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Around our green blocks

Mark Johnston, HNPCA member and [Chicago Conservation Corps](#) leader will distribute rain barrels and compost bins on Saturday, June 20, 11am - 2pm at Northside College Preparatory High School (5501 N Kedzie). He will also demonstrate the installation steps and best practices for use. The cost is \$45 for rain barrels and \$35 for composters (less than half the retail cost). To place an order, or for more information, please contact Mark at GreeningNorthPark@gmail.com

Local gardening resources and opportunities to get your hands dirty!

North Park Village Garden Club has a blog to check out:

<http://northparkgardenclub.wordpress.com/2009/05/>

Another source for local urban agriculture news, plant sales, etc. is Mr. Brown Thumb's new blog: <http://www.chicagonow.com/blogs/chicago-garden/>

Or if you don't have your own plot...

Join Urban Habitat Chicago at Northside Prep Joy Garden to lend a hand. Urban Habitat Chicago is the group behind the "Joy Garden" project at Northside College Prep High School. More than just a garden, this is a soil-remediation project as well as an accessible-to-all learning garden for students. The project is funded by student-written grants and local businesses. Contact Nicholas Petty directly to arrange work time by email Nicholas.petty@gmail.com or telephone: 240-606-7194. <http://www.urbanhabitatchicago.org/projects/joy-garden-at-northside-prep/>

Urban Habitat Chicago (UHC) formed in 2004 to demonstrate the viability of sustainable concepts and practices in urban environments. The group meets and sponsors related presentations monthly at Budlong Woods library, usually on the first Wednesday at 7 pm. Their next meeting will be: "Independence Day 2009" by Michael Repkin of Repkin Biosystems, July 1, 7pm.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

HNPCA News

HNPCA's June 16 meeting

The Hollywood-North Park Community Association invites you to our next meeting on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30pm.

Get the latest community news, plus hear guest speaker Maryam Naziri, Registered & Licensed Dietitian at Galter Life Center talk about **Healthy Eating for Busy People**. She'll focus on:

- The importance of eating all three meals (especially breakfast)
- Ideas for healthy meals
- Planning meals that fit your lifestyle
- Avoiding nutrition pitfalls

Also, swap your perennials and extra annuals with other members at the June 16 meeting. No weeds or invasive, please.

The meeting takes place at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N Kedzie. All community residents are invited. Light, *healthy* snacks will be provided.

Stay informed by coming to a meeting and joining HNPCA's email list at HNPCA@sbcglobal.net.

Arggggg maties....Thanks to efforts of the not yet officially recognized "Friends of Peterson Park," a new pirate ship (or other very fun thing) might just appear as mysteriously as it disappeared from the playground last summer. The group will meet to officially create the Peterson Park Advisory Council on Thursday, June 11 at 6pm at the Peterson Park Field House. The Advisory Council's first order of business will be to formally create the Friends of Peterson Park Committee, charged with raising funds to replace the pirate ship with new playground equipment. The meeting and election is open to the public. Check the web for more info:

<http://friendsofpetersonpark.wordpress.com/>

And can you spot these new things in our neighborhood?

- Trees on Bryn Mawr
- A chocolate shop on Foster!
- Lech Walesa Hall!
- Donuts and ice cream at Peterson and Kimball just in time for some warmer temps (which would be nice)
- Plenty of activity in those stores on Kimball just north of Foster...watch for flowers, Reggae music and Filipino food coming soon!



Business Beat

Arcadia

Question: What local store regularly carries chocolate chip cookies, cereal, combination locks, newspapers, ice cream, pop, bleach, fuses, napkins, aluminum cooking trays/servers, fly swatters, prunes, stuffed animals, charcoal, greeting cards, denture cleaner, wrapping paper and bows, American flags, salsa, Easter basket grass, fine jewelry, cat food, shampoo, aspirin, Korean wine, Japanese sake, flavored vodka, swim rings, large fresh bags of walnuts and cashews, **and** inflates 18-inch helium balloons for just 99 cents?

Answer: Arcadia, at the southwest corner of Bryn Mawr and Kedzie.



Manager Abe Habash, whose brother bought Arcadia in 2007, has been working hard to make it “more than a convenience store. I’d love to make and sell fresh, healthy juice—carrot, orange, cocktail mixes,” Abe said. “Ideally, I’d like everything we sell to be healthy.” That’s why Abe goes out of his way to buy large packages and jars of fresh foods whenever possible, offering customers more options than most convenience stores. He’s also lowered prices on many food staples and sundries to give customers maximum value.

Abe moved to Chicago (and Hollywood-North Park) from his native Jordan three years ago because “more of my family lived here than in Jordan,” he said. He was also looking for financial stability and a good future for his children. A jeweler for 20 years in Jordan, Abe sells his bracelets, rings, necklaces and earrings at Arcadia.

Right now, running Arcadia is a 7-day, 12-hour per day job. Abe orders supplies (and picks them

up to keep prices down), stocks shelves, makes repairs, mans the register, keeps the store clean, checks IDs and handles the books. No wonder his legs ache at workday’s end. He’s also brightened the interior with fresh paint. This husband and father of two greets customers as they enter, assists elderly shoppers to their cars (street parking and a parking lot behind the store), and offers everyone personal service. “This is a hard business,” he said. We hope his efforts are rewarded.

Arcadia hours: Sunday —Thursday
10am to midnight
Friday —Saturday
10am to 1am

Neighborhood Events

Audition for the Chicago Children’s Choir

Children 8 to 18 can audition for the prestigious citywide Chicago Children’s Choir, which launched a branch in greater Albany Park this past fall, its eighth community-based after-school program.

The Albany Park group rehearses twice weekly after school at **North Park University’s Anderson Chapel**. Since its founding in 1956, the choir has played in Europe, Asia, and South Africa and with Chicago’s Lyric Opera and Joffrey Ballet. It will perform at **Ravinia** this summer on Wednesday, June 17, at 8pm.

Auditions for fall 2009 will be held in September. The audition process for Neighborhood Choirs is quick and simple, open to boys and girls in the 3rd grade and up. No preparation is necessary: a conductor will listen for the singer’s ability to match pitch, check music reading skills, test for basic movement abilities, and hold one’s voice part against others. For more information call 312-849-8300 and press 0; visit www.cchoir.org.



The 39th Ward’s popular Farmers Market will return to Independence Park (corner of Irving Park and north Hamlin) on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The first Farmers Market of the season will be held on **Sunday, June 14 from 8am - 1pm**. There is also a weekly Tuesday morning market in Lincoln Square just north of the Brown Line Station (the El).

Shop Local: HNPCA Business Members

Type of Business	Name	Address	Phone
Automotive	CAR FiX Auto Center	3555 W. Foster	773-279-9914
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	Outdoor Cafe	3257 W. Bryn Mawr	773-539-6078 crystal@outdoor-cafe.com
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	Primerica Financial Services	3360 W Peterson	773-271-7277
Personal Services	Francine Kelley Yoga Instruction	5316 N. Christiana	773-539-5484 fran@teenieyogini.com
Personal Services	Steel Springs 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	A. & C. Rodriguez COLDWELL BANKER	5404 W. Devon	773-457-2043 anthony.rodriquez@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

☞ Neighborhood Events ☜

- **HNPCA supper club** meets for dinner the second Tuesday of each month. Next outing:
June 9, at 7pm
Hoanh Long, 6144 N Lincoln
- North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N Pulaski, celebrates Chicago's backyard biodiversity during its annual "City Wilds Festival" on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14 from 10am-3pm. After 3pm Saturday, volunteers can join in Bioblitz to count the Nature Center's animals.
- Chicago Park District (CPD) sponsors FREE Movies in the Park, all around us:
June 18 Hotel For Dogs (PG) Sauganash Park
July 1 Kung Fu Panda (PG) Eugene Field Park
July 8 Kung Fu Panda (PG) Gompers Park
July 14 Bringing Up Baby (NR) Indian Boundary
Aug. 5 Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Hollywood Park
Aug. 8 Igor (PG) Peterson Park
Sept. 1 Coraline (PG) Sauganash Park
ALL MOVIES START AT 8:30pm
- SAVE THE DATE for a HNPCA get-together on August 8 at the Peterson Park movie in the park.
- CPD also sponsors free CONCERTS IN THE PARKS at many northside locations—go to <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/> for more info.
- Welcome back the ZOO on the NORTH SIDE at Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W Lunt. Discover the duck-filled lagoon and a small public zoo area with goats, sheep, and chickens!
- Attend Scandinavian Midsummer at North Park University on June 20, 1pm. There will be food, music, a market and activities for the kids. \$4/adults; \$2/children.

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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:
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
7:30pm**

Northside College Prep High School
5501 N Kedzie
Room 136

☞ Neighborhood News ☜

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

City stickers/residential stickers/parking passes will be sold in the 39th Ward office (4404 W Lawrence) June 22, 10am-6pm and the 40th Ward office (5850 N Lincoln) on July 13, 10am-5:30pm.

Summer STREET SWEEPING dates: To avoid \$50 parking tickets, don't park between 9am and 3pm when signs are posted.

39th WARD—Bryn Mawr to Foster (Sec. 9)
July 14 & 15 August 21 & 24

39th WARD—Peterson to Bryn Mawr (Sec. 10)
July 16 & 17 August 25 & 26

40TH WARD—E of North Shore Chan. (Sec. 16)
June 29 & 30 August 13 & 14

At our May meeting Barrett Murphy of the Chicago Dept. of Water Management explained the City's pilot water meter program, MeterSave. There are lots of great giveaways and a 7-yr guarantee that your water charges won't go higher than they would have if the meter had not been installed. Contact HNPCA@sbcglobal.com for more info.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa, former President of the Republic of Poland was at NEIU May 29 for a formal dedication ceremony of Lech Walesa Hall. The dedication coincided with the 20th anniversary of the end of communism in Poland. Northeastern Illinois University, named the "Most Diverse University in the Midwest" by U.S. News and World Report, sponsors student exchange programs with Poland and has strong ties with Chicago's Polish community.

