

WANT NEWS

West Andersonville Neighbors Together

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W.A.N.T. or West Andersonville Neighbors Together is a not-for-profit organization committed to the betterment of the area and its people through community education, involvement of community members and development of community spirit.

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W.A.N.T.'s boundaries are the N side of Foster, to the S side of Bryn Mawr, W side of Clark to the E side of the Union Pacific Railroad along Ravenswood.

Wine, SunShine & Zoning

a.k.a Summer General Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 17 • 7:30

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Save room for dessert! George's has the best in town! Bring wine if you want.

Tonight we will have a special Guest Speaker discussing the Farmer's market.

Questions & Answers plus . . .

• *Land Use & Zoning updates*

• *Vote on the expansion of the WANT Board*

• *Alderman O'Connor may give us a special visit!*

Please come and volunteer to help out with the WANT Green Week Garden Party!

WANT needs YOU!

Don't let us down!

Plus, meet your neighbors & hear the latest news!



WANT has a WEB page!

Check out our web page for news & upcoming neighborhood and WANT events!

Go to www.westandersonville.org

If you would like to contact WANT for any reason you may e-mail us on the website or call the WANT LINE.

You are invited to submit any noteworthy articles or information you would like to have included in our next newsletter to **Betsy Kane** <bakane@rcn.com>

W.A.N.T. LINE 773.561.4739 (temporary NEW #)

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Land Use & Zoning

Co-Chairs Susana Darwin & Phil Casagrande

LUZ leadership has requested that the **City make repairs to the sidewalks and street** on Summerdale between Ashland and Clark and to the pavement collapses on the west side of Paulina just south of Catalpa and on the east side of Ravenswood just south of Catalpa. Also, we requested **installation of signage** to improve sightlines for drivers at Farragut and Ravenswood, where cars tend to get parked right up to the corner itself.

The **transfer of Thybony's building to Walgreen's** is still in negotiations because the zoning of Thybony's parking lot does not allow subdivision, and Thybony was seeking to retain the western portion of the lot.

Tangentially related to the use of Thybony's parking lot is a proposal to attempt to **beautify the east side of Clark Street** between Bryn Mawr and Rascher, which includes the possibility of turning Catalpa into a walking plaza. This might also include extending the Clark Street TIFF zone south to Rascher. The Committee will work with the Chamber to flush details of all the options and will canvass WANT area residents for reactions and recommendations.

Alderman O'Connor's office will be monitoring the **early-morning traffic along Ravenswood and Balmoral** to enforce speed limits and deter double-parkers near Rogers Park Montessori.

As you may already know, **there is a local movement to pursue a public park on the site of the former Edgewater Medical Center** in our neighborhood. WEAR Board member, Chris Swan, is leading the effort to organize people who are interested in supporting and developing a park proposal. We want to reach out to nearby neighbors both to make you aware of this effort and to encourage your participation. **If you want to be a part of the effort for the park**, you must become a subscriber. Only subscribers will be notified of important new developments and have the ability to post comments. Also our site complies with the strict protocols for privacy that Wordpress has established. Your email will not be shared under any circumstances. Once you have registered you can fully participate in the site - <http://www.westedgewaterpark.org/>

As of yet there is no forward motion on the proposed conversion of **Edgewater Hospital** to other uses, but WANT will post notices of neighborhood hearings as soon as they are scheduled.

LUZ needs your help in keeping a lid on tagging in our neighborhood: if you see graffiti, please call 311 right away and report it. Graffiti Busters have been moving fairly quickly since the weather turned.

LUZ and the WANT board are coordinating with the Garden Committee to participate in **Andersonville's Green Week, 12–18 July**. *Watch for details!*

“Poop Power” Project

WANT LUZ Volunteer Phil Casagrande is investigating the feasibility of his “green project” to collect the neighborhood's dog waste to be transported to an industry for processing it into bio-fuel. If you are interested in helping or for questions/comments, please email <philcasa@rcn.com>

Land Use & Zoning Guidelines

If the work being done: changes the USE of land and/or buildings (i.e. from residential use to commercial use, or vice versa), and/or increases in the SIZE of an existing building, and/or is NEW construction . . .

Call WANT at 312.409.0141 with the following info:

- Leave your name & phone number
- Exact address/location of the property
- A description of what the required permit says
- Describe the changes in use, size or if the construction is new.

Step into Summer in West Andersonville Gardens

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you everyone who participated in pathmaking in West Andersonville Gardens April 24th and May 1st.

On the 24th we widened the path, digging out grass which had narrowed the path down to “one lane” at the south end of the garden. You'll see the rolled up grass on our compost pile. (Perhaps we'll sell sod as a side line!) Another important activity was raking up all those fallen leaves, 15 bags full.

On May 1st the volunteers watched wide-eyed as a dump truck carefully created 4 huge piles of wood chips at strategic points down the length of the garden. Then, armed with wheel barrows, garden carts, pitch forks, shovels and rakes, volunteers transformed those piles into a meandering garden path. We even had enough chips to mulch many of our plantings to help retain moisture and keep down weeds. A highlight of the morning was a gentleman who drove up and called out “Would you like some pastries?” At our puzzled “yes,” he opened his truck and handed out coffee cakes and a layer cake, all a donation from the Wells of Salvation Ministries which worships at Trumbull School auditorium

Over 20 individuals were a part of our pathmaking effort, most of them volunteering on both days. Volunteers included:

Students from St. Gregory the Great High School, who participated to fulfill their service learning requirement; A group from the Green-house service of Vineyard Christian Church of Evanston, who seek to grow together to make the rest of the world beautiful; **Community members** who enjoy walking through the garden & W.A.N.T Members and others who read about our garden in the W.A.N.T. newsletter.

YOU could be one of the fabulous volunteers at our next gardening workday!

We work 1 weekend day & 2 weekday evenings each month. If you'd like to volunteer, just come to Ravenswood at Summerdale (east of the tracks) on one of our workdays. To learn more, call the WANT line, 773.561.4739 or contact us at www.westandersonville.org and someone from our project will call/e-mail you back.



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Sunday, May 23	Thursday, June 3
Saturday, June 26	Monday, June 14
Sunday, July 25	Thursday, July 8
Saturday, August 28	Monday, July 19
Sunday, September 19	Thursday, August 5
Saturday October 9	Monday, August 16

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

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 15th year!! The garden has been maintained and improved for those 15 years by community volunteers with occasional assistance from Greencorps and the Chicago Botanic Garden.



Finally, summer! What are you waiting for?

Check out these fun activities for the whole family. See you there!

by Jaime Fleischmann & Clare Reter



There's a new kid on the block! Join us for Tuesday playdates to make friends and meet our neighbors.

Andersonville Playlot INDOORS

at Summerdale Community Church

1700 W Farragut • 773.561.5755

www.summerdalecommunitychurch.org

Rainy Tuesdays • 9:30 am – 11 am

Too rainy to play outside?

Join us inside in the playroom in the Summerdale Community Church basement.

Play with toys, share snacks, and enjoy adult interaction.

Everyone is welcome!

We're looking forward to meeting new friends.



School's out... and there's nothing to do! ESPECIALLY when you're between 12 & 15.

WANT is sponsoring a "Coffee House" for kids entering 7th through 10th grades on Tuesday evenings, June 22 & June 29, from 7 - 9 pm

Drop by, meet new friends, play some games (board & card), and let us know if this is something you'd like to continue to have offered through the summer.

At Summerdale Community Church

Use the side entrance, off Paulina

Summertime is Playtime at our neighborhood parks

Andersonville Playlot

5233 N Ashland (Ashland & Farragut)

Bromann Playlot Park

Explore this revitalized park with new equipment & kid-friendly playing surface.

5400 N Broadway (Broadway & Balmoral)

Cochran Playlot Park

5554 N Magnolia (Magnolia & Bryn Mawr)

RESTAURANT DEALS FOR KIDS!

We love our Andersonville restaurants!

We love them even more when they are "family friendly"! Check these 2 out!



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THE MUSIC EXPRESS

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Kidtivities

Tuesdays & Thursdays from June 15 to July 20

Kids can participate in a series of arts & crafts projects as part of their Kidtivities program. Projects will take place in their garden and include Enchanted Garden Stones, Make a Wind Chime, Enviro Shopping Bags, and more!

Call or stop by for details, or view full arts & crafts schedule online at www.facebook.com/toysetceteraandersonville

Summer Reading Fun with "Miss Linda"

at Women and Children First Bookstore

5233 N Clark • 773.769.9299 • www.womenandchildrenfirst.com



Kiddielit for City Kids

Wednesdays at 10:30 am • ages 2 to 5

Big Kids Storytime

starting June 15 through the summer

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm • ages 5 to 10

MULLE'S ANDERSONVILLE ADVENTURE

Exploring Nature and Swedish Culture

Saturday, June. 26 • 9 am – 1 pm

at Swedish American Museum • 5211 Clark • 773.728.8111

All ages are welcome for this free family event to help remind children to enjoy and appreciate nature and outdoor life, through the eyes of the Swedish character Mulle. Participants can make an eco-friendly craft and enjoy an urban nature walk.

Cost: \$5 per child, children under 2 free. Reservations are required.



Preview of Kids' Attractions at Midsommarfest

June 12 & 13

We can't wait for sunny Midsommarfest!

This year, the family stage features Scribble Monster, Trinity Irish Dancers, Little Nashville, Raisin Rhyme, School of Rock, Laura Doherty, Radio Disney, Mad Science, and Dream Big Performing Arts.

Ours kids loved the climbing wall last year! And, look for an obstacle course with slide for little ones, mini golf, and Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors.

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Memorial Day

Monday, May 31st • 12 noon

“Bike Decoration Contest” & AmVets Parade

Contestants & Paraders assemble on Rosehill Drive at 4:30 AM.

To sign up for the “Contest” contact Leisa at <chefyleis@aol.com>

Parade begins at 10:15. Route: Clark to Bryn Mawr to Ashland to Rosehill Drive.

A Ceremony honoring our vets at Rosehill Cemetery follows the parade.

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The Ravenswood Runners Club

It's a brand new running club started this year to serve regular runners of all abilities (beginners and baby-joggers welcomed) in the Andersonville neighborhood.

Our mission is to promote fitness with quality leadership and clubspirit and provide evidence based wellness education.

Meet at Ravenswood Chiropractic & Wellness Center at 5215 N Ravenswood, Ste 105 on Thursday's at 10 am.

There is no fee to join. For more information or to register please call Nadia Hare at 773.878.7330.

“First Fridays” at The Galleria

5247 Clark • manager@andersonvillegalleria.com

Join us for our monthly "gallery" night where you can shop late and meet some the the artists, artisans, and vendors whose work you enjoy the most! Open Late 'til 10PM!

Wedding Expo at The Galleria

Wednesday, June 30 • Open til 9 pm

Planning a wedding? Well, the talented artists and vendors of the Galleria can take care of everything for you – from flowers and make-up, to custom jewelry and favors, and so much more.

Andersonville Block Club Events

WEAR • West Edgewater Area Residents

WEAR Garden Walk

Sunday, July 11th • 1PM to 5PM

Rosehill Cemetery Tour

Saturday, September 25th • 10AM

Fireside Halloween Party

Thursday, October 28th • 6:00PM

www.westedgewater.org for more info closer to the events

BCO • Bowmanville Community Organization

The 14th Annual Bowmanville Street Sale

Saturday, June 5 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

12th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk

Saturday, July 10 • 11 am - 4:30 pm

Welcome Tables at the Gateway Garden, 1801 W. Balmoral & Community Garden Green Space, Bowmanville & Bell

EARC • East Andersonville Resident's Council

Neighborhood Party

Saturday, July 10 • Glenwood between Berwyn & Summerdale.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, August 1st

Annual EARC Hot Dog Social

Saturday, August 22nd at Pierce School on Gregory

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Edgewater Community Council Art Fair

July 17 & 18 • Berger Park • 6205 n Sherdian

50th Anniversary Committee has announced that the Art Fair will coordinate with the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce's July "Third Saturday" event on July 17. ECC is delighted to be working with the Chamber (which ECC helped to found 25 years ago) on what is sure to be a fantastic weekend of events.

Andersonville has a Poet

... and we didn't know it, till now!

Andersonville native Nadia Larissa Trousdale loves poetry – she writes it with relish, savors reading it and has recently taken steps to encourage poetry readership in others. Several Andersonville residents have had their days brightened by the unexpected discovery of an envelope, inside of which is one of Trousdale's poems. She hopes that the works, most of which can be found in her first volume, *Two Seasons*, are a pleasant surprise for anyone who stumbles upon them.

Two Seasons in its entirety has something for everyone with themes ranging from love lost (and found) to the joys and perils of having eight beers, good reasons to get a tattoo and slightly more risqué endeavors. She has been compared to Dorothy Parker for her love of wordplay and is equally at home with free verse as she is with more structured poetry forms. Having moved back to Andersonville just in time for the June release of her 2nd volume, *A Damsel in This Dress*, Nadia is grateful for having grown up in a neighborhood so supportive and nurturing of local art and artists.

Two Seasons can be found at Hoard Antiques at 4710 N. Damen and Alchemy Arts at 1203 W. Bryn Mawr as well as Nadia's website, www.sporadicpanic.com and her website is definately worth a look!



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What's Hot, New & Cool in ANDERSONVILLE!



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We thought we'd introduce a few of them to you if you haven't already stopped in.



Metropolitan Brewing, LLC

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Doug and Tracy Hurst have been Ravenswood residents for more than 10 years. When they decided to open their craft brewery, they dreamed about opening it somewhere along the Ravenswood Industrial Corridor. Through a series of fortunate events (and a good deal of tenacity), they found the perfect space in the Corridor and set up shop in mid-2008.

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German lagers are the foundation of Metropolitan's beers.

Of course, Doug and Tracy can't help but twist things up in their own way. Toasty malts, spicy hops, and a ferocious DIY ethic motivate them to brew beer.

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Live events from the orange stage are hosted Fridays at 8pm, and video screenings on Tuesday nights curated by local filmmakers and academics. Every Sunday night Transistor is the place to be for BYOB pingpong and our live Transistor Radio webcast featuring conversation, performance and music from Transistor's collection from 6-9 pm.

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Recipes from local restaurants and saloons featuring Koval vodka from rye, pear brandy, whiskies and liqueurs can be found on their website along with “tasting events”.

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One Sister Pierogi: “The Sustainable Goddess”

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Historic Andersonville

Andersonville Designated National Historic District

Chicago neighborhood garners national attention with listing on National Register of Historic Places

The commercial district of Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural assets worthy of preservation.

"We are honored to receive National Historic District recognition," said Ellen Shepard, executive director of the Andersonville Development Corporation and Andersonville Chamber of Commerce.


"National Historic District status showcases the importance of Andersonville's Swedish development, its historic architecture, and its acclaimed unique, local businesses."

The Andersonville Commercial Historic District is located between 4900 and 5800 N. Clark Street, adjacent side streets, and select buildings on Ashland Avenue. The designation was bestowed based on two criteria:

- 1) The district is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- 2) The district embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

The Andersonville Commercial Historic District is closely associated with the Swedish community that moved to the neighborhood following the Chicago Fire. The district contains fully intact turn-of-the-century commercial buildings that represent the popular architectural styles of the time. Many Swedish-run companies, theaters, retail shops, bakeries and banks thrived in the area, and the district's historic character remains today. A total of 116 properties within the district are considered historically significant.

In recent years, Andersonville has gained acclaim for its commercial district comprised almost entirely of local, independent businesses and for its commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2007, Natural Home Magazine named Andersonville one of the country's "Top Ten Eco-Communities," based on its local businesses and high walk-ability.



Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, properties listed in the National Register can include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. Due to this status, commercial properties can qualify for federal income tax credits by utilizing the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits. By spending money on a permitted rehabilitation, owners can receive a one-time credit against federal income taxes owed which is equal to 20% of the cost of the rehabilitation. More information is available at: www.andersonville.org

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Museums

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The 5th Annual Jenny Lind Concert

Planned for early June, check our website for exact time & date

The Royal Swedish Academy of Music has selected the 2010 "Jenny Lind" to perform in Sweden and the United States. This year's winner is mezzo soprano Astrid Robillard. We will have a chance to hear her perform at the Museum together with accompanist Henrik Berg, winner of the Otto Goldschmidt Music Accompaniment Award. For more information about the winners, visit www.fhp.nu \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are recommended.

Midsummerfest

Museum hours: Saturday 11 am - 4 pm & Sunday 11 am - 4 pm
Celebrate Midsummer at the Museum on June 13 & 13 with traditional dancing around the Maypole and Swedish music.

Pioneer the World Day Camp

This summer your kids can travel the world without ever leaving Chicago!

Session I: July 12 - July 16 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Session II: August 9 - August 13 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Campers are introduced to the food, customs, folk arts, and cultural identities of four different countries in our "Pioneer the World" day camp. Families are invited to attend our very own "World's Fair" on the last day, where campers display their handiwork to the public. Pioneer Camp is always packed with adventure for children ages 7-10.

\$175 members, \$225 non-members;

extended care available until 4pm for an additional \$70.

Register online or call 773.728.8111, ext 26, to reserve your spot.

Registration deadline for Session I is Friday, June 11, and Friday, July 9, for Session II.

Viking Breakfast

Saturday, August 14 • 9 am

Join Frey the Viking for Swedish pancakes, crafts, and games.

All ages are welcome! Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members.

Children under 2 years free. Pre-paid reservations are required.

Call the Museum at 773.728.8111, ext 26, to reserve your spot.

Brunk Children's Museum of Immigration

Tues - Thurs, 1 - 4 pm • Friday 10 am - 4 pm • Sat & Sun, 11 am - 4 pm

The Children's Museum of Immigration is an interactive, hands-on museum for children ages 3-12. Travel back in time 100 years to a farm in rural Sweden. Sail the seas on a Viking vessel. These are just a few of the fun and educational activities that await you of this ongoing exhibit. School programs and tours available by calling 773.728.8111, x 28.

Hejsan - Children's After School Program

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday thru June • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

The after-school program is designed for children ages 5 to 10. Younger children are welcome under supervision of an adult. Cost is \$1 per child.

Reservations recommended. Please call the Museum at 773.728.8111.

Museums

Edgewater Historical Society

5838 N. Ashland • 773.506.4849 • www.edgewaterhistory.org

Open every Saturday from noon-4pm and upon request

"Politics in Edgewater"

This NEW exhibit will be up June 12 until the end of September.

Last chance for "The Chicago L" • Closing June 5

Speaker John R. Schmidt • June 19 • noon

Speaks about Edgewater's Mayor Dever, as well as other interesting facts.

Volunteer Appreciation Garden Party

Saturday, June 26 • noon - 4pm

Our goal is to say thank you to our volunteers and encourage more volunteerism. We will have committee chairs available to explain our needs and activities. All are encouraged to come by, but we will require an

RSVP in order to make sure we have enough food for all to enjoy!

Please email names & number of your group to: bmayian@sbcglobal.net



"Those Were The Days Radio Players"

Saturday, July 31 • 2pm • EHS Museum • Free Event

An hour of comedy from Radio's Golden Age.

23rd Annual Fall Home Tour

Sunday, September 19 • noon until 4pm • *Save the date!*

Check the EHS website or the Sept issue of WANT NEWS for details.

Churches

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Christmas in July

Sunday, July 25 • 10:30 am

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Juliet's Birthday Party

Saturday, July 31 • 1-3 pm

Juliet Capulet (of Romeo & Juliet fame) has a birthday July 31!

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45th Annual Midsommarfest June 12 & 13

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\$5 suggested donation (kids under 12 & seniors over 65 are free) supports programming and events in Andersonville during the rest of the year, including Andersonville Arts Weekend, holiday events, the Sidewalk Sale, and support services to keep our amazing local businesses healthy and strong. We appreciate your support!

SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

July 30–August 1

The sidewalks will be lined with a splendid array of specialty gifts, clothing, and more from your favorite Andersonville stores. Come find a great bargain at our annual summer sidewalk sale!

Taste of Andersonville Dinner Crawl August 18

Tempt your taste buds as you explore Andersonville's diverse and award-winning restaurants! Sample delicious fare from all of your Andersonville favorites, and maybe discover a few surprises as you travel through the neighborhood.

July 12-18

Created by eco-Andersonville, Green Week is a week-long celebration of green living here in the community.

This event highlights local businesses' and residents' commitment to green living through events, demonstrations and fun activities. Events will include seasonal food tastings, neighborhood tours, kid's activities, bike workshops, composting and rain barrel demonstrations, a community picnic, and much more!

WANT will be participating in Green Week by hosting a special event in West Andersonville Gardens. Details are still in the works, but mark your calendar for July 17 or 18. Check our website for details.

In honor of Andersonville's Green Week, Green Genes is teaming up with Recycle Tech to collect and recycle your e-waste (cell phones, computers, digital cameras, etc) Additionally bring in your old ratty t-shirts and they'll be recycled into beautiful cotton stationery sets thanks to Chapter One Organics and Arch Paper. In exchange for all of your trash, they'll give you a discount! 5111 N. Clark. Details coming soon on Green Genes' Facebook page.

Senior Events

St. Gregory "Friendship Club"

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Advanced Youth Organization Lunch Group

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Summer Picnic Potluck

Tuesday, August 3 • noon

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Free Home Repairs for Seniors

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Fitness Class, 10:30 • Basketball (50 & up) 11am
WEDNESDAY – Reg. Nurse, 10 - noon • Social Worker, 10 - 12:30
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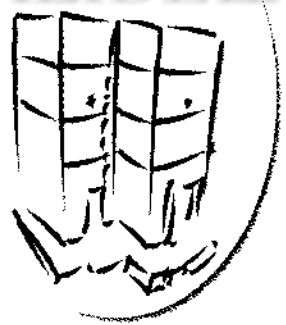
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