



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association est.2001

Newsletter for Spring 2024



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Meetings

You are all invited to JPNA meetings at 7pm Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings.

April 24: Future of Journalism. Presented by Brian Nadig.

May 29: Businesses in the area you should meet.

June 26: Illinois Representative of 19th District Lindsey LaPointe.

Free parking is available at the Hoyne drive-up Bank, Milwaukee & Giddings. Refreshments will be served.

Chicago Canine Rescue

Chicago Canine Rescue was founded in 2001 to help find permanent, loving homes for animals, some of whom are the most vulnerable in our city and surrounding areas. Dogs that are slated for euthanasia because they are too old, too young, too injured, too disabled, or who have simply been overlooked for too long by potential adopters at other shelters. We give over 350 homeless dogs a year their best chance at a forever home with vaccines, triage, and spay/neuter surgery. We even cover veterinary costs, including emergency surgeries and care for high-risk dogs that would otherwise be euthanized. The dogs in our care come to us from open-intake animal shelter facilities, a handful of rural partners, and families who can no longer care for them. Our team provides medical treatment, emotional and behavioral support, and adoption services to each animal that comes into our care, and we work tirelessly to match each animal with their perfect forever family! If you're interested in learning more about our mission or how to get involved, please visit our website at chicagocaninerescue.org!

Students at Beaubien Elementary get a Touch of Reality

On April 5, 2023, Chicago Public School Beaubien Elementary School held its Reality Fair for 7th and 8th graders. The Reality Fair is not part of the Chicago Public School system; it is unique to Beaubien.

The students prepare for the Reality Fair by picking and researching a career within their class. When they come in, they choose a partner/spouse card. These cards are chosen at random and have a job/salary on them that they add to their monthly salary to get their total for the fair. The wages are determined using data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During the event, students had the opportunity to learn about various financial aspects. They navigated through stations on expenses such as Spouse/Children, Taxes/student loans/Bank Loans/Savings, Housing, Transportation, Childcare, Personal Care, Healthcare Issues, Clothes, Groceries & Dining Out, Utilities, and Entertainment. At each station, they saw a drawdown of their salary, providing them with a realistic understanding of financial management. If a student ran out of money by the last station, they were guided to financial counseling, further enhancing their learning experience.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association members who volunteered at this event were Gwynne Carlson, Floyd Rueger, Eva Skowronski, Carolyn Wardman, and Brian Wardman. To me, this was fun being able to have students think about what they need and what they do not need. I hope more members will consider becoming involved with this event next year.

Condolences to the Families of two of your past board members.

Edward ch passed on November 2, 2023 at the age of 94. Merlyn Irsch, wife, is a JPNA member. Ed was a Korean War Veteran.

Siufofoga Tufele passed away March 10, 2024 at the age of 76. Siufofoga was born in American Samoa. Siufofoga Tufele is survived by a daughter Jaklyn, son Jovanni, and grandchildren Fara, Hope, and Mami.



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PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

- If you have key-less ignition and start your car your car may still be stolen even if the key "fob" is not in the car.
 - NEVER leave your keys in the ignition, not even for a minute.
- ⇒ Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.
- ALWAYS lock your doors
 - Park in a secure garage or gated area when possible
 - Park in well-lit areas

INVEST IN AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE

- Use a brake pedal lock
 - Install a hidden kill switch
 - Install an audible alarm
 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching
- ⇒ Stolen cars/parts are more easily traced when the VIN's have been etched on car windows and major parts.
- Install a tracking and alert device

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STOLEN

- Report it to the police immediately!!
- Be ready to provide the vehicle make, model, year, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and color of the vehicle.
- Contact your insurance company.

CALL 911 to report suspicious activity such as:
 Checking for car alarms by bumping or hitting the car windows/bumpers; pulling on door handles; looking into car windows

Stay Alert especially in areas of: Parking Garages; Parking Lots; Street Parking

Neighborhood Business You Should Know

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Today's Hair

My name is Carol Corston and I have owned Today's Hair at 5637 W. Lawrence Ave for over 32 years. My family moved onto Edmunds St. in Jefferson Park when I was 10 months old. I graduated from Beaubien Grammar School and Carl Schurz High School.

I got my start in the Salons when I was hired at the age of 16 as a shampoo girl. I was so thrilled! Within the first week, I was in heaven, able to work, visit with people and help them all at the same time! After High School I enrolled in the New Cosmetology School "UP JEFF" called the Sunnyhill. When I graduated, I worked in and around the Northwest Side. It was so exciting when a salon became available a couple of blocks from where I was raised and I was able to purchase it. Jefferson Park has had many changes since I was a little girl playing in the prairies of the neighborhood. It is still strong and vibrant -- I am so proud and blessed to be a part of the neighborhood I am a product of.

Safety Tip(s)

Place your address number on the top of your garage. This will help first responders know your address from the alley.

JPNA Board Members: Colleen Murphy (President); William "Brian" Wardman (Vice-President/Newsletter Editor); Floyd Rueger (Secretary); Bruce Herr (Treasurer); Gwynne Carlson; Steve Neidenbach; Eva Skowronski; Peter Insley

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