

March 2011

TOPICS

Hollywood-North Park Community Association
HNPCA.org

☞ Next HNPCA Meeting ☜ Tues., March 15, 7:30pm

Northside College Prep High School
5501 N. Kedzie Avenue

REAL (E)STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Please join Carmen and Anthony Rodriguez, Broker Associates with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage for a summary of the past year's real estate activity in our neighborhood. The presentation will include a review of short sale and foreclosure data and a Q&A on how to manage your own property assets in this challenging market. Carmen and Anthony are long-time residents of the Hollywood-North Park community and specialize in residential sales and buyer representation, with expertise in traditional, distressed and "Real Estate Owned" or REO transactions. We will also briefly discuss how to appeal your Cook County real estate tax.



Northeastern Illinois University Events

Presidential Lecture Series presents:

Reza Deghati, photojournalist and humanitarian

Thursday, March 10, 8pm
NEIU Auditorium Free

The Chicago Brass Festival, March 11-12

Performances by:

Burning River Brass (March 11, 8pm)

- Chris Martin, John Hagstrom, CSO trumpets (March 12, 11am)
- Charles Vernon, CSO trombone (March 12, 3pm)
- Don Rader, jazz trumpet legend w/ NEIU Big Band (March 12, 6:30 pm)

www.chicagobrassfestival.com

☞ Neighborhood News ☜

Congrats to Alderman Laurino on winning another term as the 39th Ward alderman.

From her newsletter:

"Do you need a **free smoke detector** for your home or apartment? We have a limited amount available at my public service office, while supplies last."

"If you would like to have a tree planted in the parkway in front of your home, please contact my public service office. Tree planting is a free service offered by the City of Chicago on a first come, first served basis, but is only done in the Spring and Fall (weather permitting)."

Join your neighbors and let's show a warm welcome to our **new Chicago Police Department 17th District Commander:**

Melissa A. Staples

17th District Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 7-9pm
5040 N Pulaski Rd.

Salvation Army Metropolitan Division.

The Annual Town Hall Meeting was created in an effort to build upon and strengthen relationships between the community, business owners, elected officials and the police within the 17th District. This is an opportunity for everyone with a vested interest in this community to come together and hear about the successes, goals and future of this district.

BORDER'S at Lincoln and Jersey in Lincoln Village is closing....should we consider campaigning for a Trader Joe's? Click here to link to their location request page. [Trader Joe's, we want you!](#) What would you like to see there?

Greencorps Plant Distribution Days 2011

If your block club or community organization is looking to start a community action project, Greencorps is a place to start. Sign up at:

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/doe/provdrs/nat_res/svcs/greencorps_chicago.html

☞ Neighborhood Events ☞

North Park Village Nature Center is your place for fun, family-friendly activities!
5801 N. Pulaski 312-744-5472

Families with children (ages 5 & up) are encouraged to attend the **Concert in the Park with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago Percussion Ensemble** on **Saturday, March 12** at **11am**. The professional ensemble from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago will perform and invite young audiences to ask questions about the pieces, the instruments, and the musician's training. No registration is required.

The annual **Maple Syrup Festival** will take place on **Saturday, March 26** and **Sunday, March 27** from 10am until 3pm. This event is free and open to everyone. You can learn how maple trees are tapped, see how the sap is boiled into syrup, and taste some of the syrup on hot pancakes. Then afterwards, enjoy some storytelling and live music.

CAPS Update

Want to see the crime stats on line? Click:

<https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath/Communities/Districts/District17>

Better yet, discuss them at a CAPS meeting:

Beat 1712 South of Bryn Mawr to Lawrence
4th Wednesday of each month 7:30pm
Salvation Army, 4056 N. Pulaski

Beat 1711 North of Bryn Mawr to Devon
Will not meet in March

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☞ Hello gardeners ☞

Have you been swooning over the alluring beauties in your spring flower catalogs? Are your thumbs itching to turn green? Well, get moving and check out the following tips reprinted with permission from *Chicagoland Gardening Magazine*.

What To Do in the Garden

- When the snow eventually melts and the temperature soars into the “warm” 40s, go outdoors and scout around for signs of the first snowdrops. You may find some green shoots already an inch high.
- And if you grew larkspur last year, you may have some inch-high seedlings in your garden beds. The leaves look a little like outstretched hands. Don't try to cover them up to protect them from weather onslaughts still to come. They know what they're doing and are best left alone.
- If you're planning to start seeds in March, it's time to get serious about ordering them.
- For you eager beavers who set out your transplants too early, start saving plastic milk jugs now so you can place them over the plants on chilly nights and protect them from spring frosts.
- The freezing-thawing of warm days may cause some perennials to heave out of the soil, exposing their roots. This is Not Good. Push the roots back down into the soil and re-cover
- Houseplants get dusty, too, and would appreciate a shower—in the kitchen sink or the tub.
- If conifers and shrubs are bent down with snow and look as if they might break, take a broom and gently lift the branches upward. If the branches are encased in ice, leave them alone since they are likely to break if disturbed.