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Upcoming Events

Jefferson Park Sunday Market: October 7 & 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Copernicus Center parking lot

General meetings:

October 24 – Congregational Church of Jefferson Park presentation on its Outreach program. Note the date change due to Halloween being on the last Wednesday.

November 28 – TBA – check www.jpna.net for latest information

December 26 – Annual JPNA holiday party!

Volunteers needed!

Education Task Group – if interested contact Lotty at:
BCarlotty@yahoo.com or 773-736-1702

TIF Zoning Task Group – if interested send us a note at
JPNA@earthlink.net

Farmers Market Task Group – to volunteer for next year's market,
send us a note at JPNA@earthlink.net or call 847-902-2961

All general meetings are open to the public and are held at:

Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5320 W. Giddings, at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are provided as well as a chance to win a door prize.

Current Officers: Merril Miller, *President* Ed Irsch, *Treasurer*
Brian Wardman, *Vice-President* Lotty Blumenthal, *Secretary*

Board Members: Robert Bank * Mike Bezanson * Judy Skotzko
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All letters presented are letters to JPNA by individuals, who do not speak for JPNA.

On the teachers strike

There has been a long series over 10 years that have led up to the current teachers strike that recently occurred. Over this period, the CTU had to file and still has pending the fact that in hiring, it has practiced both age and race discrimination. It says it has no money and is in debt, but then spends millions of tax money on crazy computer programs that do not work and result in more than 3,000 grievances on payroll errors and giving money to charter schools which do not have all highly qualified teachers. Much of what has happened in the last 10 years are simply ways to return the school to being patronage jobs as they were in the 50's when scandal made CPS institute written civil service exams.

In his speech to the media, Mayor Rahm spoke an untruth or misinformation. He said the evaluation process of teachers had not changed in 40 years. They have changed 2 or 3 times with changes in different contracts. Each time the evaluation process was changed, it was changed in favor of Principals having a simpler process to follow, making it easier to give teachers a poorer rating and easier to fire them. Each of these changes during the 40 years made conditions worse for teachers. This current proposed process is the worst. One of the reasons for the strike is that the Mayor and CPS lawyers and administration cannot be trusted because of the way they state things which are in error as if they were true. Life for teachers in CPS is one of abuse like this one.

C.Lotty Blumenthal, 16 year delegate, retired

On the Horizon

Jefferson Park Sunday Market - Season is ongoing for the 2nd & 4th Sundays of October in the Copernicus Center parking lot, 5216 W. Lawrence, 10 am – 2 pm. Fresh produce, food trucks, music, craft/garage sales & more. For more information, go to www.jpna.net/fm or our Jefferson Park Sunday Market Facebook page.

Nadig Newspapers is hiring neighborhood children to deliver the 72-year-old local newspaper, Chicago's NW Side Press, which is now on Facebook. Call 773-286-6100. JPNA members can have a free e-mail subscription to the newspaper.

The JPNA Cookbook, 2nd edition, will be published soon. If you wish to pre-order a copy and save 20%, please download the form from our website: www.jpna.net.

CAPS Meetings, Beat 1623

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
Portage Park, 4100 N. Long (alternate location)

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.
16th District Police Station, 5151 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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