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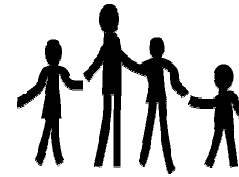
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# Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter for Summer 2012

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### Upcoming Events

#### General meetings:

**June 27** - Chicago Center for Green Technology (CCGT) - Jenny Babcock, Resource Center Coordinator, will speak about classes and other resources that CCGT has to offer.

**July 25** - Historic Chicago Bungalow Association - Mary Ellen Guest will do a general historical bungalow presentation and then talk about restoring wood windows, which applies to many old homes, not just bungalows.

**August 29** - Joint presentation with Curt Thomasco from Ameriprise Financial and Renata Szczygiel Seward of Seward & Szczygiel, P.C. addressing the following topics: powers of attorney and guardianships and the financial aspects of aging.

**September 26** - TBD possible candidate forum

**October 24** - Note date change!

**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.

**Education Task Group** - if interested contact Lotty at: [BCarlotty@yahoo.com](mailto:BCarlotty@yahoo.com) or 773-736-1702

**TIF Zoning Task Group** - if interested send us a note at [JPNA@earthlink.net](mailto:JPNA@earthlink.net)

**Farmers Market Task Group** - to volunteer for next year's market, send us a note at [JPNA@earthlink.net](mailto:JPNA@earthlink.net) or call 847.902.2961

**Current Officers:** Merrill Miller, President Ed Irsch, Treasurer  
Brian Wardman, Vice President Lotty Blumenthal, Secretary  
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Eva Skowronski \* Monica Prus Sykora

### Get To Know Some of Our Local Businesses

ABC—no, the name is **ABI Insurance Agency**, located at 4806 N. Milwaukee. Our very own member Marzena Kuhiwczak and husband Marcin opened this business in December 2004.

Being an independent agency means the customer can get insurance from various major insurance companies like Erie Insurance, Hartford, Kemper, Safeco, just to name a few. The agency handles both personal and business insurance. (Typical personal insurance would be your homeowners and automobile.) Customers will come to the office, call, or if needed, Marzena and/or Marcin can make "house calls" (without a doctor).

In addition to handling this office, Marzena also is the co-founder of the Jefferson Park Business Alliance. This group promotes businesses in both the Jefferson Park and Portage Park areas. To serve this purpose, ABI's office was just remodeled to accommodate the following: monthly meetings in a conference room; a neighborhood family club; arts club (arts classes for kids); and Christmas gatherings. *Listen up residents - this is for our community! Welcome! And thank you, Marzena.*

For more information, please call 773-202-9666.

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When new and old meet, you get **RPN Sales**, located at 4451 N. Milwaukee. It is a store that has new and used furniture, antiques, collectibles, books, dishes, etc. Roger and Nancy Gunderson have been in the neighborhood for 19 years and at this location for 8.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, an auction is held. Items can be viewed that same day just prior to the event. New merchandise comes to the store 2-3 times a week.

Nancy and her son Roger get their merchandise from individual parties or from furniture warehouses. Customers often make requests for certain pieces and Nancy may find that perfect match. You will also see specific holiday items throughout the year.

The store is very well organized and it is a pleasure to browse (and then, of course, to buy). For more info, please call 773-736-1925 or visit their website, [www.rpnsales.com](http://www.rpnsales.com).

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Boy, this place is smoking! **Whole Leaf Tobacco** is a newer business that opened around May 2012. It is located at 4945 N. Milwaukee, very close to our local Nadig Newspaper office.

Customers can buy regular tobacco (U.S. grown) and have their cigarettes rolled in a machine. A typical carton may cost \$20. But for those who don't want nicotine, there are many fruit and herb tobaccos which are used in hookah pipes or the smaller pipes called 'bubblers.' The hookah pipe is a very ornate, stand-up inhaling unit which can serve up to four smokers at a time. The choices for these flavored tobaccos are so many—but just a few of the fruity ones are grape, blueberry, margarita, rose, and melon. In the herb family, they have wild lettuce, purple spearmint, and passion flower.

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The price of the hookah pipes can vary from \$10 to \$80. A can of tobacco is around \$15. Other items sold are lighters, cigarette cases, ashtrays, candles, and incense. Stewart, the manager, was very knowledgeable and helpful, especially to a person who is not a smoker and can't inhale (me). For more info, please call 773-934-1239.

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Now let's hear a bit about another one of our very own members, Judy Skotzko. In March 2012, she started her new venture called "**BiddyTech**." They provide training and consultation on any type of technology-related topic. Need help setting up your new TV, DVD, etc.? Call Judy. How does this DVR work? Call Judy. How does this toaster work? Call Judy—no, just plug it in (just kidding)—Judy can help you set up any communication device and show you how to operate it.

Her aim is to reach out to middle-aged and older women—women who would like to connect with their kids and grandkids on social media. They can be trained on the basics of Skype, Facebook, texting, and even email.

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*Please support our local businesses and our advertisers.*

*Eva S.*

### On the Horizon

**Jefferson Park Sunday Market** - Season is ongoing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays through the end of October. 5216 W. Lawrence in the Copernicus Center parking lot, 10am - 2pm. Fresh produce, food trucks, music, craft/garage sales & more. See [jpna.net/fm](http://jpna.net/fm) or our Jefferson Park Sunday Market Facebook page for more info.

**The Jeff Park Arts and Music Fest** will be held the weekend of July 27 to 29 in Jefferson Park at Higgins and Long Avenues. Great bands, bingo tent, food trucks, specialty craft beers, artists/crafters, kids games, pop-up entertainment and much more. Volunteers, sponsors and vendors are needed. Call 773-736-6697 or visit [jeffest.org](http://jeffest.org). The Fest is presented by the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, Alderman John Arena, and the Chicago Park District.

**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.

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