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**JEFFERSON PARK**  
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*Newsletter for winter 2015*



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**Upcoming Events**

**General meetings:**  
**February 25** – Irene Flebbe, Forest Preserve District on getting your garden ready  
**March 25** – Real Estate Update by Pat Liput (realtor) and Kelly Malitz (mortgage banker)

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](mailto:jeffersonparksundaymarket@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*  
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Merril Miller, Eva Skowronski

**Things progressively and simultaneously color-blind, invisible, and transparent**

Once upon a time there was a maverick "little 'color-blind' lie" who refused to become a resident of the city of lies. (NOTE: The reference is "a little 'color-blind' lie" because somewhere in the world there might be one person who considers "a little 'white' lie" to be racist.) He felt he could learn nothing from the old guard and that he could change of the world of lies into wanting to remain harmless little color-blind lies.

But the personal ambitions of the little lie began to grow as he listened to the persistent urgings from the good old boys: Why remain a little lie when, with our help, you could go on to bigger things. All you have to do is support the party line and we'll help you change from a little lie to an invisible lie. The better and bigger invisible lie you become, the higher you could rise in the ranks of the party.

The maverick lie wasn't sure he wanted to grow from a hardly noticed, easily accepted little lie to a never noticed invisible lie. But the taste of ambition became stronger. He soon appreciated the thrill of being an unseen manipulator much more than the role of being thought as harmless.

Now he began to get warnings from the old boys who had to admit their lies suffered a meltdown from burnout. They had appeared to be truth and invisible as a lie then became a transparent lie and could be seen through. They were used once too often (and the one who did it blamed someone else). But they pointed out their admiration of a couple of lies that were still working: one to quash any objection is "That's silly" and another to downplay any cost overrun is "It's worth it."

The little lie was convinced he would change the belief that all lies eventually burn out by becoming the first everlasting invisible lie. He would never let himself become a transparent lie and live miserably ever after. He paid no attention to the advice that the more a lie tries to remain invisible, the more it becomes transparent.

The city of lies has a weird saying about their life cycle: As a "color-blind" lie we might fool all of the people some of the time, as an invisible lie we might fool some of the people all of the time, but as a transparent lie we cannot fool all of the people all of the time. Another weird thing about lies is that the eventual recognition as a transparent lie comes at a different time for different people. Lies, then, are one of the things which are progressively and simultaneously color-blind, invisible, and transparent.

**EPILOGUE**

This maverick lie wanted to be long remembered among other lies so he adopted a name to be used only among other lies which he thought was extremely elegant. The name he chose: The Invisible Falsehood. It is not certain if he will be an everlasting invisible lie or burn out.

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

**SALT WITHOUT PAIN!**

Sure, we're all in favor of keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice but, at the same time, let's not forget our 4-legged friends (who just don't like to wear booties). There are many of us who must walk our dogs in this weather and, when seeing sidewalks covered with pebbles of some sort, we will carry them to avoid the nasty chemicals going into their paws.

There are many pet-friendly melting products available. And, by just spending a little more, we can make their "walk around the block" a more pleasant experience. Also, don't forget, these specialty products are less harmful to your concrete sidewalks and your grass as, eventually, the melting snow will run off into your lawn. BOW-WOW (that's 'thank you' in canine).

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**ON THE HORIZON**

**Volunteers needed for the Jefferson Park Sunday Market!** Email jeffersonparksundaymarket@zoho.com for more information.

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