



February 2009

TOPICS

The Blue Carts are Here!

Thanks to the hard work of our **39th Ward's Blue Cart Committee** and to all who signed and circulated petitions, the City of Chicago's Blue Cart recycling program is here! The entire HNP community has, or will soon have, a new, easy, and convenient way to recycle. Special thanks to HNPCA's Janita Tucker whose passion and diligence kept this issue on the front burner. Here's how the Blue Cart system will work:

- A blue recycling cart will be delivered to the front of houses and 2, 3 and 4 flats. You must wheel the cart(s) to the alley and place next to your garbage cart.
- Starting the week of February 9, city crews will collect recyclables from the blue cart every other week.
- Place only recyclable materials—glass, aluminum, milk and juice cartons, plastic bottles marked 1,2,3,4,5 and 7 on the bottom, newspapers, junk mail, phone books, magazines, cardboard and paper bags in your blue cart. Recyclables do not need to be rinsed, bagged or sorted. **About the only thing you can't put in the blue cart is food waste, wet/dirty paper, plastic grocery bags and Styrofoam (plastic marked #6).**

Still have questions about blue cart pickup schedules and what to do with yard waste? **Want to save money, the environment, and become a do-it-yourself green cleaner?** Then join us at:

HNPCA's February 17th meeting

- Chris Sauve of the Chicago Department of Environment will explain everything you want to know about blue carts.
- Learn the basics of green cleaning. Why buy expensive toxic cleaning products when you can accomplish the job with safer low-cost alternatives you can make yourself? HNPCA's own Green Committee will share do-it-yourself recipes for green cleaning and lead everyone in making a green cleaning starter kit to take home for free! If you have an old empty spray bottle, please bring it to reuse in your kit. If not, don't worry, we will have one for you.
- Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome—we hope to see you there!

Come to the Candidate Fair for the U.S. 5th Congressional District Seat

HNPCA, the North River Commission, League of Women Voters, Northside College Prep High School, North Park University and our sister civic associations invite you to listen and meet the candidates running for the U.S. 5th Congressional District seat vacated by Rahm Emanuel, now President Obama's chief of staff. The primary election is March 3, 2009; the general election is April 7, 2009.

**WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2009
7 PM**

**Northside College Preparatory H.S.
5501 N. Kedzie**

Free Parking

This is a nonpartisan event.
All candidates have been invited.

☞ HNPCA News ☞

JOIN A COMMITTEE! At our next meeting you can also find out about HNPCA projects and committees that match your talents and interests. We've got plenty of satisfying opportunities that also help our community.

The rejuvenated committees and members who signed on at the January board meeting are:

- **Program**—Susan Casey (Chair), Chris Newman, Michael Puccini
- **Membership**—Don Vitullo (Chair), Jack Smith, Albert Khoury, Glenda Lee-Lichter
- **Neighborhood Appearance / Zoning**—Jack Smith, Don Vitullo, Penny Sullivan
- **Parks Advisory**—Ben Palmer (Chair), Jewel Klein, Mark Johnston, Paul Schiff
- **Green**—Susan Casey, Mark Johnston, (Cochairs), Paul Schiff, Albert Khoury, Jane Friedman
- **Safety/Crime**—John Hunter, Penny Sullivan, and Scott Baranski will continue as our CAPS crew.
- **Communications**—Judie Simpson (Chair), Susan Casey, Glenda Lee-Lichter, Jewel Klein, Jane Friedman, Michael Puccini, Nancy Johnson
- **BMAG**—Jane Friedman and Scott Baranski (Cochairs)

See more about our committees on the last page

☞ Neighborhood Events ☜

Chicago Park District Spring registration opens Monday, February 23. Did you know you can also sign up for dance classes at the Peterson gymnastics center? SALSA! – Check it out.

North Park Village Nature Center's Maple Syrup Festival is on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, 10am-3pm. Wild Ones presents Sustainable Solutions to Residential Landscape Design -Thursday, March 12, 7pm

Read and Talk at the Library

At **Albany Park branch**, 5150 N. Kimball Avenue, the book *Paper Towns* by John Green will be discussed at the Teen Book Discussion program on February 19 at 4pm.

At **Budlong Woods branch**, 5630 N. Lincoln Avenue, Money Management for Teens will be the theme on February 25 at 7pm.

Peterson School will unveil its new, very very green building addition in April. Watch for details in the next issue of TOPICS.

Northside College Prep will be celebrating ten years of excellence, innovation, and creativity at the Carnivale restaurant on Saturday, March 7. Among their many honors Northside has earned the #1 ranking in the state of Illinois from 2001-2008. This past year, Northside was named as the 14th-ranked public high school in the nation by Newsweek Magazine. Congratulations! We are proud to have them in our community.

University Diversities

- Ana Castillo, celebrated poet, novelist, short story writer, and essayist will be speaking at Northeastern Illinois University on **Saturday, March 11, at 8pm**. Born and raised in Chicago, Castillo is considered one of the leading voices to emerge from the Chicana experience. Ilan Stavans writes, "She is the most daring and experimental of Latino novelists." (Free)
- The American Brass Quintet will perform on Saturday, March 21, at 8pm, also at NEIU.
- There are also several music events at North Park University:
 - The University Choir is featured at Hymn Fest on February 13 at 7:30pm.
 - The Jazz Ensemble plays February 15 at 3pm.
 - The Chicago-based ensemble Quintet Attacca, Grand Prize winner of the 2002 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, will perform on March 1, 2:30 pm.

☞ Business Beat ☜

Bargains abound at Bread Outlet

Got milk? Got bread?

Absolutely, says Donna Damasky, owner of the **Bread Outlet, 3350 W. Bryn Mawr**.

Damasky opened the Outlet in September 2006, nine months after Butternut's retail outlet on Montrose closed. She had run the shop for ten years, liked her job and the customers. So, Damasky took the "scary" step of opening her own store. "So many outlet stores were closing and I knew the business," she said. "I believe people need a place to shop where they can save money, away from high-priced chain stores."

Bryn Mawr proved to be an excellent location, close enough for many of Damasky's former customers, convenient for drivers who deliver Butternut products from the Montrose warehouse site, and easily accessible for Hollywood-North Parkers. Damasky donates food twice weekly to Salvation Army centers and weekly to the Little Sisters of the Poor for their nursing home. "I don't want food wasted," Damasky said.



Damasky's daughter, Angelica, helps out periodically, but basically this is a one-woman operation. Damasky shops, orders and stocks her own shelves with fresh bread and pastries, eggs, milk, tea bags, cocoa, sugar-free cookies, lunchmeat, paper plates, pickles and mustard, soup, cooking oil, detergent and napkins, pineapple juice, cereal and on and on. She's proud to sell Sun Maid Cinnamon Swirl bread for \$1.49 per loaf and 20-ounce Butternut whole wheat bread for 99 cents.

The Bread Outlet accepts LINK cards and is open 10am - 5pm Mon - Fri; 9am - 2pm Saturday.

HNPCA Business Members

Type of Business	Name	Address	Phone
Automotive	Petco Auto Parts	5522 N. Kedzie	773-588-7470
Automotive	Pete's Auto Clinic	3426 W. Bryn Mawr	773-463-4411
Automotive	Rick's Tire & Auto Service	5604 N. Jersey	773-539-6660
Clothing Service	Biltmore Cleaners	3216 W. Bryn Mawr	773-539-0426
Clothing Service	Davis Cleaners	3325 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-4560
Clothing Service	Ji's Tailor	3255 W. Bryn Mawr	773-463-1801
Community	Ald. Margaret Laurino 39th Ward Office	4404 W. Lawrence	773-736-5594 ward39@cityofchicago.org
Community	Ald. Patrick O'Connor 40th Ward Office	5850 N. Lincoln	773-769-1140 ward40@cityofchicago.org
Community	Center for Seniors	5320 N. Kedzie	773-478-1245
Community	Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce	5601 N. Spaulding	773-583-1700
Food/Restaurant	So Gong Dong Tofu House	3307 W. Bryn Mawr	773-539-8377
Food/Restaurant	Tre Kronor	3258 W. Foster Ave.	773-267-9888 trekronor1@aol.com
Food/Retail	7 – Eleven	5610 N. Kimball	773-539-1570
Food/Retail	Arcadia Food and Spirits	3201 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-2401
Food/Retail	Bread Outlet	3350 W. Bryn Mawr	773-478-8440
Food/Retail	Bryn Mawr Fresh Market	3318 W. Bryn Mawr	773-279-8020
Gifts	Sweden Shop	3304 W. Foster	773-478-0327
Personal Services	Francine Kelley Yoga Instruction	5316 N. Christiana	773-539-5484 fran@teenieyogini.com
Personal Services	Steel Springs Lloy B. Johnston Personal Training	5507 N. St. Louis	773-517-6930 lloy@steel-springs.com
Personal Services	Yoga North Park	5507 N. Sawyer	773-583-4343 info@yoganorthpark.com
Photography	Shin Studio	3223 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-5467
Printing	Speed Ink Printing	3547 W. Peterson	773-539-9700 info@speedink.com
Medical/Dental	Dr. Greg H. Tietzer, General Dentist	3318 W. Foster	773-463-8860
Medical/Dental	Oral Kare Dental Lab	3224 W. Bryn Mawr	773-588-0222
Real Estate	Gabel Marketing Suzanne M. Serra	5800 N. Spaulding	312-320-2121 sueserra@sbcglobal.net
Real Estate	Susan Robbins KOENIG & STREY	5364 W. Devon	312-218-3685 srobbins@ksqmac.com
Real Estate	Anthony & Carmen Rodriguez COLDWELL BANKER	5404 W. Devon	773-457-2043 anthony.rodriguez@cbexchange.com
Real Estate	Linda Heinen COLDWELL BANKER	3520 W. Thorndale	773-791-9999 llheinen@aol.com
Real Estate	Nancy J Wilson BAIRD & WARNER	4040 N. Lincoln	773-583-7946

Attracting Northeastern students to Bryn Mawr

What will bring more of Northeastern Illinois University's 11,000-plus students and faculty to shop and eat on Bryn Mawr? Many students want to see "Welcome NEIU students" signs in store windows. Faculty members want takeout menus and prompt service from existing restaurants.

These are some of the results gathered by NEIU grad students who conducted a study of Bryn Mawr last fall in Dr. Hamid Akbari's marketing class. Akbari's enthusiasm for the project came after learning about the **Bryn Mawr Action Group's** efforts to revitalize the Bryn Mawr business district from Northeastern's Dr. Susan Stall and BMAG's Bill Tilford.

Eight student groups surveyed fellow NEIU students and faculty to find out how much they currently use Bryn Mawr services and shops and to determine what would draw more of them to the street. High on the wanted list were attractive, clean coffee shops that opened early and closed late, preferably with WiFi for students who have long breaks between classes. All groups wanted a sitdown lunch sandwich shop and a healthy food takeout place. Dunkin' Donuts and Subway sandwich stores were also popular ideas.

Everyone wanted more information about existing businesses' hours, offerings and prices, whether restaurants, cleaners, or convenience stores. Students who drive on Bryn Mawr said they would be lured by distinctive and descriptive store signs, student discounts, streetlamp banners, and on-campus advertising.

BMAG plans to share the projects' findings and suggestions with the specific businesses studied. We thank Professor Akbari and hope to work with him again in the near future. University president Sharon Hahs attended the poster session, demonstrating the university's interest in Bryn Mawr's future.

More HNPCA News

HNPCA Committees (Cont'd from page 1)

The new **Parks Advisory** committee will coordinate ongoing issues such as replacing the pirate ship at Peterson Park and addressing the deer population explosion in North Park Village.

The **Communications** committee oversees our newsletter, website and email communications.

- We need someone to help produce TOPICS, which is currently coedited and produced by Jane Friedman and Judie Simpson.
- THANKS to Nancy Johnson who created and maintains the HNPCA Website—we are in the process of redesign now. Your comments are welcome: <http://hnPCA.org/members/>.

2009 Business Membership Info

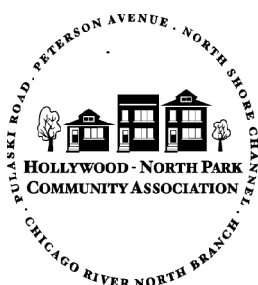
We will list all members and feature a single business in each issue of TOPICS. We will also list business members on our website and plan to publish a printed business directory. Business members can now purchase 1 year of TOPICS advertising for an additional \$40/year. Advertisers should design and submit a 2 x 3 1/2" ad for TOPICS to HNPCA@sbcglobal.net. Advertising policy and rates for non-business members and classified ads are under review.

HNPCA 2009 Meeting Schedule

- Open meetings with programs/speaker of interest to all will occur in February, March, May, June, September, and November
- Board meetings will occur in April, July, and October. Board members are expected to attend but all are welcome.
- Meetings are not held in August or December.

**All meetings are held on the
3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
Northside College Prep HS—5501 N Kedzie**

TOPICS is distributed by mail and email. If you have news for TOPICS or if you wish to get on our email list, contact us at: HNPCA@sbcglobal.net. **Membership** is \$10/year per person (\$40 for businesses). Send your Name/Address/Phone/Email and check to: **Hollywood-North Park Community Association P.O. Box 59285, Chicago, IL 60659**



**Next Meeting:
Green Cleaning and
Blue Cart Recycling
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
7:30 pm**

Northside College Prep High School
5501 N Kedzie
Room 136