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TOPICS

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What's New

- \$5 haircuts at Aronson's on Bryn Mawr just W of Kimball. Check out the new hair cutter. Give them a HNPCA welcome of a reverse discount and pay \$10 for your first cut!
- Bryn Mawr Fresh Market has meat and is neat! Ken Ham is on a roll again—his store is more inviting everyday. Stop in, see the changes and pick up a pear, persimmon or pomegranate.
- Merla's Kitchen, on Kimball just N of Foster, is now open. Merla's Kitchen specializes in Filipino cuisine and offers empanadas, pancit, pandesal, and so much more.
- Visit the Roots Room two doors south for live Reggae and World Music. One satisfied neighbor said "I loved The Roots Room because of the positive vibes of the owners and everyone there. It's a small venue with a big heart. Anyone who needs upliftment should go."
- Attra, a new Middle Eastern Grocery, has opened across from the Home Depot on McCormick. Yummy hummus!
- Kentucky Fried Chicken is now grilled!
- New parking meters are in effect on Bryn Mawr 8am-9pm daily. Nights are free.

What's new in your part of Hollywood-North Park? If you find something and want it in the next TOPICS, send an email to HNPCA@sbcglobal.net.

Our Green Committee's environmentally-themed geocaching event using global positioning system devices on October 4, was a huge success! Fifteen families including 20 kids had fun using the GPS devices to find hidden treasures in geocaches at North Park Village! They discovered that North Park Village has solar panels, a rain garden, compost bins, community gardens and a recycling center. Go to www.geocaching.com, type in zip code 60659 to find the permanent HNPCA caches and lots of others nearby. The fun is not over yet – the GPS units are available to anyone interested in geocaching on their own. Call the NPV Nature Center, 312-744-5472, to find out how to borrow one for 24-48 hours and LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE THIS FALL!

HNPCA News

The HNPCA Green Committee invites you to the first movie in an **Environmental Film Series**. Enlightening and educational, "*The 11th Hour*", a film by **Leonardo DiCaprio** starts where "The Inconvenient Truth" left off. **Friday, November 13, 7pm**, Northeastern Illinois University Student Union, Room 218. (Free)

HNPCA's November 17 meeting

- Mary Ann Levar, Deputy District Director for Congressman Mike Quigley (5th district) will give us the lowdown on what's really going on in Washington. Come and let her know what Mike can do for our neighborhood.
- Online demo of HNPCA new website <http://www.hnPCA.org> recently created by none other than webmeister Susan Casey. Do you have a favorite local web link of interest to show us?
- Election of 2010 Board of Directors and Officers...and the nominees are:

Officers

President	Judie Simpson
Vice President	Susan Casey
Recording Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Open
Chair of the Board	Jewel Klein

Board of Directors

Scott Baranski	Ryan O'Connell
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Albert Khoury	Penny Sullivan
Anne Klosinski	Don Vitullo
Diane Konstantelos	Jerry Wadro
Chris Newman	Pearl Zaid

AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTED, WE ARE IN NEED OF A RECORDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER. If you can type or use Excel why not consider being an officer. We have great office parties and what happens there stays there!

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

Does your garage have your house address on it? If not HNPCA "GIT" will "git" right to it if you tell us to put the numbers on for you. Our "GIT" (Garage Identification Team) has numbers from the police who ask us to show our house numbers in the alley; helps them respond to calls. Email HNPCA@sbcglobal.net

☞ Neighborhood Events ☜

FAMILY FUN

Histories for Kids, Inc. presents 'Burnham's Chicago.' Daniel Burnham, architect of the 1909 Chicago Plan, will introduce children to the people and events that shaped the "Windy City" and helped transform it from the "Wild Onion" to the "City of Big Shoulders."

Monday, November 16, 4pm (A family program for children ages 5 and up)

Albany Park Library, 5150 N Kimball Avenue (312-744-1933)

Parents' Workshop: Sid the Science Kid

(Registration Required)

Guests from WTTW's new preschool science program, *Sid the Science Kid*, will present ways to explore science, the world around us and nurture kids' natural sense of wonder.

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N Lincoln Avenue (312-742-9590)

CityVerse Poetry Slam Workshop for Teens and Tweens (Free)

Youth, ages 8-14 are invited to join champion slam coach Nicole Bruskewitz for this special workshop where they will:

- Experience slam poetry by kids for kids
- Team up in a poetry relay
- Create and perform an original poem

Saturday, November 14, 11am

Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N Lincoln Avenue (312-742-9590)

Fall Family Night (Free)

As it gets colder outside, head indoors to meet live critters, make fall-themed nature crafts, and enjoy refreshments. All ages welcome.

Thursday, November 19, 5pm - 6:30pm

Gompers Park, 4222 W Foster Avenue (773-685-3270)

Winter Solstice Festival—Welcome winter with live music, crafts, walks along luminary-lit trails, and a visit with critters from Big Run Wolf Ranch. No registration required.

Saturday, December 19, 6pm - 9pm

North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N Pulaski Road (312-744-5472)

North Park Village also has a variety of wonderful family programs every Saturday and Sunday and volunteer stewardship days every Sunday and Wednesday in November and December from 9 am – noon. Call for more information.

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MOSTLY ADULTS

Two Organic Gardening Workshops at Kilbourn Park & Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Avenue (\$20 each) Call 773-685-3359 to register.

Fall Perennial Care & Pruning Basics

Saturday, November 14, 10am - noon

Organic Vegetable Garden Planning for next season. Saturday, December 5, 10am

GET IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

The Friends of Albany Park Library present the **Northside College Preparatory High School Choir** performing holiday music at the Albany Park Library, Saturday, December 5 from 1-2pm. All are welcome to this free event.

At North Park University (773-244-5625):

Homeland Insecurity: To Be Arab and Muslim after 9/11 in Chicago, Anderson Chapel

Thursday, November 19, 7:45pm

Concert Band Concert Sunday, November 8, 2:30pm - 6:00pm, Anderson Chapel

Gospel Choir Concert, Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm - 10pm, Anderson Chapel

Jazz Ensemble Concert, Sunday, November 15, 3pm - 6pm, Lecture Hall Auditorium

Student Violin Recital, Tuesday, November 17, 7:30pm, Anderson Chapel

Northeastern Illinois University: Events are held in the Auditorium or Fine Arts Center (773-442-4636)

Jazz Combos, Wednesday, November 4, 7:30pm

Wind Ensemble and the Varsity Big Band, Saturday, November 7, 7:30pm

Zabava: Russian Folkloric Music Ensemble, Thursday November 12, 1:40pm and 7:30pm

NEIU Repertory Dance Ensemble, Tuesday, November 17, 1:45pm

Varsity Big Band, Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm

Brass Ensemble, Friday November 20, 7:30pm

Chorus and Chamber Singers, Wednesday, December 2, 7:30pm

Percussion Ensemble, Tuesday, December 8, 7:30pm

New Music Concert Songs by NEIU Students, Thursday, December 10, 1:45pm

String Orchestra, Thursday, December 10, 7:30pm

Annual Student Art Sale—Unique holiday gifts created by NEIU art students, December 7 - 11 (Monday-Friday)

Shop Local: HNPCA Business Members

Type of Business	Name	Address	Phone
Automotive	CARFIX 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
Clothing Service	Davis Cleaners	3325 W. Bryn Mawr	773-267-4560
Clothing Service	Ji's Tailor	3255 W. Bryn Mawr	773-463-1801
Community	Center for Seniors	5320 N. Kedzie	773-478-1245
Community	Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce	5601 N. Spaulding	773-583-1700
Community	North Park Church Pre-school	5250 N. Christiana	773-463-0055 northparkpre-school@gmail.com
Food/Restaurant	Beijo de Chocolat	3334 W. Foster	773-267-0138
Food/Restaurant	Merla's Kitchen	5207 N. Kimball Ave	773-539-2090
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	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	Bryn Mawr Fresh Market	3318 W. Bryn Mawr	773-279-8020
Maintenance	City Screen, Inc	5540 N. Kedzie	773-588-5642
Personal Services	Primerica Financial Services	3360 W Peterson	773-271-7277
Personal Services	Metro Public Adjustment, Inc	5842 N. Christiana	jdhetzler@comcast.net
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	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	Nancy J Wilson BAIRD & WARNER	4040 N. Lincoln	773-583-7946

More HNPCA News

On the environmental front HNPCA sent letters of support to...

- Alderman Laurino asking for her support to make the long-term North Park Village "easement" a permanent one. This easement protects the entire property (Peterson/ Bryn Mawr, Central Park/Pulaski) from any commercial development.
- The CTA and EPA thanking them for their efforts in securing federal money to purchase clean technology for the buses in the CTA North Park Yard (the "bus barn" on Kedzie at Foster). This technology will allow those buses to be turned off during maintenance repair. Without it the buses must be on and idling for hours while receiving maintenance, causing the Yard and surrounding neighborhood to become filled with smog.
- The Illinois Campaign to Clean Up Diesel Pollution, is urging the Chicago City Council to adopt a Green Construction Ordinance. This ordinance requires city-funded construction projects to use cleaner fuel and technology. Cook County recently passed the same ordinance, making it the first in the Midwest.

Message from Alderman Laurino:

Autumn is here and that means leaves are falling. **If leaves fall on the parkway in front of your home or on your property, you are responsible for their removal (burning is not permitted). Please rake and bag the leaves.** Do not rake the leaves into the street, it results in clogged water drains. When drain grates in the street are blocked rain water, melting ice and snow cannot be drained from the street.

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:
Tues., November 17, 2009
7:30pm**

Northside College Prep High
School
5501 N Kedzie
Room 136

Neighborhood News

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool Open House, Saturday, November 14, 10am to noon. You're invited to meet the teacher, explore the classroom, talk to parents of current students and learn about the cooperative preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Refreshments will be provided, children are welcome! 5250 N Christiana Avenue (773-463-0055 x229). Free parking on Christiana and Berwyn Avenues.

Try this on for size: Donate your old winter coat or a new one to World Relief Chicago, a local organization that helps new immigrants with housing, education and healthcare needs. World Relief Chicago has asked HNPCA to join their winter coat drive. Refugees need CLEAN coats, gloves, boots, hats, WARM clothing, twin and full size blankets. Please drop off donations at World Relief Chicago, 3507 W Lawrence, 9am-5pm (Mon-Thurs) or 9am-noon(Fri). 773-583-9191

Hurray! One more event. For playgoers... NEIU is presenting "Lucky Stiff," a farcical, musical comedy based on The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo. November 19-21, December 3-5, 10-12, 7:30pm

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HAPPY AND GIVE
THANKS. So do....



Leaf blowers make us
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