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# JEFFERSON PARK Neighborhood Association

## Newsletter for winter 2014



**Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association**  
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### Upcoming Events

**General meetings:**  
**January 29** – Open forum  
**February 26** – Tax presentation  
**March 26** – Health fair

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 [merrillynnmiller@zoho.com](mailto:merrillynnmiller@zoho.com)

**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@jpna.net](mailto: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

*All letters presented here are by individuals, who do not speak for the JPNA.*

Dear JPNA members,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were enjoyable.

Last year marked a change in leadership at the JPNA. After six years, Merrill Miller decided not to seek another term as president, and I was elected at September's meeting. I hope to continue to build on what Merrill worked so hard to achieve. We have much to thank her for: the Jefferson Park Sunday Market, our increase in membership, cordial relations with our elected officials and the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, to name just a few of her accomplishments. Thank you, Merrill, for your time and energy and for continuing to participate in JPNA leadership by serving on our board.

Speaking of our board, I'd like to thank the members who've served tirelessly these past couple years: Brian, Mike, Ed, Lotty, and Eva. I'm looking forward to working with you on all things JPNA.

We live in a great area: the transportation is superb (Metra, CTA, the Kennedy, and the Edens are all close by) and the 16<sup>th</sup> police district is one of the safest in the city. We also have several excellent schools. No matter how good things are, though, there is always room for improvement. If you think of something that would make our neighborhood better, we are having an open forum at our January meeting. Please join us and share your ideas.

There is so much work to do in our community; we welcome any time you can spare to help us make this a safe and enjoyable place to live. There are several active task groups that you can join or if you'd like to create a task group, bring it up at one of our meetings.

I look forward to meeting those of you whom I've haven't yet met and I look forward to working with all of you to keep Jefferson Park a great place to live.

May we all have a healthy and prosperous 2014!

- Judy Skotzko, JPNA President

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Yes, that's what it felt like sitting in the Channel 11 Studio Sunday, December 1, handling subscriber callers for several Channel 11 programs. We had 12 members with us (ok, 2 were sisters of a JPNA member) who were nice enough to fill in for two others with flu. Channel 11 fed us, trained us, and announced our organization on the air. DID ANY OF YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE OUR LOGO DISPLAYED AND, MAYBE, EVEN GET TO SEE US WEARING THAT BEAUTIFUL JPNA T-SHIRT? We had a good time and helped the PBS Station collect funds to give us more of those good programs. Hope to do it again next year. I AM TAKING NAMES!!!

- Eva Skowronsk  
JPNA Board member

### ON THE HORIZON

**FARMERS MARKET AT JEFFERSON PARK:** The 2014 market is in the planning stages. If you'd like to be part of it, send us an email at [jpna@jpna.net](mailto:jpna@jpna.net).

**The JPNA Cookbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, is now available!** Members \$4, non-members \$5, download the form from our website: [www.jpna.net](http://www.jpna.net).

**Jefferson Park Do-It-Yourself Messiah:** December 14, 2014 at the Copernicus Center. Yes, it's a long time away but mark it on your calendar now!

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