

# 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.

*It's Springtime  
in  
Andersonville!*

### Wine, Tulips & Zoning!

a.k.a. Spring General Membership Meeting

Wednesday • March 12 • 7:30

**Summerdale Church**

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Feel free to bring wine & snacks to share!

*Meet your neighbors  
& hear the latest news!*

***Our Agenda will Include  
New Board Member Elections***

Land Use & Zoning update • Gardening News  
Membership Drive • Planning our Annual Events

*Do you have any needs or other  
concerns about your neighborhood?*

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*Please consider joining WANT &  
volunteer to be on our Board!*

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**WANT has a NEW web page!**

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

Come to our next meeting and tell us what you think!

**go to [www.westandersonville.org](http://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 please submit any noteworthy articles or information that you would like to be included in our next newsletter to our editor or newsletter designer.

Paul Snagel <psnagel@sbcglobal.net> or Betsy Kane <bakane@rcn.com>

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## Meet Your Alderman Patrick O'Connor

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**Wednesday, May 21 • 7:00 pm**

Check our WebSite or call 773.769.1140 to confirm date

at St. Gregory Gymnasium • 1609 W. Gregory

*Please join us in welcoming Patrick O'Connor,  
for his annual Town Hall Meeting to discuss*

- New Neighborhood Developments
- Neighborhood Concerns



## Ravenswood Pub & W.A.N.T.

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Admission is Free! But donations are appreciated!

**The Blue Theatre • 1609 West Gregory**

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# West Andersonville Gardens Grows More Beautiful

**Spring is just around the corner.**

(Yes, it really is!) When the crocuses pop up, enjoy a stroll through West Andersonville Gardens, our community garden along Ravenswood from Berwyn to Balmoral.

When you do, you'll see a new garden centerpiece at Summerdale Avenue.

This centerpiece includes a raised bed constructed with flagstone slabs, accent plantings and a wooden trellis covering the fence. The renovation of the center of the garden began in 2006 with a grant from the Chicago Botanic Garden and was completed in 2007 with assistance from GreenCorps, a project of the City of Chicago. As you stroll, you'll be able to sit and relax on a bench and listen to the bird songs. Our work in 2007 also included planting some new types of trees - you'll love the river birch - along with removal of diseased trees. We also invested many "person hours" in opening up the area just north of the sidewalk at Berwyn and making a pedestrian path through that area. Please enjoy it all!

West Andersonville Gardens was created in 1995 with a grant from GreenCorps and has been maintained and improved for the 13 years since by community volunteers. Our proven track record of maintaining our garden is what allowed us to receive these recent grants. We always need new (and returning) volunteers to keep the garden beautiful. If you've enjoyed strolling through the garden, walking your dog, even just driving by, we hope you'll join us to help keep the garden beautiful. We always start our gardening year with a "Spring Clean-Up" - picking up trash; raking and bagging leaves and sticks; and weeding and pruning. To make this happen, we need your help. **Please join us: Saturday April 26th, 9 am to 12 pm.** Come when you can and leave when you must. An hour or two helps a lot. Absolutely **NO gardening experience is necessary.** If you have gloves, wear them, if you have weeding tools, please bring them; we'll have tools available for your use as well.

Our community gardeners would love you to join us for community gardening throughout the year. We work as a group one Saturday or Sunday and two weekday evenings each month. If our group times don't fit your schedule, you could adopt an area for weeding, help with mowing or any of a number of other tasks.

Community gardening is a great way to **meet your neighbors**, enjoy fine spring and summer weather and to create a growing work of art right here in our neighborhood. **PLEASE JOIN US!** For more information call the WANT info line, 312.409.0141 and someone from our project will call you back. **Come when you can!**

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
in West Andersonville Gardens  
Saturday, April 26th • 9 am - 12 pm

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# Land Use & Zoning

*For those new to the neighborhood and/or paying more attention to the development and construction in our area, here are the guidelines the Land Use & Zoning committee uses:*

### 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 the SIZE of an existing building, and/or
- Is NEW construction

### Call WANT at 312.409.0141 with the following info:

- Leave your name and phone number
- Exact address/location of the property
- A description of what the required permit says (it's legally required to be posted on the property)
- Describe the changes in use, size or if the construction is new.

This information will be forwarded to the Land Use & Zoning Committee for review. *Don't assume someone else has called it in!*

*Please let us know so we can work together.*

**You can always call Alderman O'Connor's Ward office at 773.769.1140 - they need to hear from you, too.**

## Land Use & Zoning Committee Report

Philip Casagrande & Susana Darwin, Co-Chairs

*On the evening of February 11, LUZ co-chairs Phil Casagrande and Susana Darwin met with Alderman O'Connor for our regular quarterly check-in.*

Things are fairly quiet in our neighborhood regarding development. The weather had delayed building all across the Chicago area, but the folks at **In Fine Spirits** are putting the finishing touches on their wine bar at 5418 Clark, and WANT LUZ approved the addition of a beer garden to the west of **Marty's** at 1511 Balmoral on January 21. The licensure of this area of service is separate from that of the sidewalk seating area.

We were told us that development of a nature preserve area along the western edge of Rosehill Cemetery is proceeding slowly.

We have a good deal of pedestrian traffic in our neighborhood, so LUZ reminds residents to remove snow from sidewalks. Chicago Municipal Code requires that "every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city abutting upon any public way or public place shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of such building or lot of ground . . . The snow which falls or accumulates during the day (excepting Sundays) before 4 PM shall be removed within three hours after the same has fallen or accumulated. The snow which falls or accumulates on Sunday or after 4 PM and during the night on other days shall be removed before 10 AM" (section 10-8-180)

Last, we pose the question, "What value might WANT area residents and residents who live on Balmoral between Ravenswood and Ashland specifically see in adding traffic control devices to Balmoral?" Devices include speed humps, roundabouts, or curb treatments to affect drivers' speed.

Please e-mail comments to [info@westandersonville.org](mailto:info@westandersonville.org).



# IRS News Release: Beware of SCAMS

From the Media Relations Office, Washington, D.C.  
www.IRS.gov/newsroom • Public Contact: 800.829.1040

**WASHINGTON** - The IRS today warned taxpayers to beware of several current e-mail and telephone scams that use the IRS name as a lure. The IRS expects such scams to continue through the end of tax return filing season and beyond. Their goal is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which they use to commit identity theft. Beware of these scams listed below.

## "Rebate" Phone Call

In this scam, consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying themselves as an IRS employee and is told that he is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. He then states that he needs your bank account information for the direct deposit of the rebate. If you refuse, you are told that you cannot receive the rebate. **This phone call is a scam!** The IRS does not provide advance payments to taxpayers or force taxpayers to use direct deposit. Those who opt for direct deposit do so by completing the appropriate section of their tax return, with bank routing and account information, when they file; the IRS does not gather the information by telephone.

## "Refund" e-Mail

There are several variations of a refund-related e-mail which falsely claims to come from the IRS, tells the recipient they are eligible for a tax refund for a specific amount, and instructs them to click on a link to access a refund claim form. The form asks the recipient to enter personal information that the scammers can then use to access the e-mail recipient's bank or credit card account.

The current version of the refund scam includes two paragraphs that appear to be directed toward tax-exempt organizations that distribute funds to other organizations or individuals. The e-mail contains the name and supposed signature of the Director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations business division.

**This e-mail is a phony.** Filing a tax return is the only way to apply for a tax refund; there is no separate application form. Taxpayers who wish to find out if they are due a refund from their last annual tax return filing may use the "Where's My Refund?" interactive application on the IRS Web site.

**The only official IRS Web site is located at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).**

## "Audit" e-Mail

This e-mail notifies the recipient that his or her tax return will be audited. It may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific recipient by name. Most scam e-mails seen by the IRS are sent using the same technique used by spammers, in which hundreds of thousands of messages are sent to potential victims based on Internet address. Because of the volume, the typical scam e-mail is not personalized. This e-mail instructs the recipient to click on links to complete forms with personal and account information, which the scammers will use to commit identity theft. **This e-mail is a phony.**

The IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.

## "Changes to Tax Law" e-Mail (a virus)

This e-mail is addressed to businesses, accountants & "Treasury" managers. It instructs them to download information on tax law changes by clicking on a series of links to publications on businesses, estate taxes, excise taxes, exempt organizations and IRAs and other retirement plans. The IRS believes that clicking on a link downloads malware onto the recipient's computer. Malware is malicious code that can take over the victim's computer hard drive, giving someone remote access to the computer, or it could look for passwords and other information and send them to the scamster. The urls contained in the link are not legitimate IRS Web addresses. **All IRS.gov Web page addresses begin with <http://www.irs.gov/>.**

## "Paper Check" Phone Call

A caller claims to be an IRS employee who is calling because the IRS sent a check to the individual being called. He states that because the check has not been cashed, the IRS wants to verify the individual's bank account number. In reality, the IRS leaves it entirely up to the individual to choose to cash or not cash a paper check. The IRS does not ask for bank account information, except when taxpayers indicate on their tax return that they are opting for direct deposit of their refund. It is the individual's responsibility to provide the IRS with the correct bank routing & account numbers on the tax return; **the IRS does not contact taxpayers to verify the information.**



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We thought we'd introduce a few of them*

## The Coffee Studio

5628 N. Clark • 773.271.7881 • [www.thecoffeestudio.com](http://www.thecoffeestudio.com)  
6:30 am – 9 pm daily

Andersonville's new modern, independent coffee shop has finally opened at the corner of Clark & Olive Streets. As Andersonville residents, owners Miguel and Lee Corrina Cano are happy to be able to contribute to the unique charm of the neighborhood with their modern, design-minded shop where they're focused on hand-crafting delicious drinks and snacks from fresh locally-roasted coffees and simple, flavorful ingredients. The couple's design background is evident in the look and feel of the shop, but it's their passion for the best coffees and simple, organic ingredients that is evident "in the cup". With a mouth-watering selection of locally-baked pastries, choices of both healthy and indulgent snacks, whole bean coffees and their signature drinks, The Coffee Studio is a welcome addition to the neighborhood for morning commuters and afternoon lingerers alike.

*Miguel and Lee are happy to hear that, too.*

*"People keep telling us how happy they are that we're here  
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## Andersonville Tech

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M-Th 11-10 • Fri 11-11 • Sat 8-11 • Sun 8-10

This vibrantly decorated restaurant is owned by sisters Marlene & Lydia Benitez, both Andersonville residents. They are very proud of their Mexican heritage, and owe a great allegiance to Frida Kahlo. Marlene tells us that Frida "was a great cook, loved to entertain and always went out of her way to make her guests feel so incredibly special." With this in mind, the restaurant is decorated with hot pink, brilliant orange, and chocolate brown walls, on which are found all sorts of homage to Frida. The lovingly prepared food, often made

Marlene's grandmother's way, ranges from pork filled enchiladas smothered in green chile sauce to plantains with red mole and a sprinkling of queso anejo. Frida's recipes are used for the chile relleños, roasted and stuffed with a mixture of ground beef and pork, and the guacamole with pomegranate seeds.

Moles and salsa are prepared from scratch daily and happen to be some of the best I've ever tasted!

*A Mexican brunch is served every Saturday & Sunday.*

## In Fine Spirits Wine Bar

5420 N. Clark • 773.334.9463 • [www.infinespirits.com](http://www.infinespirits.com)

Monday closed • Tues - Thurs 4 pm-midnight  
Fri & Sat 3 pm - 1 am • Sunday 3 pm-midnight

In Fine Spirits has always offered clients a sample of several delicious wines in their retail store. Now they are expanding next door with a wine bar. The scheduled opening is in mid-March. The focus will be predominately on boutique wines available by the glass, but also featured will be classic cocktails made from artisan spirits and craft brews. To tease the palate further, different types of charcuterie will be available.

*The ambiance will be television free, conversation friendly and the place to gather to meet your friends in the neighborhood.*

## Il Fiasco's NEIGHBORHOOD ART SALON

Il Fiasco initiated the first of its quarterly neighborhood art salons. The Andersonville community was invited to view and meet talented local artists. The work of Alexander Fedirko, Mila Ryk, Jackson Goss &

Lisa Yu was featured. Nannette Patterson of Il Fiasco said, "The Andersonville arts scene is heating up — attracting more highly talented artists of many genres, as well as residents who are interested in discovering their work. We hope our next event will be even better than the first!"

The next quarterly Neighborhood Art Salon will be sometime in May.

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## MUSEUMS

### Swedish American Museum

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*Through March 23 • Madeleine Hatz: Building a View*

This multi-media exhibition surveys seven years of Swedish-born Madeleine Hatz's work and primarily focuses on paintings. "*Red Bricks Flying*" is a large abstract composition in vibrant red/orange and ochre oil paint and was displayed at the United Nations for one year while Swedish diplomat Jan Eliasson was president of the 60th Session. "*Melancholia*" is a series of small and medium-sized oil paintings on burlap, in a palette ranging from neutral earth tones to deep blues. "*First Palettes*" are works on paper with textures and vibrant colors inspired by summer in a Northern country.

**Saturday, March 15 • 10 am - noon**

#### *A Swedish American "Påsk" Workshop*

Learn about the traditional Easter food, decorate a "påskris" for your window, and paint eggs both the Swedish and American way. Enjoy

Swedish fruit punch & Andersonville coffee cake from Swedish Bakery. Children dressed up in Easter costumes will receive a special treat. Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members; materials included.

Reservations are required. Please call the Museum to register.

### The Edgewater Historical Society

5358 N. Ashland • 773.506.4849 • www.edgewaterhistory.org

Open Saturdays from 1 pm until 4 pm

**Sat, April 5 • 2 PM • "Those Were the Days Radio Players"**

The performance of 2 comedies from the Golden Age of Radio. At the museum, free of charge but donations gratefully accepted.

**"Chairs" • Opening, Friday, April 11 • 6 - 9 PM**

at North Lakeside Cultural Center • 6219 N. Sherdian Road

**The exhibit will open on May 1st, here at the Historical Society and will officially close on June 7 with a reception.**

The Edgewater Historical Society & North Lakeside Cultural Center announce a call for entries for the exhibit, "*Once Upon a Chair*" which will be shown at both exhibit spaces. The exhibit will feature both ordinary & unusual chairs with the stories they tell.

Consider you may have a chair in your home that is connected to special memories. To participate in the exhibit send a photo of the chair and an 8.5 x 11 copy of your story about the chair, including the chairs measurements. Each chair and its story will be exhibited in the galleries of the sponsoring organization.

Entry fee is \$5.00 and the Deadline is April 18.

Mail the application and the check made out to the Edgewater Historical Society to the Edgewater Historical Society Museum, 5358 N. Ashland, Chicago, IL 60640. Please include your name, address, phone & email.

After submission of the application, you will be contacted for delivery. For more information call North Lakeside Cultural Center at 773.743.4477 or Call Edgewater Historical Society Museum at 773.506.4849 or contact us at [www.edgewaterhistory.org](http://www.edgewaterhistory.org).

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# ORGANIZATIONS

## Andersonville Chamber of Commerce

5356 N. Clark • 773.728.2995 • [www.andersonville.org](http://www.andersonville.org)

### Andersonville Bike Week - May 12-18

Our 3rd annual Bike Week will celebrate and encourage bike ridership for shopping, commuting, and pleasure, and will emphasize safe and responsible riding. The week will feature a Bike Week kick-off party, bike workshops, bike product giveaways, appearances by Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors, a neighborhood bike tour and more!

### 43rd Annual Midsommarfest - June 14-15

Midsommarfest is Andersonville's annual summer street festival. Each year, nearly 40,000 people throng Clark Street for two days of music, dancing, kids' entertainment, and delicious food. Vendors from around the region sell their wares to passers-by, while ethnic dance troupes and cutting-edge bands keep the party going.

## Victor C. Neumann Association

5547 Ravenswood • 773.769.4313 • [www.neumannassociation.org](http://www.neumannassociation.org)

### Annual "Swing Into Spring" Fundraising Event

April 5 • 7:00 - 9:30 PM at the White Pines Golf Dome.

500 West Jefferson Ave., Bensenville, Illinois

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## Summerdale Community Church

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### Advanced Youth Organization

Tuesday, March 4 & 18 • noon • Church Basement

A.Y.O. was first organized in the 70's as a place for neighborhood seniors to meet each other and have fun!

*That was a generation ago, and A.Y.O. is still meeting!*

The conversation is still lively, the laughter is still plentiful, and there is always room for new friends around the table. If you think you're an Advanced Youth and would like to meet new people your age, why not join us? No need to make a reservation; just bring a sandwich, an appetite for a good dessert, and maybe a story or a good joke.

If you'd like more information, call the church at 561-5755.

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Every Thursday • 6:30-8:00 pm • Dinner at 6

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## **2008 EASTER SCHEDULE**

#### **Tuesday • March 12**

7:00-8:00 PM Parish Reconciliation

#### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • March 16**

Masses: 4:30 PM Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM (Sunday)

*Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.*

#### **Holy Thursday • March 20**

5:30 PM Traditional Pot Luck Supper (High School cafeteria)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Church remains open till midnight*

#### **Good Friday • March 21**

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **Holy Saturday • March 22**

8:00 PM Celebration of the Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday • March 23**

Masses: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



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Written by Kathy Gemperle of the Edgewater Historical Society

Transportation was crucial to the growth of West Andersonville. In the earliest days, local truck farmers used Green Bay Road (now Clark St) to drive to the Water Street market in horse drawn wagons.

Stables dotted the area and a few residents owned horses and carriages. Deliveries, even groceries, were by horse drawn wagons. The advent of the bicycle made some local transportation possible, such as the delivery of newspapers.

The first major advance affecting West Andersonville was the construction of the "Summerdale" depot just north of Foster on the Chicago and North Western Railroad's Milwaukee division in early 1875. Prior to that, West Andersonville residents would have to walk to the Rosehill depot at Cemetery Drive or to the Ravenswood depot at Wilson for a train.

Trains ran at ground level until sometime in the late 1890s when the tracks were elevated to just north of Balmoral. In 1908-09 they were elevated through to Evanston. By 1894, 44 weekday trains stopped at Summerdale! The stop was eliminated in 1958.

The next advance was the streetcar line along Clark Street. It began in 1889 or 1890 as a horse car shuttle between Lawrence and Devon. To travel to the downtown business district, patrons would board the horse car and then transfer to another horse car at Lawrence for the journey south to Diversey, where they would transfer again to the cable car for the final leg. And they had to pay two nickel fares for the privilege. It was cheaper by half to walk to Lawrence. The transfer to the cable car lasted until the fall of 1906 when the journey could be made on an electric powered streetcar. Buses replaced streetcars on Clark Street in the late 1950s.

Most of the development of West Andersonville and Clark St. followed after 1905. Clark developed into a Swedish business district with bakeries, a newspaper, jewelry, clothing and grocery stores, which were built alongside the original pubs and pharmacies. Eventually, the Clark Street Businessmen's association was formed.

In the late 1950s, Grant Johnson, one of these businessmen, suggested that the district reestablish the name Andersonville for the street. In the early 1960s, the organization changed its name to the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce. Closely following this change, many neighborhood residents began to organize and work together for community improvement. In the 1970s, the West Andersonville Neighbors Together W.A.N.T. community organization was born.

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