

JPNA JEFFERSON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2016

Science Fair *by Peter Insley, JPNA Board Member, Education Committee Member*

This January I visited two elementary schools as a science fair judge. Let me begin by congratulating Ms. Kerry Zeman of St. Robert Bellarmine and Ms. Mary Beth Schaefer of Our Lady of Victory for the quality of the projects I judged. The student participants were clear concerning their independent and dependent variables and their constants. The data was well organized and graphed. These are all signs of good teaching. It was clear that the students learned a lot from their projects. Their research papers were detailed and complete as were their explanations of their projects. The students were able to answer questions about both their procedures and research. In addition, they understood my suggestions for changes and discussed them with me. Beyond the science that the students learned, I wish to comment on the poise the students showed in their presentations. It's not easy for 11 to 14 year olds to present to an adult, yet every student was articulate and enthusiastic. I must say I was very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed my day at both schools. Congratulations again to the schools, the students, the parents, and the teachers involved.

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FUNDRAISER:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

At Rabbit's Bar and Grill

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773-502-4651**

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!!



WHO WANTS TO START A BLOCK PARTY

by Liz Jurkacek

We encourage our Jefferson Park neighbors to organize a Block Party, it brings neighbors together, and creates a better sense of community. We also hope you will encourage your Block Party events to consider organizing a Block Party Watch Group. We know that together neighbors can cut down on crime and keep neighbors updated as to neighborhood happenings. Come to the next COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Meetings are the first SATURDAY of the month , 2:00P.M. to 3:00P.M. at:
The 16th District Police Station, Community Room
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 27th: State Senator John Mulroe

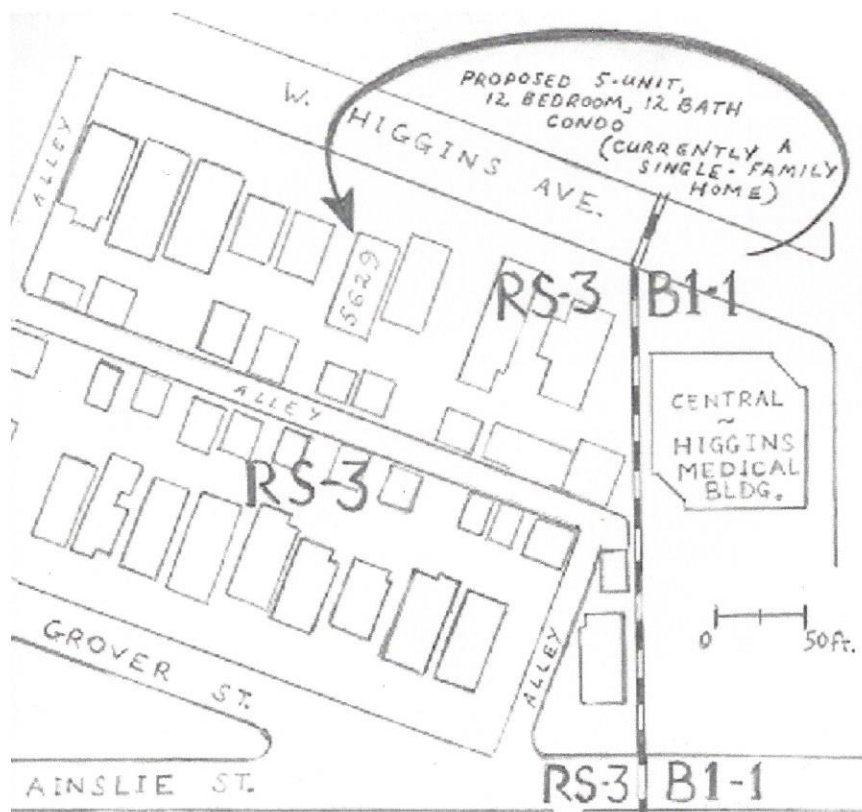
May 25th: Update your garden

**June 29th: Airplane Noise, John Kane
from FAiR**

"SPOT UP-ZONING" THREATENS TO MAKE DAILY LIFE OF NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS MISERABLE

by Bob Bank, JPNA President

Spot Up-Zoning, the act of changing the zoning of just one lot from "RS-3"(or lower) classification, typically a single family home or 2-flat, to "RT-4" a hulking multi-unit condo or apartment building. Ald. Arena, who has accepted campaign contributions from the developer, the developer's company, and the developer's attorney, is dismissing neighbors' wishes, and their petition, and is willing to support the spot-up zoning change that will put a 2-story, 5-unit, 12 bedroom, 12 bath condo building, right smack dab in between a single-family home and a 2-flat, at 5629 W. Higgins. These long-time residents will see a 2-STORY WALL RUN NEARLY THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THEIR PROPERTY. Good-bye neighbors, good-bye sunlight, good-bye garden. Alderman Arena is trying to sell this exploitation of the zoning code, as a boost for the business district (several blocks away). But, what positive impact if any will this really have for the stores, versus the extreme and immediate negative impact this will have on the daily lives of these long-time Jefferson Park residents next-door, and even down the block or across the alley? A parking pad for 6 cars in the alley is not enough for what could be a virtual rooming house for 12 car driving adults; and where will they put the snow from the parking pad in the winter? These long-time residents bought their homes in an area under the protective "RS-3" zoning. They had every good reason to expect to fully enjoy their lives in an "RS-3" environment. Stick up for your fellow neighbors, and tell Alderman Arena (Tel: 773-286-4545) how unfair this is. This could happen to you too; let's stick together!





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Membership IS Important!

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association has been in existence since the year 2000. We have tried to be a positive influence in the community. As different issues arise, the JPNA takes a stance which, we hope, is always in the best interest of its residents. And, that's where you come in. We need your input, thoughts and concerns. We would like you to be part of our decision-making process. We encourage your ideas which would improve the lifestyle in and around our neighborhood. We would love to be able to count you as our member. Joining is easy and, hopefully, within your budget. We now have a 2-year membership at a \$5.00 saving, and we also have a reduced senior (55+) membership. "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" you may ask. Well, the next time the JPNA takes a stance on an important issue, or sponsors a worthwhile event, YOUR voice was being represented and, I hope, that feels Great!

Eva Skowronski

JPNA Board member

Join JPNA today!

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