



MID-NORTH ASSOCIATION

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Mid-North Association Annual Meeting :

- January 21, 2009
 - 6:30-8:30 PM
 - John Barleycorn Memorial Pub
 - 658 W. Belden
(at Lincoln Ave.)
 - Dinner Buffet & Hosted Bar
 - RSVP 773-296-1721 or
info@mid-northassociation.org
- Please come, meet and greet neighbors, have a wonderful dinner and drinks, AND renew/ join our Mid-North Association.

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From the President

Happy New Year!
On behalf of the Mid-North Association, to the entire community, I would like to extend a thank you to all for supporting and participating in the various events sponsored by our organization and others in our neighborhood, including Art Together at the Contemporary Art Workshop, Theatre nights with the New Leaf Theatre, our monthly meetings, the Mid-North History/Landmark Tour, guided by Mid-North’s own Richard Cody, our annual Chicago Summerfest in Lincoln Park and the Clark Street SSA #23 Holiday Tree Lighting.
Mid-North Association welcomes **LINCOLN PARK VILLAGE** a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people age 50 and over in Lincoln Park. Once it launches in late spring or early fall 2009—the Village will provide services and programs that enable residents to continue enjoying a meaningful, connected life at home, in the Lin-

coln Park community we all love. Watch for a survey by mail or online:
www.lincolnparkvillage.org
On the **CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SITE RE-USE** Alderman Vi Daley hired HOK Architects to work with the community and a steering committee of leaders to gather ideas over a 4 month period to produce a roadmap for the redevelopment of the Children’s Memorial Hospital site being vacated by 2012. Two meetings have been held and the next will be Feb. 18th at 6:30 PM at St. Vincent DePaul, 2145 N. Halsted, 3rd Fl. You can go to the blog to recap/comment at:
www.cmhplanning.blogspot.com
As we move into 2009, please join us for our year-end annual meeting being held Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 at John Barleycorn located at 658 W. Belden Avenue. At this time we will be awarding monetary grants to local schools and institutions from the revenues derived our annual Chicago Summerfest in Lincoln Park and presenting special awards of

honor and recognition. In addition, we will be voting on the leadership of the organization for 2009.
Don’t miss out on upcoming events. Please make sure that we have current contact information. Help us stay green by giving us your e-mail addresses. Think of all the trees you can save.
Sincerely,
Nada Riley

Chicago Summerfest in Lincoln Park

Kudos to all who helped put together Summerfest 08 held last June. It was our most successful festival to date and a good time was held by all. We truly appreciate the cooperation of our surrounding Mid-North neighbors and businesses. It is vital that we work together in support of schools, institutions and service organizations that benefit from fundraising efforts of the Mid-North Association. We are proud to

be granting \$23,000 to: Children’s Memorial Hospital, Lincoln Park High School, Lincoln Elementary School, Contemporary Art Workshop, Lincoln Park Zoo, Lincoln Park Conservancy, New Leaf Theatre, Green City Market, Lincoln Park Research Initiative, 43rd Ward Senior Bingo, After School Center, Lincoln Park Art Initiative, Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Juvenile Protective Assoc., St. Vincent

DePaul Center, and Lincoln Park Village. Volunteer now for Summerfest 2009, June 20th and 21st by emailing info@mid-northassociation.org or 773-296-1721.

STAYING AT HOME

By: Harriet NewDelman

As VP of the Mid-North Association in Lincoln Park I was attending a Board meeting last January and listened to a member's report about a new organization forming in 60614. This non profit grass roots group called Lincoln Park Village got its start in the living room of Lincoln Parkers to talk about an idea modeled after Beacon Hill Village in Boston, Mass. This "village" movement is all about helping residents who have loved living in their own community and want to remain active and independent in their own homes as they grow older. Having cared for parents, I was often frustrated by not knowing how to avail myself of the best and fully vetted services and programs that could have enriched their lives. I joined the exploratory committee and am now serving on the first Board of Directors,

working on the Program Committee. So much research has been done. The many remarkable talents of the board, exploratory committee and devoted volunteers are being honed to be put to good use. Professional focus groups were well attended and reports made. Most recently, a town hall style meeting was held at the Biograph Victory Gardens Theater to discuss ideas that will involve folks in having a say in how this organization develops. The community response has been amazing. Strategic planning continues with the goal of a Spring Launch.

My 20 year career with Koenig & Strey Realtors has involved "moving" people who want to buy homes in which they would hope to spend the rest of their lives. I continue to have enormous pride in my work and am pleased the

skills I have honed as a real estate professional relate to organizing and providing service to my community. Being part of a movement that will keep residents fully connected with the vitality, programs and services that Lincoln Park Village can provide to its membership while remaining in homes they love...what could be better?

Contact Info:
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773-248-8700

"CREATING THEATRE IN A HISTORIC LANDMARK"

Join us and Honorary Chair Alderman Vi Daley as we explore the history of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center and its relationship with New Leaf Theatre. Saturday, February 7th Cultural Arts Center 2045 N. Lincoln Park West 3:00 - 4:30 PM.

The event will include a demonstration of New Leaf's reimagining of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center's Auditorium. Light refreshments served. No admission charge. RSVP by February. 2, 2009

By phone 773-516-3546

newleaf@newleaftheatre.org

NOW PLAYING through Feb. 14, 2009

TOUCH by Toni Press-Coffman directed

by Jessica Hutchinson
Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays at 8 PM.
Cultural Arts Center
2045 N. Lincoln Park West.

Mid-North Night
2 for 1 Tickets
Jan. 29th 8 PM
RSVP
773-516-3546
or
newleaftheatre.org

Green City Market

The Chicago Green City Market is taking the first step in establishing the first year round farmers' market in Chicago with a series of winter markets. Starting January 17th and running through April 18th, every first and third Saturday, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum will host the market inside the Museum from 8AM -1PM.

Along with fresh, local produce they are planning to have themes for each market day with a special culinary event featuring and promoting local,

sustainable farmers, producers, and the chefs who work closely with them. Admission to the events will be free but RSVPs are required. Contact the [Green City Market](http://www.chicagorencity.org) to confirm your attendance at any of the upcoming events. 773-880-1266 or

www.chicagorencity.org

Free parking is available on Cannon Drive and in the Diversey Harbor Lot.



Recycling in Mid-North By: Hillary Thieling

The 43rd Ward is still slated to receive blue bins for recycling with the city in 2009. For immediate recycling needs the Alderman's office has compiled information for residents with two haulers.

The Resource Center (773-821-1351)

is a not-for-profit that focuses on recycling and all avenues of sustainability. Their program cost will be based on the number of residents that sign up for their program. Pick-ups would be necessary every week. They do not provide containers. You must sort your recyclables and leave them separated for pick-up. The Resource Center *guarantees* that at least 99% of the recyclables they collect will be delivered to processing facilities for recycling. Resource Center requires a 6 month contract.

Premier Waste & Recycling (773-329-3534)

is a private waste hauling service that already provides single-stream recycling to several businesses in the area. Anyone who

wishes to sign up with Premier will pay a one-time fee (\$75) for a blue cart. All recyclables can be placed in the cart together. Premier also reserves the right to charge a fuel surcharge (currently 17% of monthly cost). No contracts.

Free Drop off Centers There are two drop off centers where you can bring your recycling - one at the Notebaert Nature Museum and the other at the convenience store at Wrightwood and Lincoln. The City also maintains a number of collection bins at the Goose Island Recycling Center, 1150 N North Branch.

Did you know you can get cash for recycling your used clothing?

Crossroads Trading Company 2711

North Clark Street(773) 296-1000. Crossroads in Lincoln Park offers drop-off buying! If you are in a rush, you can leave your items at the buying counter and return to collect your cash or trade after 24 hours.

Plato's Closet 2150 N. Clybourn - 773-549-2070

Buffalo Exchange 2875 N. Broadway Street, Chicago - (773) 549-1999.

Did you know that you can have your home cleaned and be kind to the environment?

Sparkle Queen Cleaning Service 2360 N Clark, 773-832-4895 provides all eco-friendly equipment and supplies
www.sparklequeen.com

Toilet Into Treasure

By: Harriet NewDelman

In September, 2008, The Lincoln Park Zoo received a "Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence" for noteworthy restoration efforts regarding the extensive renovation of the historic Carlson Cottage located by Café Brauer. This 120 year old Victorian-era "comfort station" (public restroom) was closed to the public years ago. It lay dormant over the decades and although it decayed the original charm never withered. In 1994 it was declared a contributing building to Lincoln Park's designation as a Landmark District by the National Register of Historic Places in

1994, and later a Chicago Landmark by ordinance of the City Council in 2003. The zoo began utilizing the building for its volunteer gardening program in 1995 and took over responsibility for the cottage from the Park District in 2003 as it began to plan in earnest for rehabilitation. By 2007 a Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service along with additional gifts kicked off the work. Although there were no historical images of the cottage, a helpful discovery of an 1888 engraving provided the earliest available visual documentation and confirmed the original configuration. The restoration was done by

Paul A. Steinbrecher, Preservation Architect of InterActive Design, Inc. The original design was by Joseph Lyman Silsbee, an important 19th century architect who also designed the Lincoln Park Conservatory and taught notable architects Frank Lloyd Wright, George Maher and George Elmslie.

NATURE BOARDWALK: South Pond in Lincoln Park

South Pond is undergoing a transformation to an outdoor classroom and urban nature center. This urban oasis of inter-dwelling amongst wildlife, tiny insects and other invertebrates along with a variety of fish, birds, frogs, turtles and dragonflies will highlight local conservation, thus offering a diverse array of public school students and youth-focused community groups an opportunity to learn about science and environmental stewardship. A new boardwalk surrounding the perimeter of the Pond will allow exercise aficionados, bird watchers

and neighbors out for an evening stroll an exciting environment to navigate. Benches will be placed throughout the grounds. The Nature Boardwalk will benefit all of Lincoln Park, and the 3 million visitors that walk through the zoo gates annually.



South Pond Master Plan

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We're on the Web
www.mid-northassociation.org

Mid-North Association (MNA) is a non-profit volunteer organization, established by residents in 1950 to protect and preserve the historical character and charm of our architecturally-rich community.

Nestled in vibrant Lincoln Park, MNA's twelve block area is bounded by Chicago's beautiful lakefront park (known as Lincoln Park), Fullerton Parkway, Lincoln Avenue and the Ogden Right-of-Way.

Mid-North is surrounded by a cultural wonderland. We're adjacent to the Peggy Notebaert Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo, Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, Lincoln Park Conservatory, DePaul University, Chicago History Museum, Oz Park, and the Victory Gardens Theater is right in our neighborhood, along with wonderful city restaurants and unique shops.

We invite residents, area businesses and institutions to join us as we work together to promote the wonderful spirit that is Mid-North.

The End

By Harriet NewDelman

The Contemporary Art Workshop will be closing its doors after 60 years. Their vast files of show cards, exhibition reviews and documentary photographs will soon join the Chicago History Museum's archives. In early December, at their last Gallery Opening Mayor Daley sent a commendation read by Alderman Vi Daley, and Mid-North's own Marjorie Michel read her own expression of love and friendship. Although we are saddened by the void that will be left, let us continue to remember all the great inspiration that John

and Lynn Kearney created at 542 W. Grant Place. We are blessed by many of John's famous "bumper" sculptures throughout the area and Oz Park. Farewell but not good-bye as John and Lynn will still reside between Chicago and New England where John has a large studio. The building has been sold and will be a single family residence. Approval was gained from the Landmarks Planning Committee of Mid-North and the City.



Lynn and John Kearney with Vi Daley



Lynn Kearney with Marjorie Michel