

WANT NEWS

West Andersonville Neighbors Together

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2012

We are a not-for-profit organization committed to the betterment of the neighborhood through development of community spirit and group involvement. The boundaries of WANT are the north side of Foster, the south side of Bryn Mawr, the west side of Clark, and the east side of Ravenswood.

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CLARK STREET

Spring General Meeting *June 12, 7:30 at Summerdale Church*

The purpose of WANT is to serve the 3,000 people who live in our community and to support the businesses that anchor the commercial part of the neighborhood.

WANT hosts events for children and adults, provides a structured conduit from residents and business owners to government and other organizations, oversees land use and zoning in residential areas, supports the West Andersonville Garden, facilitates connections via the web and other media, and draws attention to area businesses via features in this newsletter and other forms of promotion.

To maintain the organization's relevance and vitality, it's important for the board to ask residents and business owners whether what WANT currently does reflects the best priorities and whether WANT should undertake different or additional projects or programs.

There are two ways to share your ideas:

- come to the general membership meeting on Tuesday, 12 June, at 7:30 pm at Summerdale Church, 1700 W. Farragut; the focus of the meeting will be on brainstorming to make WANT the best neighborhood association it can be
- Respond to our brief survey, which is available at www.westandersonville.org and printed on page 6, to help the WANT board guide current and future WANT activities.

We look forward to hearing from you!



WANT Annual Yard Sale *June 23—Save the Date!*

Last year's annual fundraiser yard sale was a great success. Over forty-five households participated in the neighborhood event, and there was lots of foot traffic the entire day. This year's sale plans to be bigger and better!

The \$10 fee covers advertising, signage, and inclusion on maps of participating homes that we'll distribute. Plus you're helping WANT fund the community garden and yearly events like our popular, free Ghostly Garden event at Halloween. If you're not yet a member of WANT, join now and the fee is waived! Call Dena to sign up (773.275.9974); make sure to leave your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Bimonthly C.A.P.S. Meeting *June 13, 7:00*

Police officers working the WANT beat (District 20, beat 2012) will be on hand for the bimonthly Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meeting on June 13 at St. Gregory Church, located at 1609 West Gregory. Police crime statistics for the area indicate that burglaries and car thefts are up and robberies down from a year ago. Hear more about what's going on, share information, and stay informed!

Upcoming WANT Fundraiser Events

- Hamburger Mary's Bingo Night, July 16, 7 pm
- Drinks at Marty's, Sept. 16, 2-5 pm

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Many Helping Hands Keep West Andersonville Garden Beautiful

Enjoy a stroll this spring through West Andersonville Gardens, our community garden, which runs along Ravenswood from Berwyn to Balmoral. When you do, you'll enjoy the newly "rechipped" strolling path which unites the garden from north to south. Please also note the newly replanted area south of Balmoral which features variegated red twig dogwoods. And of course the trees, shrubs and ground covers which grow more gorgeous every year.

All of this is made possible by the work of community volunteers like you. A total of over 75 volunteers came to help on five different workdays this spring. (Those of us who came on all 5 days count as



"5" in this total!). Some saw our signs and came to help. Others were part of groups who volunteered their help. Special thanks go to the manager of Walgreens at Clark and Catalpa. She saw our sign posted on their community bulletin board, called to see what help we needed and followed up by organizing a crew to come help us. Walgreens also donated refreshments and yard waste bags. Employees at Target on Broadway north of Montrose contacted us to participate as well.

Students at St. Gregory's High School played an important part in our spring renewal as well. They came with their instructor on a specially organized Wednesday workday to delineate the garden path by digging out the grass which had narrowed the path. This is a task for which the strength of a group of young men was much appreciated! Another energetic group were the Brownie Scouts of Troop 23008. Their leader saw our signs and brought a group of girls to help.

Donations from community members are also an important part of keeping the garden beautiful. The planting of dogwoods was supported by an anonymous donation made to the garden last year.

We need your help as well to keep West Andersonville Gardens beautiful. If you enjoy the garden, please follow the example of the wonderful volunteers who made possible our spring rejuvenation and join us at one of our upcoming workdays or work evenings. Just an hour of your time will help. We'll be weeding, pruning and sometimes planting. No gardening experience is needed; instruction and tools are available.

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Our summer workdays will be:

Weekends 9:00 to noon

Saturdays: June 16 and August 11th

Sundays: July 15 and September 9

Evenings 7:00 to dark

Thursdays: May 31, June 28, July 26, August 16

Mondays: June 11, July 9, August 6

If you'd like to volunteer, just come to Ravenswood at Summerdale on one of our workdays. To learn more, call the WANT info line, 773-878-2723, or contact us at www.westandersonville.org and someone from our project will call/e-mail you back.

West Andersonville Gardens was created in 1995 with a grant from Greencorps, a program of the City of Chicago Department of Environment. We're entering our 17th year!! The garden has been maintained and improved for those 17 years by community volunteers with occasional assistance from Greencorps and the Chicago Botanic Garden. We always need new (and returning) volunteers to keep the garden beautiful. *Please join us!*

3rd Annual Andersonville Green Week

July 9–15th, 2012

This week is designed to promote environmental, social, and economic sustainability, within Andersonville and the surrounding area. We encourage residents and businesses to create their own unique events during the week to showcase what it is they do, and how they are incorporating the "Triple Bottom Line" (People, Planet, Prosperity) into their daily routines.

This year our events will include a pop-up park on Clark St., farmers market cooking demonstrations, local food tastings, a sustainability fair, home energy efficiency workshops, and even an amateur brewing competition.

If you are interested in participating, go to www.eco-andersonville.org/greenweek or contact Brian Bonanno at bbonanno@andersonville.org.

Griffin Theater Carnivale


June 30, 1–9 pm

What's more fun than a three-ring circus? The Great Griffin Carnivale! To celebrate the start of construction of their new home on the site of the old police station at Foster and Winchester, the Griffin will be holding the "Great Griffin Carnivale" on Saturday, June 30th, 1–9 pm. The carnival will take place in the parking lot of the Griffin Arts Center at 1940 W. Foster. This is a great neighborhood event that the whole family can enjoy. Admission to the event is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 16. Enjoy carnival amusements, live music, food and beer tent, and much more.

Interested in volunteering or sponsoring this event? The Griffin would love to hear from you. To learn more about how you can join up with the Griffin, visit GriffinTheatre.com.

 **West Andersonville** 

Farmer's Market



Every Sunday
Starting June 3
8 am – 1 pm

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Midsummerfest 2012

Opens Friday, June 8!

Andersonville's Midsummerfest 2012 kicks off on June 8! For the first time, Midsummerfest now will include a small Friday evening kick-off that benefits the Andersonville Development Corporation (ADC) and eco-Andersonville.

ADC is expanding its partnership with local schools. Pierce, Trumbull, St. Gregory, and Rogers Park Montessori will all receive a portion of beer sales from the event. Parents and supporters of the schools will be around during the weekend volunteering at the Chamber beer booths. Ten percent of net beer profits will go to the schools.

Midsummerfest this year also includes a promotion for retail businesses: shoppers who make a \$30 or greater purchase at any Andersonville retailer or personal service provider (hair care, chiropractic, massage, ect) during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Midsummerfest will receive a coupon for a free beer or soda at the event. Purchases from restaurants and bars are not redeemable, but retail purchases can be combined to meet the \$30 minimum. Limit one per person.

At Clark & Balmoral, the Out Rock Stage makes its Midsummerfest debut, showcasing local singer/songwriters. Cultural performances will be held at the Swedish Stage (Clark & Foster) and the Summerdale Stage (Clark & Summerdale).

The Swedish American Museum is sponsoring the Swedish Stage at Foster and Clark. Celebrate Midsummer with traditional dancing around the Maypole and music; beginning at Saturday at 11:30. Questions, please e-mail Museum@samac.org or call 773-728-8111. The Family Fun Area will be also located at Clark & Summerdale.

In addition to the entertainment, Midsummerfest will feature the usual wide variety of food vendors and merchants. An entry donation of \$5 is suggested (under 12/ over 65 get in free!).

Also in Andersonville

Andersonville Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 3-8 pm starting June 13 (no market July 4)
www.andersonville.org/FarmersMarket

Andersonville Summer Sidewalk Sale

July 27-29, 2012

Taste of Andersonville Dinner Crawl

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Ebenezer Rummage Sale, June 30

Ebenezer Lutheran Church will hold a Rummage Sale in the church dining room on Saturday, June 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The sale is intended to promote community outreach and fund vital parish ministries.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church is at 1650 W. Foster. The dining room is located on the street level, east of the Sanctuary, and is fully accessible. For further information, please contact the church office at 773-561-8496 or Sale coordinator Cindy Serikaku at 847-830-8277.

For Kids

Events

June 22, 4 pm: Swedish Museum Family Night (free)

Playgroups/On-Going

WANT Indoor playlot

Tuesdays and Fridays, 9-11 am
Summerdale Church, 1700 W. Farragut

Storytime with Ms. Linda

Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:00 am
Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark St.

Theater

Peter Pan, Rivendell Theatre Ensemble May 26-June 21
Saturdays and Sundays at 12pm:

Camp!

June 18: Gus Giordano Dance Summer Camps begin
www.gusgiordanodanceschool.com

July 9: Joel Hall Summer Dance Camps begin
www.joelhall.org

June 18: Chicago Park District Summer Activities begin

June 25: Chicago Park District Summer Day Camps begin
<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs>

July 9: Swedish Museum Summer Pioneer Camp begins
www.swedishamericanmuseum.org

Dream Big one-week drama camps
www.dreambigperformingarts.com

Raven Theatre Youth programs
www.raventheatre.com

For Seniors

Summerdale Church Seniors Lunch Group, 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays at noon; Summerdale Church, 1700 W. Farragut.

A Permanent Home for Rivendell Theatre Ensemble

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble is the resident company at Chicago's newest theatre venue: The Rivendell Theatre, which now has a permanent home in nearby Edgewater, located at 5779 Ridge Avenue. Since its inception in 1995, Rivendell Theatre Ensemble has been committed to recognizing and cultivating the talents of women in theatre.

Free parking is available at Senn High School. And there is discounted dining for theatre-goers at Broadway Cellars (5900 North Broadway): a special \$23 three-course Prix Fixe menu for pre/post theater goers. Visit their website at www.broadwaycellars.net or give them a call (773) 944-1208.

Join Rivendell for a benefit celebrating their permanent home. The event is Rooted on Ridge, and will take place on June 13, 2012, at A New Leaf, 1818 N. Wells. Learn about our wonderful new neighbor at their web site, rivendelltheatre.org.

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W.A.N.T. Area Resident Survey

West Andersonville Neighbors Together (WANT) wishes to serve its community better and plan for the future. Toward this end, the WANT Board is asking you to participate in this survey. Your answers will be kept confidential and the results will be published on our website (www.westandersonville.org).

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EVENTS	1	2	3	4	5
1. Game Night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Family events like the Memorial Day celebration and pig roast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Block parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Meet-up dinners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Children's events like the Ghostly Garden (Halloween)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Yard sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Potluck get-togethers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMMUNITY SERVICE					
8. Monitoring local land use and zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Fostering a sense of community through meeting and connecting neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Connecting with the Alderman's office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Printed WANT newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Liaising with other neighborhood groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Garden care and cultivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Maintaining a website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Creating a village website/forum for the exchange of ideas, services and things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Donating to the community's needy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FUTURE PLANS					
17. Implementing a composting pick-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Sponsorship of Sunday farmers market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. A summertime garden walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Tutoring programs at Trumbull Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Volunteer opportunities for area youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suggestions for additional WANT events or services?

Please share any other comments or suggestions you have.

Would you like to volunteer for events or activities? Contact Betsy Kane (773 878 2723; bakane@rcn.com). Please drop off or send surveys to Gerhard Schutte, 5417 N. Paulina, Chicago IL 60640.

Theater/Events

Griffin Theatre Company

Kin, by *Bathsheba Doran*, directed by *Jess McLeod*
At the *Theater Wit*, 1229 West Belmont Ave.
<http://griffintheatre.com>

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The Raven Theatre

Bang the Drum Slowly, by *Mark Harris*, directed by *Michael Menendian*
<http://www.raventheatre.com>

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble

Crooked, by *Catherine Trieschmann* and directed by *Sandy Shinner*
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Museums

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EVENTS

June 16, 10-noon, General meeting, Broadway Armory
June 23, 2-3 pm, "Those Were the Days Radio Players"
Thursdays Evenings in Edgewater, July-Aug., 6-8 pm, BYO* in the garden
for an evening of community. Live music provided.

EXHIBITS

Crime and Community in Edgewater, through July 8
Greetings from Edgewater, opens July 14

Swedish American Museum

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EVENTS

June 9, 1:30-3:30, Scandinavian Jam
Aug. 20-26, 10-3, Millennium Park Family Fun Festival

EXHIBITS

Summer Stories, opens June 15

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