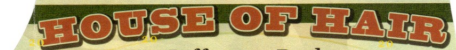




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Upcoming Events

General meetings:

- April 29** – Amie Zander, Executive Director, Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, on business in the community; Owen Brugh, Chief of Staff to Alderman Arena, on the participatory budget ballot
- May 27** – Toshiko Doi, presentation of her family experience during the World War II internment of Japanese
- June 24** - Irene Klajbor from Dignity Memorial on funeral planning

All general meetings are free and open to the public and are held at the **Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5320 W. Giddings**, in the basement auditorium at **7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month**. Refreshments are provided.

Volunteers needed!

Sunday Market Task Group – if interested, contact Merrill at
jeffersonparksundaymarket@zoho.com

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@jpna.net

Current Officers: Judy Skotzko , *President* Ed Irsch, *Treasurer*
Brian Wardman, *Vice-President* Mike Bezanson, *Secretary*
Board Members: Lotty Blumenthal, Ron Ernst, Merrill Miller,
Eva Skowronski

As we head into our 5th year at the Jefferson Park Sunday Market, we're hoping to have a bigger and better year than ever. We started out as the merger of a crew of people wanting to have a Jeff Park market that started a discussion on Everyblock, plus a couple of us from JPNA with some connections to help get year one off to the quick start it needed, considering that original discussion was in March—after when many submissions, etc. are usually already in. With the help of our friends at the Copernicus Foundation who gave us space that first couple of years, we started a tradition. But that black asphalt made it rough to be out there. So with that experience under our belt, and some new friends over at the park in the form of the Jefferson Memorial Park Advisory Council, we renewed our start by moving into the park, where we got welcome shade and added foot traffic.

We have been noted by some of our vendors to be the friendliest market they've participated in. That's something that we love to hear as organizers. We're also dog and child friendly. We are located just steps away from the playground, and in addition to having plenty of greenery for our four footed friends to enjoy, have at least a vendor or two that cater to their needs. We have also been happy to play host to a variety of canine adoption agencies.

This year we're hoping to expand our outreach to our area youth with more activities that cater just to them. Our first market will feature a youth's yoga instructor from Jim Cogan's The Yoga Shop in neighboring Portage Park.

For the adults, we will have keyboardist Lucas Levon joining us. We look forward to a variety of other performers throughout the season.

New last year was the addition of Tamales Express, to provide on-site ready to eat food, and provide a standard while we continued to get in food trucks to add some other varieties.

Staples at the market include fruits, veggies, home-style canned goods, bakeries, honey, coffee, cheese meats and more.

We also traditionally have a plant swap at our first market, to help gardeners share the proceeds of those necessary plant divisions and rearranging that happens early in the season.

We continue to look for volunteers to help with the market, as always. Many of the tasks that need to be done are things that happen behind the scenes. There is everything from completing the city applications, to hanging signs. There is getting performers and food trucks as well as market vendors. Since we also have craft vendors, which is something that is relatively unique in farmers markets, there is out reach for that, too. On market day we help our vendor with set up and tear down. We encourage other charitable organizations to participate by volunteering to man our info table if they only have handouts, getting a free space if they provide set-up and tear down crews for that day, or they can also purchase space just like another vendor.

For more information on any of these opportunities call Eva at 773-282-3879 or check out our website at JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com.

-Merril Miller, JPNA Board member
Manager, Jefferson Park Sunday Market

In last month's issue we neglected to list the author of our featured article; it was Ed Irsch.

All letters presented are letters to JPNA by individuals, who do not speak for JPNA

Gift Theatre World premiere

The Royal Society of Antartica, written by Mat Smart, directed by ensemble member John Gawlik . Dee returns to her birthplace at the blindingly bright McMurdo Station in Antarctica to work as a janitor and seek answers to her mother's disappearance. March 2 – April 26 Tickets \$20-\$35
4802 N. Milwaukee, 773-283-7071 <http://thegifttheatre.org/>

City Newsstand Café

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ON THE HORIZON

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The JPNA Cookbook, 2nd edition, is now available! Members \$4, non-members \$5, download the form from our website: www.jpna.net.

SAVE THE DATE! The Second Annual Jefferson Park Sing-Along Messiah will be Sunday, December 6, 2015, 3 p.m. in the Copernicus Center auditorium.