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JEFFERSON PARK Neighborhood Association
Newsletter for summer 2014



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association
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Upcoming Events

General meetings:
July 30 – CUB
August 27 – Presentation on home security; nominations for elections
September 24 – Steve Gulyas provides entertainment; elections; open forum

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!

Farmers Market Task Group – if interested, contact Merril at merrillynmiller@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, Merril Miller, Eva Skowronski

Olive's Neighborhood Garden for the Hungry is healthy and growing thanks to the help of her neighbors. She had a successful fundraiser at Rabbits Bar and Grill in the early spring. The support from the neighborhood, individuals, churches, and businesses was and remains wonderful. The funds collected and cared for by the JPNA have purchased seeds, plants, black gold from Buy the Yard, and hardware that have helped the garden flourish. We've harvested weekly things like lettuce, rhubarb, radishes and turnips since the start of May. Walk or drive by and you'll see crops of lettuce, rhubarb, beets, radishes, chard, carrots, spinach, cabbage, zucchini, turnips, squash, onions, herbs, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumber, and beans, all growing side by side. Walk on the outside and you'll see a row of 4 kinds of hot peppers. All of our peas get eaten by the sparrows as they grow, so they've never gotten more than an inch or two high this year. The same was happening with our lettuce so we covered it with netting. Closer to the highway side you'll see the more native side of the garden with sun chokes, cup plants, and milk weed. We added a little additional signage along the fence on the curve from Laramie into Gunnison, "Native Plants: YES, Garbage and Lawn Waste: NO" to dissuade folks from dumping their grass clippings and it's worked. The cup plants we planted and the milk weeds that Mother Nature planted are all doing well. Our barrels of water are working great for the short, daily watering of seeds and seedlings and the rains have cut down on the need for water from our neighbor. But we've still run that hose a bunch this year, if nothing other than to keep the barrels full! We've gotten some new banner style signs with the help of The Blueprint Shoppe and now we have to hang them. We're still on Facebook at "Garden for the Hungry" and have a new email, GardenfortheHungry@hotmail.com.

Harvests are on Sunday mornings, delivered to the food pantry (Northwest Church of Christ, Wilson and Kilbourn) who turns around and hands it to the hungry that same day. Direct from farmer to consumer. What a concept, hey folks? If YOU want to help, give us a shout. If you're busy Sundays.....weeds grow 'round the clock and so does the garden. The garden is here, bring your kids by, sit in the porch swing and listen to the cars, "L" and jets go by, pull a few weeds and bring home a smile.

- Andy Brecklin

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Join JPNA today!

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Membership dues: 1 year: \$15 per person; seniors (age 55+) \$10 per person
2 years: \$25 per person; seniors (age 55+) \$15 per person

Make check payable to: **Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association**
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ON THE HORIZON

FARMERS MARKET AT JEFFERSON PARK: The 2014 market is in full swing the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month through October. If you'd like to be part of it, send us an email at jpna@jpna.net.

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

Jefferson Park Do-It-Yourself Messiah: December 14, 2014 at the Copernicus Center. Yes, it's getting closer so mark it on your calendar now!