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# TOPICS

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## ☞ Next HNPCA Meeting ☞

### **Bike Maintenance & Tips for City Cycling**

**Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30pm**

Northside College Prep 5501 N Kedzie

Just in time for the start of the summer biking season, we invite you to join us for this free bike workshop presented by the pros at Rapid Transit Cycle Shop. The workshop will include:

- A basic overview of bike parts & systems
- How to fix shifters and brakes on the fly
- Basic cleaning and lubrication of parts
- Fixing a flat tire
- Tips for safe cycling & securing your bike

There will be time for questions specific to your bike so **bring your bike** to the meeting (but it's not required).

Older kids with an interest in bike maintenance are also welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult.

Discounted tools, lube, and other small biking necessities will be available for purchase as well as store coupons.

Come around the back if you bring your bike.

Community news and events will also be shared at the meeting and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

**If you haven't renewed or joined HNPCA—it is time to PAY YOUR DUES!** Dues barely cover copying and stamps so there will be no more mailings to non-members after this issue. Send Name/Address/Phone/Email and check to: Hollywood-North Park Community Association, P.O. Box 59285, Chicago, IL 60659.

**City Stickers on sale** at Alderman Laurino's office (4404 W Lawrence) on Monday, June 14 from 10am-6pm. Bring driver's license or ID, license plate number, with the pre-printed renewal forms you received in the mail.

## **North Park Art Walk**

HNPCA is working with neighborhood professional artists Anna Koh Varilla and Jeffrey Varilla to put together the first North Park Art Walk to celebrate the City of Chicago's "October is Artist Month."



In keeping with the theme of "City as Studio" we plan to display art in the Koh-Varilla Art Guild 5518 N Kedzie and the Midwest Packing Warehouse next door and vacant storefronts on Bryn Mawr. We also plan coordinated events throughout the month of October with the art departments in our schools and universities. **We need volunteers to help with marketing efforts, site preparations and to create a website. (A great service hours project for a kid with the knowhow.)**

**Get your teen out and about.** Budlong Woods Library, 5630 Lincoln, is calling all responsible teens age 13 and older or 7<sup>th</sup> grade and higher to volunteer for the Summer Reading Program, **Reading is Art-RAGEOUS** (June 14–August 9). Earn service hours—See a librarian if interested.

## ☞ HNPCA Congrats! ☞

**To Urban Habitat Chicago and Northside College Prep:** The Joy Garden is one of 150 nationwide pilot projects in the Sustainable Sites Initiative, an interdisciplinary effort by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the United States Botanic Garden. The Joy Garden case study will demonstrate how to achieve low-cost, volunteer-based, and community-led redevelopment of brownfields. The Joy Garden will ultimately provide local sustainable agriculture for the community and expanded habitat along the North Shore Channel.

**To Peterson Garden,** a new community garden in the previously vacant lot at Peterson and Campbell. It's all organic and modeled after the original victory garden on that site between 1942-1945. The 6x4 plots are all gone for this season but if you want to get your hands dirty they are looking for volunteers. Another great opportunity for kids looking for service hours. For more info go to their website <http://petersongarden.org/>



## Shop Local: HNPCA Business Members

Type of Business	Name	Address	Phone
	CARFiX Auto Center	3555 W. Foster	773-279-9914
	Petco Auto Parts	5522 N. Kedzie	773-588-7470
	Pete's Auto Clinic	3426 W. Bryn Mawr	773-463-4411
	Davis Cleaners	3325 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-4560
	Ji's Tailor	3255 W. Bryn Mawr	773-463-1801
	Center for Seniors	5320 N. Kedzie	773-478-1245
	Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce	5601 N. Spaulding	773-583-1700
	RootsRoom	5203 N. Kimball	773-320-1077
	North Park Church Pre-school	5250 N. Christiana	773-463-0055 <a href="mailto:northparkpre-school@gmail.com">northparkpre-school@gmail.com</a>
	Beijo de Chocolat	3334 W. Foster	773-267-0138
	Merla's Kitchen	5207 N. Kimball Ave	773-539-2090
	Outdoor Café	3257 W. Bryn Mawr	773-539-6078 <a href="mailto:crystal@outdoor-cafe.com">crystal@outdoor-cafe.com</a>
	Tre Kronor	3258 W. Foster	773-267-9888 <a href="mailto:trekronor1@aol.com">trekronor1@aol.com</a>
	7 – Eleven	5610 N. Kimball	773-539-1570
	Arcadia Food and Spirits	3201 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-2401
	Bryn Mawr Fresh Market	3318 W. Bryn Mawr	773-279-8020
	City Screen, Inc	5540 N. Kedzie	773-588-5642
	Primerica Financial Services	3360 W. Peterson	773-271-7277
	Metro Public Adj., Inc	5842 N. Christiana	<a href="mailto:jdhetzler@comcast.net">jdhetzler@comcast.net</a>
	Steel Springs Personal Training	5507 N. St. Louis	773-517-6930 <a href="mailto:lloy@steel-springs.com">lloy@steel-springs.com</a>
	Yoga North Park	5507 N. Sawyer	773-583-4343 <a href="mailto:info@yoganorthpark.com">info@yoganorthpark.com</a>
	Shin Studio	3223 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-5467
	Speed Ink Printing	3547 W. Peterson	773-539-9700 <a href="mailto:info@speedink.com">info@speedink.com</a>
	Dr. Greg H. Tietzer, General Dentist	3318 W. Foster	773-463-8860
	Oral Kare Dental Lab	3224 W. Bryn Mawr	773-588-0222
	Linda Heinen Property Chicago, LLC	3520 W. Thorndale	773-791-9999 <a href="mailto:Linda@propertychi.com">Linda@propertychi.com</a>
	Susan Robbins KOENIG & STREY	5364 W. Devon	312-218-3685 <a href="mailto:srobbins@ksqmac.com">srobbins@ksqmac.com</a>
	A. & C. Rodriguez COLDWELL BANKER	5404 W. Devon	773-457-2043 <a href="mailto:anthony.rodriquez@cbexchange.com">anthony.rodriquez@cbexchange.com</a>
	Nancy J Wilson C21 Ambassador, Inc	5342 W. Devon	773-583-7946

## ∞ HNPCA A-Z ∞

A = Art Walk in North Park. (See page 1) If you are interested in helping with this event please let us know.

B = Bike the Skokie Sculpture trail to Evanston or bike along Legion Park to swim at River Park pool. Bird watch at the North Park Village Nature Ctr every Saturday am at 8.

C = Concerts at Millennium Park. Hear the Chicago Symphony on Wed/Fri/Sat or world music on Thurs. Click for details: <http://www.millenniumpark.org/parkevents/>

D = Dance...just dance

E = Eat at every eatery in Hollywood North Park. Bring evidence to September meeting for a prize! Explore empanadas, egg rolls.

F = FAVOR Do a neighbor a favor. Mow their lawn, pick up their litter, bring them some ice cream or some veggies from a farmers market.

G = Geocache – borrow a GPS from the nature center and take off. Get a Graduation cake from Beijo de Chocolat on Foster.

H = HNPCA – send in your membership check. Help with TOPICS, plan a HNPCA event...a picnic.

I = ICE SCREAM! Plenty right here to walk to on a warm summer's eve! How about a gelato at Martino's, one of the 54 flavors at Baskin Robbins, soft serve at Mc D's, slush at 7-11, frosty bing soo at Outdoor Cafe or pick up a pint at Arcadia.

J = Joy Garden at Northside College Preparatory High School at 5501 N. Kedzie Ave. Volunteer on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 10am-1pm (call Nick at 240-606-7194) or any Saturday from 12-4pm (call Mike at 773-791-1131).

K = Korean Food. Why not try each one of our restaurants...get on in. Get bee bim bop, Korean potstickers (mandu), beef, or noodles. Pick up a quick to-go at Ken's Bryn Mawr Fresh Market.

L = Library. Albany Park, Budlong Woods, or stop in at NEIU's for some cool, peace and quiet on a warm day. Stop by Leo's Health Store on Foster.

M = Movies in the Park at dusk

June 19 Sauganash, Planet 51

July 7 Gompers, Indiana Jones/KngdmCrystl

July 10 Peterson, Shorts

July 16 Hollywood, Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs

July 31 Sauganash, Something's Gotta Give

N = Neighbor – get to know one. Here's how. Make eye contact, smile. Say hi.

O = Only takes one new business to start a trend. Open a store, fill a vacant storefront.

P = PIZZA at North Park Pizza, Martino's, Sergios; Picnic in the park. Takeout from Tre Kroner.

Q = QUIET – have some, generate some, enjoy some. Tell the kids to stop yelling, turn off the music. There's not much more oil and gas (it's all spewing in the gulf) so stop the engines, quiet the lawn mowers, leaf blowers and trimmers. Wow, listen to the birds.

R = RIDE – take a ride on the CTA. Go downtown or just ride the el from here to there.

S = Service hours If your kids need them email [HNPCA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HNPCA@sbcglobal.net). Be a litter-picker-upper along Bryn Mawr, create a database for HNPCA membership, volunteer at Legion Park, paint the fence at Hollywood Park.

T = Tai Chi in Peterson Park 5 am every day. Someone should show up and get this going!

U = Universities— North Park and Northeastern Illinois

V = Visit each nearby park. Bring a picnic, get a to-go from any of many local eateries and head out to Eugene Field, Gompers, Horner, Peterson, Hollywood or Legion Park.

W = Walk Move those bones, flex those ankles, bend those knees; nothing like a nice evening walk around the hood.

X = Xeriscape your yard with drought tolerant plants.

Y = Yoga in the Hood Check out Yoga North Park. Stretch your mind and body.

Z = Zoo – Bike an easy 3 miles north to the petting zoo and giant duck pond at Indian Boundary Park. Or, take a quick two-bus ride to the Lincoln Park Zoo.

## ☞ Neighborhood Events ☜

### Picnic at Bohemian National Cemetery

5255 N. Pulaski on Sunday, July 18 from noon– 4pm. Bring your own lunch or purchase Czech foods including freshly-made potato pancakes, sausages and homemade pastry. Music, too.



"Bohemian National Cemetery Then and Now" - an illustrated talk. 5255 N. Pulaski, on Sunday, August 22 at 1 pm. Czech refreshments. No charge - all are welcome. For info: 847-362-9036.

### Budlong Woods Library—5630 Lincoln

- **Summer Reading Program Kick-off with magician Steve Belliveau!** This fun show with music, live animals and audience participation always contains the element of surprise. Monday, Jun 14, 6:30pm
- **Shout out to teens 14-19! For fresh reads attend monthly discussions on Mondays.**  
June 28 *Clone Codes* by Patricia K. McKissack  
July 26 *Immortal: Love Stories with Bite* by R. Caine  
August 23 *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater
- **Mother Goose on the Loose** - Start your baby out right with a story time just for them. Bond with your baby to sing, stretch, rhyme, and dance. Ages 3 & under. Tues, Jun 15-Aug 3, 10:30am–11:15am.
- **Toddler Story Time** – For ages 3-6 join the children's librarian for songs, stories, puppets, and finger plays on Thurs, Jun 17 – Aug 5, 10:30 am – 11:15 am.



### Albany Park Library—5150 W Foster

- **Free adult writing workshop, Fridays at 10 am.**
- Teen Book Group meets June 17 at 4pm to discuss *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins.
- Check out their schedule for lots of ART events throughout July.

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### Palmer Summer Community Band

Palmer Elementary School is sponsoring a Summer Community Band Class for band students in grades 4-9. Students from all schools are welcome to join and come for one or more rehearsals. They rehearse outside Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:45pm.

Classes are free, begin July 14 and end August 18. You must rent the instrument or bring your own. 5051 N Kenneth Ave, 60630 For info: 773-534-3704 /[tombracy@ameritech.net](mailto:tombracy@ameritech.net)  
Web: [www.palmerpride.org](http://www.palmerpride.org)

**Canoe**—Don't forget family paddling events at River Park, 5100 N Francisco Ave  
Learn to Paddle: ages 12 & up, \$10 per family, Saturday, June 12, 10am. The Chicago River Family Canoe Trip ages 6 & up, \$10 per family, Saturday, June 26, 10am or 2pm.

**North Park Village Nature Center—City Wilds Festival** of backyard biodiversity. Sat. June 12, 10am-10pm, Sun. June 13, 10am - 3pm

## ☞ Classifieds ☜

Elyne Handler, storyteller for audiences from 3 years old to 103. Traditional folk tales, humor, wisdom and world tales. Repertoire of 400 stories and 30 themes. [Elynehandler@comcast.net](mailto:Elynehandler@comcast.net), 773-853-0643

### CAPS (Community Alternative Policing Strategy)

**Beat 1711** North of Bryn Mawr to Devon  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 7pm  
North Park Village Admin Bldg, 5801 N Pulaski

**Beat 1712** South of Bryn Mawr to Lawrence  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:30pm  
Salvation Army, 4056 N Pulaski



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Tues., June 15, 2010  
7:30pm**

Northside College Prep High  
School  
5501 N Kedzie  
Room 136