation her father asked Jenny about her classes. Jenny responded, "I will be getting all A's but I specifically liked my Sociality class." Jenny mentioned, "we are discussing Socialism and it looks like the way to go to distribute wealth equally." Her father responded, "you are getting all A's, how is your friend Sue doing?" Jenny responded, "Sue is not studying much due to going out almost every night. Sue is getting D's and F's." Jenny's father indicated, "why do you not help Sue?" Jenny responded "I am not sure how to help." Jenny's father says, "let's take the Socialist approach. Go to the Ministry of Education to bring your grades down to C and bring Sue's up to C." Jenny immediately responded "this would not be fair because I work hard for my grades whereas Sue parties." Sue's father responded "this is correct, distributing wealth based on equality and not working is also not fair. "

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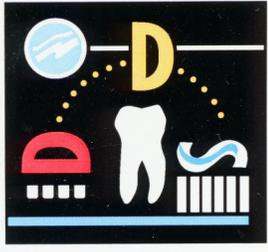
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