

## On the Horizon

Join community members at an educational forum and find out:

- How the U.S. got into this Foreclosure Crisis
- What options may help homeowners save their homes & condos
- Where renters can go for help when landlords are in foreclosure
- Government programs available to you
- Information about your real estate taxes
- Your legal rights in foreclosure & where to get advice
- How you can get involved in your community to stop foreclosures

**First-hand information from the:** *Cook County Assessor's Office / Office of the Attorney General / Legal Assistance Foundation / Metro Tenants Organization / Lakeside CDC* ) **Free Parking & Admission**

**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2009 9:30am—12:00pm

**Location:** Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett, Chicago 60634

**Registration:** Call Liz Caton at 773-836-1179 (NW Side Housing Ctr

**The Northwest Chicago Historical Society** (formerly Jefferson Park Historical Society) will have a joint meeting with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (Northern Illinois Chapter)

"**The Mystery of Jefferson Park**". Open Presentation & Discussion of Who, Where, Why, did so many Germans from Russia Come to this area of Chicago and in such a short time period, 1910-1914. **Admission is Free!**

**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2009 – 12:00pm, noon

**Location:** Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5051 W. Gunnison, 60630 Founded by Germans from Russia, the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church is now celebrating its 95-year anniversary. A tour of the Church will follow the presentation.

Look for JPNA at Jeff Fest—July 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> Featuring cookbooks & more Family Hours on Saturday will be 12-4—free admission for Families

**Uncovered Theatre Company** will be at **Portage Park**, with Shakespeare's Twelfth Night—an engaging, high energy, five person adaptation of Shakespeare's popular comedy that brings the sometimes difficult-to-understand language of Shakespeare to life. This production is a joint project with The Drifting Theatre Company.

**Date:** June 20, Noon

**FREE**, but donations will be accepted.

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**SUMMER 2009**

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## Upcoming Events

### General meetings:

**May 27** George Sullivan of Eco Smart Building will be doing a presentation on "Solar and Wind Options in Chicago".

**June 24** Petition Update

**July 29** Stretching Your Dollar in Today's Economy –a presentation by the State of Illinois Treasurer's office featuring tips on: reducing credit debt, increasing savings, short cuts, useful websites and more.

**August 26** JPNA Constitution Review – our treasurer and past president Ed Irsch has been working to streamline and consolidate our existing constitution. It will be presented during this meeting and discussed to prepare for the elections that will be part of the September meeting

**September 30** – Fall Projects Tips will Rich Escallier, the Portage Park Handyman. Elections including president, treasurer board & constitution changes will also be a part of this meeting.

### All general meetings Open to the public and are held at:

Jefferson Park Congregational Church 5320 W. Giddings  
7 pm -- the last Wednesday of each month.

Refreshments will be provided & chance to win a door prize

Please check our web-site [www.jpna.net](http://www.jpna.net) for updates, links and more

### Other:

**CAPS Meetings for beat 1623** Will be returning to the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7pm, at Jefferson Park Police Station starting on June 17, 5151 N. Milwaukee Ave.

### Current Officers:

Merril Miller, *President* Ed Irsch, *Treasurer*  
Brian Wardman, *Vice President* Lotty Blumenthal *Secretary*

### Board Members:

Ron Ernst  
Eva Skowronski

## A Couple of Letters from ...

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

The garden is doing well. Seth continues to work but not manage it. He has one more merit badge for his Eagle Scout. The garden is about 3 times the size as last year. Many volunteers have done the hard work of breaking the sod and digging the beds. The scouts did a good job of preparation. We have wildflower seeds (starting to sprout) along the outside of the fence. Along the inside we're planting climbing plants such as peas and cucumbers. The beds have plants such as tomatoes, peppers, pole beans radishes and carrots planted. There's room for lots more. We have a few boxes where Brian is going to raise corn and sunflowers. Behind the signs is a map and a noteboard with calendar for volunteers to communicate with each other. It's where we tell each other what was done, what was planted, where it was planted and when the garden was watered last. We are looking for regular volunteers to help keep the water flowing. Water is donated by Stanly on one corner and Olive Borgardt on the other corner. There are hoses there, one to run across the street and one to water with. We have a mulch pile we try to keep cooking. Don't be afraid to dump your grass clippings there. We need some more material like bark mulch to layer over the ground, maintain moisture and cut back on weeds. Seeds, chicken wire, hoses etc.....If you think a garden needs it we probably do. We've had folks from the neighborhood stop by once, twice and a bunch of times. We've had high school students working for their community service hours. And yes, we make them work not just stand around. And we've had people drive by, shout encouragement and drop off monetary and plant donations. Thanks to all. This Sunday we want to fill the place up with everything growing. Stop on by. \*\*

*Andy Brekin*

\*\*work on our garden is on-going, and various people are out each Sunday at 1pm, weather permitting.

WE SUPPORT SIGNIFICANT REFORM AS OUTLINED BY THE ILLINOIS REFORM COMMISSION *THIS* LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

As a citizen interested in reform, won't you join us in calling for that reform now? The nation is watching Illinois to determine how we will respond to the corruption and scandal that has been the state's legacy. More Information at [www.reformillinoisnow.org](http://www.reformillinoisnow.org)

Sincerely,  
Illinois Reform Commission Patrick Collins, Chair

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## TALKING ABOUT THE WIND

excerpted from eco-structor.com for April 2009, harnessing the Wind by George Sullivan, who will be our speaking on May 28<sup>th</sup>. (see cover)

Two of the standard wind-turbine technologies used on individual buildings in the urban environment are Horizontal-axis and Vertical-axis turbines. Horizontal turbines are the more standard propeller-type wind turbine but require direct, steady winds and can suffer from vibration, noise and bird and bat strikes. These issues can be problematic in urban settings. This is further complicated by the fact that most zoning codes require roof or pole mounted wind-turbine equipments' noise coefficients to be equal or less than the noise coefficient of an air-conditioning condenser, which can be loud. Vertical axis turbines have vertical blades revolving around a vertical axis. These systems have experienced rapid development in blade technology, increased energy generation because of their ability to operate with omni-directional winds, as well as reduced vibration and noise coefficient based on wind and shaft alignment. Vertical-axis wind turbines represent the fastest growing technology in the small wind-power market. These systems are used in many urban applications, including charging batteries for street lighting and pocket power plants on high-rise buildings, though they can also be mounted on a standalone pole. It should be noted that structural integrity of the building must be taken into consideration.

### COMPARING WIND PERFORMANCE

When comparing wind-turbine equipment, key performance considerations include the following:

Rated power—This is the maximum power the unit will generate at the rated wind speed.

The higher the power at a lower wind speed, the better the turbine will perform.

Cut-in wind speed—This is the lowest wind speed at which the unit starts to produced electrical power; 1.8 to 2 meters per second is the lowest in the market at this time.

Rated wind speed—This is the highest wind speed at which the unit produces the rated power.

Field testing—A turbine is set up in the field and is monitor under actual wind and weather loads for a minimum of one year.

Wind Study—Some manufacturers, most states and all federal incentives, require a minimum of one-year wind study at the location at which turbines are installed. The wind study can be applied to a several block area if all buildings are of similar heights. Most urban areas are not composed of buildings of uniform height, which generates a wind differential that must be determined. Zoning and building codes vary and need to be addressed upfront when seeking a permit for wind study to ensure the study equipment is placed in a location that will ensure accurate results.

Hybrid solar—an increasing percentage of vertical-axis wind-turbine manufacturers are incorporating solar panels into their designs as an additional renewable-energy source for power production Solar thin film and panels can be used with several turbines on a rooftop to meet building code and zoning-setback requirements while not losing any renewable-energy production.

For more info: Come to our May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and/or check out:

- American Wind Energy Association [www.awea.org](http://www.awea.org)
- Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency [www.Dsireusa.org](http://www.Dsireusa.org)
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council [www.ireusa.org](http://www.ireusa.org)
- Small Wind Certification Council [www.smallwindcertification.org](http://www.smallwindcertification.org)

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