

November 2010

# TOPICS

## ☞ Neighborhood News ☜

form is not environmentally sustainable and is destroying the woods and causing permanent damage. They believe that one year is not enough time for the park and woods to be restored; therefore, they plan to continue efforts to have the event permanently relocated.

### North Park Art Walk

The North Park Art Walk was a rousing success with almost 1000 attending the 2-day inaugural event. Local business owners lent vacant space and storefronts that were magically converted to nine fine art galleries on Kedzie and Bryn Mawr.



Left: TFA Signs warehouse transformed! (5501 N Kedzie)

Thanks to over 60 local businesses that supported the event by donating space and food or buying ads. (Page 2 in this edition is devoted to these sponsors.) Special thanks to Anna and Jeffrey from Koh-Varilla Guild for coming to us with the idea and to North River Commission for being great partners. Here are two recaps: [Windy City Blog-NPAW](#) and [NPAW-Salon](#). If you were at the art walk take the [NorthParkArtWalk Survey](#)

Hollywood-North Park Community Association has joined 8 other northwest side community organizations in the **O'Hare Noise Coalition**. The O'Hare Modernization Plan calls for adding/ extending 6 east-west runways that will bring more air traffic over our homes. These runways go over Thorndale (5900 N), Pratt, Lawrence, Glenlake and other streets. The plan also calls for greatly increased traffic at night on the Thorndale runway, right over Hollywood-North Park. Some of this is already occurring. According to coalition chair Andy Ginocchio from the Sauganash Community Assn., the coalition is backed by Congressman Quigley, Representative Schakowsky, Aldermen Laurino and O'Connor and is working with the FAA to lessen the negative impact on quality of life and potential reduction in property values. Email [HNPCA@sbcglobal.com](mailto:HNPCA@sbcglobal.com) if you would like to be our liaison to the coalition.



## ☞ Next HNPCA Meeting ☜

Tues., November 16, 7:30pm

Northside College Prep High School

**Peterson Elementary School Update** by Karla Holcomb, Local School Council Liaison

**ELECTION DAY!** Cast your ballot for our HNPCA officers and the board. The nominees are:

Officers: President	Judie Simpson
Vice President	Susan Casey
Secretary	Anne Klosinski
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HNPCA is part of the **North River Commission (NRC)**, a community-based umbrella organization of neighborhood institutions on the northwest side of Chicago. NRC asks HNPCA for feedback teach year about our issues and priorities. Come to the November meeting to discuss:

1. What community issues are most important to you
2. What role can HNPCA and/or NRC play to address these issues
3. What projects or programs would you like to see implemented in our area that are currently not present



### [Trails of Terror Seeking New Home](#)

(Click for Photos)

HNPCA, Peterson Park Improvement Association and Friends of Peterson Park, the park's advisory council, are asking the Chicago Park District to permanently stop holding Trails of Terror, the annual Halloween event in Peterson Park. The coalition thanks Alderman Laurino for stepping in and responding to their concerns. Because of her work with the park district the event will not take place in Peterson Park in 2011.

This coalition is not anti-Halloween but strongly believes that the event in its current size and

## ☞ Neighborhood Events ☜

**North Park Village Nature Center** 5801 N. Pulaski  
Winter Solstice Festival  
Saturday, December 18, 6–9pm  
312-744-5472

Welcome winter while you enjoy live seasonal music, make nature crafts, munch freshly roasted chestnuts, walk along luminary-lit trails, and enjoy a visit with critters from Big Run Wolf Ranch. Family friendly, free, no registration required.

**The Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra** is offering a FREE "Building an Orchestra" student concert on Friday November 19, 9:30am at Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln Ave. "Building an Orchestra" is a program designed to introduce 4th and 5th grade students to musical themes and concepts.

### Northeastern Illinois University Events

- Presidential Lecture Series: [Author Wendy Wagner](#) November 11, 3pm Free admission Auditorium
- The Calmus Ensemble performing: Bach, Gesualdo, Purcell, and others. Tickets are \$25, \$15/seniors, \$10/students. Call the NEIU Box Office 773-442-4636/[www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). Friday, November 19, 8pm NEIU Recital Hall
- Music for Choir, Brass, and Organ performing Gabrieli, Britten, Pinkham, and Rutter. The Northeastern Illinois University Chorus and Chamber Singers, NEIU Brass Ensemble, and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Evanston. Free admission. Note Location: First Presbyterian Church, 1427 Chicago Ave. Evanston, IL. Parking available in the lot south of the church. Tuesday, November 30, 7:30pm

### FREE Flu Shots

On Wed, Nov. 17, 9am - 3pm, Alderman Laurino and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health are providing free flu shots in the 39th Ward Office, 4404 W. Lawrence.

For more info: 773-736-5594

The Chicago Department of Public Health is holding its annual Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunization walk-in clinic at Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln on Friday, November 12 from 10am - 3pm. For more info: 773-769-1140

### Spiff Up with SBIF

The City of Chicago Department of Community Development along with 39th Ward Alderman Laurino, 40th Ward Alderman O'Connor and 50th Ward Alderman Stone have announced the availability of Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) Grants in the Lincoln Ave Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The SBIF program uses TIF revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties repair or remodel their facilities for their own business or on behalf of tenants. Grants up to \$150,000!

Attend the following meeting to learn if your business qualifies Tuesday, November 9, 1pm  
Goldie's Place 5705 N. Lincoln Avenue

### Our Neighborhood History

HNPCA'ers joined writer Frances O'Cherony Archer's discussion of the history of our neighborhood at the September meeting. Check out the new stories on Frances' blog, Besides great pictures, find out what zoning battle led to the creation of Hollywood North Park Civic Association (HPNCA) and who was "The Man Who Put the Hollywood in Hollywood Park," by clicking here: <http://francesarcher.com/hollywood-park-neighborhood/>

## Bohemian National Cemetery

By Marge Sladek Stueckemann

Member, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery

Surely you have noticed the castle-like entrance to Bohemian National Cemetery at 5255 N. Pulaski! Established in 1877, this historic 124-acre Garden of the Dead is unusual in many ways. Although chartered as an eternal resting place for persons of Czech (Bohemian) and Slovak ancestry, from the beginning it was open to everyone. Come in anytime the gates are open and drive around to see the beautiful, artistic monuments and buildings. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006, our not-for-profit cemetery also has the distinction of a separate not-for-profit 501c3 organization, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery.

Friends of BNC was chartered in 2004 with the mission to promote the historical significance, enhance the beauty, and preserve the artistic heritage of the cemetery. Our organization of about 300, sponsors three tours of the cemetery yearly, two meetings, special events, and does fundraising to restore the old buildings. Many volunteers do projects such as rewiring, gardening, and refurbishing the chapel.

Some recent projects included writing a booklet about the Columbarium/Crematorium, the domed building just to the east of the office. Donations, including a grant from the Czech government, help FBNC rebind the historic burial books in leather and restore stained glass windows.

One of the truly unique new things at BNC is the "Eternal Skybox" - the Cubs wall as we call it! It is a replica of the wall at Wrigley Field, and Cubs fans can be inurned there with a special plaque featuring the Cubs insignia. Sod dug up from Wrigley Field has been laid in front with former bleacher seats and even a home plate in the area.

Check out our webpage, [www.friendsofbnc.org](http://www.friendsofbnc.org) with much more information or the webpage for the cemetery: [www.bohemiannationalcemeterychicago.org](http://www.bohemiannationalcemeterychicago.org).

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### Albany Park Library Events

5150 N. Kimball Avenue 312-744-1933  
Teen Volume Book Discussion Ages 14 – 19  
(Earn service learning hours for attending.)  
Thursday, November 18, 4pm

### Budlong Library Events

5630 N. Lincoln Avenue 312-742-9590  
Carol Weston Musical Fun including puppets and musical instruments. Thursday, November 18 10:30am.

Teen Volume Book Club, Ages 14 – 19 (Earn service learning hours for attending.) Monday, November 22 6:30pm. Enjoy pizza and discuss the book *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

Make Me a Story Workshop with Marilyn Price nationally known puppeteer, storyteller and educator. This 2-part workshop will help preschool parents make their family story time fun and engaging. Adults must commit to attend both programs – one independently and one with their child/children. Wednesdays, November 10 (parents) and November 24 (parent/child) 12:15pm - 2:15pm.

You and Me... Bully Free! The bully, the bullied, and the bystander are in our schools and they all need our support. Sue Black, professional storyteller, will get the whole school talking. Thursday, December 2 10:30am.

Mad Hatters are Coming - Songs, skits and poems! Make sure to wear your favorite hat! All ages welcome with parent or caregiver. Saturday, December 4, 11am.

**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](mailto: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.



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**7:30pm**

Northside College Prep High School  
5501 N. Kedzie Avenue  
Room 136

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### CAPS Update

**Car and house burglaries in our area are up.** One of the best deterrents to crime is keeping a presence outside, talking to your neighbors, watching out for each other and calling 911 if you see anything suspicious. Attend CAPS (Community Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings to talk directly with our beat officers.

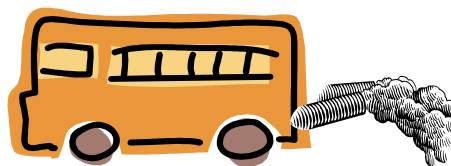
**Beat 1711** North of Bryn Mawr to Devon  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 7pm  
North Park Village Admin Bldg, 5801 N. Pulaski

NOTE: Beginning in 2011, Beat 1711 meetings will occur every other month, starting in February.

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

### Pollution Update

**Take Action Now!** HNPCA endorses the Illinois Campaign to Clean Up Diesel Pollution. We urge you to sign a petition asking the CTA to apply for federal funding to clean up their outdated diesel bus fleet. Most CTA buses lack advanced pollution controls and therefore pose a serious health threat to bus passengers and workers. With the CTA's North Park Garage along Kedzie between Catalpa and Foster our neighborhood may be especially at risk as buses idle throughout the day and night..





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