

May 2011

TOPICS

Hollywood-North Park Community Association
HNPCA.org

Next HNPCA Meeting Tues., May 17, 7:30pm

Features

The new 17th District Commander

Natural Lawn Care

Plant and Garden Tool Exchange

Special Zoning Meeting at 6:30pm (See —>)

Northside College Prep High School
5501 N. Kedzie Avenue

Come and meet **Melissa A. Staples, the new Chicago Police Department's 17th District Commander.** Commander Staples will be introduced to HNPCA and gladly take any questions.

In honor of the HNPCA Green Committee's declaration of May as "Natural Lawn Care Month" in Hollywood-North Park, **Steve Neumann, co-owner of [Logic Lawn Care](#)** will tell us how to create and maintain an attractive, healthy yard that's also safe for humans, animals and the environment. Logic Lawn Care is a family-owned, Evanston-based company that provides sustainable lawn care services in Chicago/suburbs using clean, quiet electric equipment on a weekly or biweekly basis. Their Facebook page has weekly "watering" updates for advice on whether you need to water your lawn based on our local weather.

We hope you will come—but if you cannot we hope you will still try to go o'natu-rale. Other natural lawn care info can be found at:

- [Safer Pest Control Lawn Care Tips](#)
- Safelawns.org - [Safe Lawns - How to videos](#)
- Email HNPCA@sbcglobal.net for more help.

Plant and Garden Tool Exchange

- Bring any (hopefully-not-too-invasive) plants from your garden that you wish to share.
- Bring any usable (but-no-longer-by-you) garden tools for an exchange with neighbors or donate to school gardeners at Peterson Elementary School or Northside College Prep. (See www.hnpca.org for a specific list of needed tools.)

Rezoning Request and Meeting

At 6:30pm, prior to the regular HNPCA meeting, all interested parties are invited to attend a meeting to discuss a request to rezone the properties at 5521 and 5523 N. Sawyer Avenue. Currently both properties are zoned to allow for a 2-unit residential building. The owner would like to change zoning to allow for a 3-unit residential building and proposes to build a three-car garage behind each property, totaling six available parking spaces to accommodate the three units within each residential building. Letters with more details will be delivered to all residences within 250 ft, per zoning requirements.

Chicago News

Celebrate a new Chicago mayor - The 2011 Inaugural festivities will start on Saturday, May 14th with a city-wide day of community service. Volunteer to clean up areas along the banks of the Chicago River at one of several nearby locations, **May 14, 9am-noon:**

- Northside College Prep High School
- Lincoln Village Shopping Center
- Gompers Park Wetland

Projects are coordinated by Friends of the Chicago River. To RSVP click <http://www.eventbrite.com/org/36221790?s=3541887>
More inaugural events at www.chicagotogether.org/

What is going on at Eugene Field?

The Army Corp of Engineers is redesigning the riverfront in efforts to stave off flooding. The plan includes restoring natural features of the North Branch Chicago River, constructing new paths, raising the existing baseball fields, and regrading and planting the wetland depression with native species.

Even though Hollywood North Park rarely floods some of our neighbors still get water in their basements with a big rain. **How can you help? Be Water Wise.**

- Water in the early morning or evening. In the heat of the sun, water rapidly evaporates
- Disconnect your downspout—help the rain-water stay out of the sewer. Green Committee members stand at the ready to help you install a rain barrel, rain garden or rain diverter!
- Turn off those automatic sprinklers if it has just rained and never water your sidewalk
- Don't take a shower, do the wash or run the dishwasher during a heavy rain. The sewer system gets overloaded and may backup.

Give Local!

- Click on this link <http://www.donorschoose.org/> to donate to a **Peterson Elementary School** teacher's request for resources to enhance learning in her classroom. Check it out and see what you think.
- **Peterson Elementary Students Raising Funds for Japanese Relief Efforts.** According to Japanese tradition, origami cranes symbolize good hope and fortune. Peterson students are supporting relief efforts for Japan by folding 1,000 origami paper cranes and displaying around the school as a reminder of our hopes and dedication to people in need. Support their efforts and make a donation by visiting their [First Giving Page](#). All proceeds will go to the Red Cross Japan Relief Fund.

Vote Local (and often!)

- **The Three Brothers Garden**, located at Pulaski and Belle Plaine, is an organic community vegetable garden that provides fresh produce to the Irving Park Food Pantry. The garden, maintained by community volunteers, needs your support to obtain funding from DeLoach Vineyards. Go to [DeLoach Community Gardens](#) and vote for Three Brothers (bottom left-hand corner).

Work Local!

- **Peterson Pulaski Business and Industrial Council (PPBIC).** PPBIC is a not-for-profit economic development organization that assists in the retention and development of companies in the Peterson Pulaski Industrial Park. Janita Tucker, Executive Director and longtime Hollywood Park resident has shared a link to [Jobs Available in PPBIC Businesses](#) or go to the www.ppbic.org and select Help Wanted.
- **The HNPCA Green Committee is offering a push lawnmower, rakes, brooms and natural lawn care training** to any teen(s) that want to start their own lawn cutting business this summer. When they make their first \$500 they purchase their own equipment, return ours and we offer the equipment to someone else.

Eat and Drink Local too!

- Stop in the **Hollywood Lounge** (Bryn Mawr and Spaulding) for a beer or
- Join neighbors at the **HNPCA Supper Club**, fine dining at local eateries, the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7pm (RSVP 773-478-8255).
- Peterson-Pulaski is now a regular stop for **MEATYBALLS MOBILE!** Track the food trucks stops at: <http://meatyballsmobile.com/>.

Chicago Public Library Celebrates

Asian/ Pacific American Heritage

Local Focus

- **The kick-off celebration** features performances by Choomsarang Korean Dance Group, Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts Association and a Beijing Opera performance by Rosa Yeh and Susie Huang. **Saturday, May 7, 2pm**

Albany Park Branch, 5150 N. Kimball

- **Favorite Tales from the Philippines:** A Celebration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal - Storytellers present well-loved myths and tales from the Philippines that will enchant and intrigue children and families. **Saturday, May 21, 2pm**-Albany Park Branch
- **Moon Festival Concert:** Kerry Leung will introduce Chinese instruments and culture then delight audiences with a mini concert. **Saturday, May 14, 2pm** - Budlong Woods 5630 N. Lincoln

The Bohemian National Cemetery (BNC)

today serves not only traditional Czech/Slovak community, but also anyone who wishes to come. That includes "former" Cubs fans who might want to permanently reside in their "Eternal Skybox." BNC hosts several events, and welcomes all to attend ceremonies in honor of:

- Mother's Day, Sunday May 8, 1pm
- Memorial Day, May 30, 9:15am

CAPS Meetings

Beat 1712 South of Bryn Mawr to Lawrence
4th Wednesday of each month 7:30pm
Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski

Beat 1711 North of Bryn Mawr to Devon
Will not meet in May—Go to 1712 meeting

☞ Save the Date ☞

and those old papers! **HNPCA and MB Financial Bank will provide free document shredding** at Devon and Lincoln on June 25.

Peterson School musical returns this June with a wonderful, song-filled production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." Save the dates: Friday/Saturday, June 3, 4 at 7pm.

North Park Art Walk - Planning is underway for this year's North Park Art Walk. The event will be held again in October as part of Chicago Artists Month. This year we hope to have a storefront gallery for local Hollywood North Park artists. HNPCA will host a get-together in June for anyone interested. Sharpen those brushes!!!

Shop Local at HOLLYWOOD-NORTH PARK BUSINESS MEMBERS

Auto Repair/Service

Chicago Car Care, Inc	5419 N Kedzie	773-761-1202
Jersey Automotive, Inc	5639-47 N Jersey	773-588-2855
Petco Auto Parts	5522 N Kedzie	773-588-7470
Pete's Auto Clinic	3426 W Bryn Mawr	773-463-4411

Business and Financial Services

Chicago Korean American Chamber Commerce	5601 N Spaulding	773-583-1700
Computer Zone	3441 W Peterson	773-539-1045
Foster Bank	5235 N Kedzie	773-588-7700
Innovative Accounting & Tax Service	5422 N Kedzie	773-478-5418
Mark Mackey Agency	3338 W Foster	773 604-4334
Midpack Corp	5514 N Kedzie	773-539-1615
Tfa Signs	5500 N Kedzie	773-267-6007
UPS Store	3332 W Foster	773-463-0865

Child Care

Brainy Boulevard Daycare	3342 W Bryn Mawr	773-478-3888
Children's Palace Day Care Ctr	3243 W Bryn Mawr	773-588-5575
North Park Church Preschool	5250 N Christiana	773-463-0055

Clothing Services

Biltmore Cleaners	3214 W Bryn Mawr	773-539-0426
Davis Cleaners	3325 W Bryn Mawr	773-267-4560
Ji's Tailor	3255 W Bryn Mawr	773-463-1801

Dental Services

Bryn Mawr Dental Clinic	3407 W Bryn Mawr	773-267-1110
Reza Mostoft, DMD, MS		
Dental Associates of Bryn Mawr	3224 W Bryn Mawr	773-463-1212
Foster Avenue Dental Services	3318 W Foster	773-463-8860
Dr Greg Tietzer		

Food and Drink/Eating In/Dining Out

7-Eleven	5610 N Kimball	773-539-1570
Arcadia Drugstore	3201 W Bryn Mawr	773-267-2401
Alcatraz Restaurant	6320 N Lincoln	773-866-1404
Biejo de Chocolat	3334 W Foster	www.beijodechoelet.com
Bryn Mawr Fresh Market	3318 W Bryn Mawr	773-279-8020
Dal Paeng Yi	3236 W Bryn Mawr	773-588-0305
Dunkin Donuts	3401 W Peterson	773-313-0777
Hollywood Lounge	3301 W Bryn Mawr	773-588-9707
KFC	3357 W Peterson	773-290-1112
Martino's	3431 W Peterson	773-478-5410
MINaRI	3311 W Bryn Mawr	773-267-3590
Roots Room	5203 N Kimball	773-320-1077
So Gong Dong Tofu House	3307 W Bryn Mawr	773-539-8377
Tre Kronor	3258 W Foster	773-267-9888
Ugly Hookah Café	3415 W Bryn Mawr	773-279-9812

Personal, Home and Misc Services

Bryn Mawr Hair Salon	3239 W Bryn Mawr	773-279-0970
City Screen, Inc	5540 N Kedzie	773-588-5642
Frances Archer, Blogger and Local Historian	http://francesarcher.com/	
Fred Teitelbaum Construction	5526 N Kedzie	773-267-7676
Northeastern II University	5500 N St Louis	773-442-4978
Sauganash Stone and Tile	4124 W Peterson	773-961-8280
World Martial Arts	3218 W Bryn Mawr	773-267-6639

New business members will be in next issue.

More "Go Local" ☺

Hanneke Cassel Trio will be playing at 8pm, Friday, May 20, 2011 in Northeastern Illinois University's Fine Arts Recital Hall. These three musicians (violin, guitar and cello) create a sound on the cutting edge of the acoustic tradition, while retaining the integrity and soul of traditional Scottish music.

North Park Village Nature Center (5801 N. Pulaski 312-744-5472) is the place for fun, family-friendly activities. For all events go to [NPVNC](#). Here are some highlights.

- **Spring Astronomy and Star Gazing—May 6, 7:30–9pm, June 6, 8-9:30pm.** Weather permitting, participants will have the chance to see sunspots, lunar craters, the rings of Saturn, and a variety of constellations. Registration required.
- **Civic Orchestra of Chicago MusiCorps Chamber Concert—May 7, 11am** - For families with children ages 5 and up. No registration required.
- **Spring Stroll—May 22 1-2:30pm.** See what April showers have brought us in the woodland, wetland, and grassland. Registration required.

The North River Commission announces the groundbreaking celebration for the multiethnic **Sculpture Park and Healing Garden in Ronan Park**, Thursday May 19, 3:30pm. The project embraces the Albany Park community's multicultural heritage through the creation of a community space that features a rotating schedule of sculpture, cultural activities, and free performances, as well as a community-designed and -managed healing garden. Ronan Park is located on the NW corner of Lawrence Ave. and the Chicago River.

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Room 136

Green Stuff ☺

NEIU's Green Cycle Group is working to bring a farmer's market to NEIU on Thursdays. Are you interested in finding out more or helping? (Volunteers are needed). Kate Ekman, k-ekman@neiu.edu 773-442-5670.

Announcing Chicago Catalog Choice - A Free Mail Preference Service The City of Chicago and Catalog Choice offer a free service to reduce unwanted mail. Any resident or business can create an account at <https://chicago.catalogchoice.org/> to stop getting unsolicited catalogs, phone books, credit card offers, coupons and other marketing material. Annually, Chicagoans send more than 300,000 tons of paper to landfills. HNPCA's Green Committee encourages you to participate.

Down on your luck? Why not look over a 4 leaf clover! Did you know that clover used to be part of a good grass seed mix.



- Clover adds greenness and stays green even during dry spells when many lawns turn brown.
- Clover manufactures fertilizer for your grass by fixing nitrogen.
- Clover allows your lawn to support more wildlife. Its nectar keeps the bees around so they can pollinate your flowers and vegetables.
- A clover-rich lawn smells better than a chemically fertilized (or herbicide-treated) one.

Be a rover that steps over to love clover....