

# 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.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## Wine, Pizza & Zoning

a.k.a. Winter General Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 10 • 7:30

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(Please see the Back Cover for FULL information!)

*Our Agenda will include:*

*General Election of our new board.*

*Land Use & Zoning updates • Ghostly Garden recap*

*Membership Report • Questions & Discussion*

*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](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 have included in our next newsletter to **Betsy Kane** <[bakane@rcn.com](mailto:bakane@rcn.com)>

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## Land Use & Zoning

*Co-Chairs Susana Darwin & Phil Casagrande*

Repair work is under way to on the **leaking storm drain at 1616 W Rascher**, and crews have prepared the roadway at **1730 W Rascher for major work on a pavement collapse**. Residents and WANT LUZ have been working to get Streets & Sanitation to address the **pavement collapse at 1768 W Balmoral**, but no action on that has occurred yet.

After negotiating among Alderman O'Connor's office, WANT LUZ, and neighborhood residents, the **City granted an outdoor patio license to the Ravenswood Pub**, 5455 North Ravenswood, in late September. New landscaping will enhance noise abatement for the outdoor space, and Neumann's parking lot will serve for overflow in the evenings.

**48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith has proposed changes to traffic in Andersonville area streets**, apparently based on a wreck in which a teen lost control of her car and drove it into Smith's across-the-street neighbor's house. **The full list of changes**, as we understand them, are:

- making Catalpa, Balmoral, and Berwyn two-way streets
- creating a cul-de-sac at Balmoral and Broadway
- creating a cul-de-sac at Catalpa and Ashland
- turning the stretch of Berwyn between Ashland and Clark into a permanent car-free plaza

**The WANT Land Use & Zoning Committee opposed the proposal, based on the following concerns:**

- 1.** Cul-de-sacs are safety/security hazards for residents, because where police can't get their squad cars through, they don't patrol.
- 2.** The proposed changes would funnel traffic north to Bryn Mawr and south to Foster, and **both are already sorely congested**. Traffic is like water in that it will find its way, and especially given the proposed streetscaping on Lawrence that will reduce traffic to one lane each way between Western & Ashland (and possibly farther east, as well), surface streets need to be as widely available for travel as possible. The current one-way pattern serves to control but not choke traffic flow. Further, the proposal would create difficulty for drivers on Clark who wish to make their way past where a cul-de-sac might be.
- 3.** The proposal poses a **threat to businesses** on the streets in question that depend on stop-through sales, like Ranalli's and Starbuck's.
- 4.** Some Committee members are concerned about the process by which the proposal has been presented to neighborhood groups-as a fait accompli rather than as a dialogue about balancing the relationship between car, bicycle, and foot traffic.

*To express your views about the proposal, contact*

Ald. O'Connor's office by e-mail at ward40@cityofchicago.org or 773.769.1140.

Ald. Mary Ann Smith by e-mail at info@masmith48.org or 773.784.5277.

## Land Use & Zoning Guidelines

*For those new to the neighborhood and/or paying more attention to the development and construction in our area, here are the guidelines we use:*

**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.



## A Rewarding Day for West Andersonville Gardens

*by Suzanne Flemens*

On an unseasonably warm & sunny November 14, West Andersonville Gardens representatives attended a reception and awards ceremony at the magnificent Garfield Park Conservatory. WAG had the honor of being presented with a Mayor's Landscape Award 2009 for second place in Region 2 in the Community Gardens category.

Our WAG gardener-reps. (Bill Coons, Suzanne Flemens, Maryon Gray, Mary O'Brien and Paul Morath) enjoyed a continental style breakfast reception before receiving the award – an engraved plaque, a lovely bamboo kitchen table scrap composter and a bar of fragrant “Gardener's Choice” soap made by hand at the Enterprising Kitchen (“*a nonprofit social enterprise providing employment and life skills training to women working toward self-sufficiency & independence*”). Each of us also received a congratulatory handshake from Mayor Daley with the moment of glory being caught on digital “film”. We hope to have the image to show off with the plaque at the next WANT membership meeting.

*Our congratulations goes to the Bowmanville Community Organization for receiving the first place award for their community garden this year.*



After the ceremony which lauded gardens & gardeners from throughout the city (over 400), our group took a self-guided tour of the conservatory and the grounds. Most of us had not been there in well over a decade and we marveled at the improvements and changes made since then. This place REALLY is a gem and well worth the drive to visit. Beautifully exotic, strange & amazing plants fill the exhibit halls – displayed in such a way that one feels as if they have traveled to a foreign land. Moss, ferns, banana trees, palms, aroids, succulents & cacti drip, tower or crawl over every stony ledge, nook & cranny. Throw in active koi ponds & rushing waterfalls and all of the senses are stimulated by the changes in sights, textures, aromas, sounds as well as heat & humidity levels. We plan to return when there is more time to spend an entire day and we hope you will too!

Meanwhile, take a stroll through our own beautiful, seasonally-changing West Andersonville Gardens and remember that they wouldn't exist without the hard work & support of volunteers, neighbors, politicians and local organizations that care.

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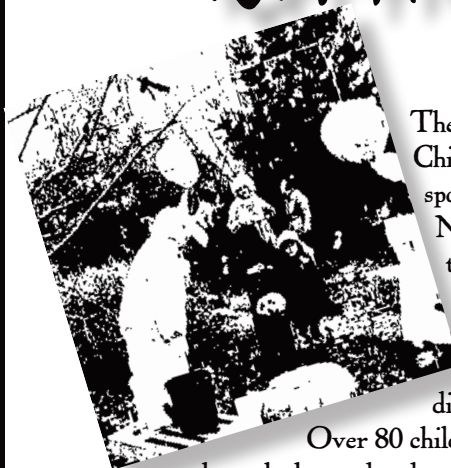
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# GHASTLY GARDEN 2009



The rainy cold weather which plagued Chicago relented for the WANT sponsored Ghostly Garden Children's Non-Scary Halloween Event at the West Andersonville Gardens.

Clowns and Pirates were seen prancing about the festively decorated WANT Garden directing all to enjoy the festivities.

Over 80 children in costume followed the path through the garden decorated with spider webs among the bushes, hay bales, scarecrows, friendly ghosts and carved pumpkins. Boo-basketball, hopscotch, golfing, spider ring toss, bowling and lightening ball games were enjoyed by the small children in the neighborhood. In addition to the fun, prizes and yummy treats were given out. Neighborhood parents were pleased to have a neighborhood Halloween event that was non-scary and so much fun for their children. The Ghostly Garden, an annual Halloween destination for small children, is an eagerly anticipated yearly event that is only possible to our remarkable volunteers who helped carve pumpkins, decorate and clean up the garden, run games, and coordinate the many activities that it takes to plan and execute such a lively event.



## A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Huge thanks to all who donated their time and enthusiasm - without which this event is not possible.

Mike & Darlene Dies, Derek, Jane, Hank & Otto Ottens and extended family, Jordan Grauer, Joan Oberndorf, Maud Grauer, Steven Simons, Jamie Fleischmann, Claire Reter, Susan Flemens, Bill Coons, Dena Gordon, Robin Wold, Joann Prorok, Jan Bolig, Barb Laing, Mary O'Brien, Maryon Gray & Dorothy (photographer), Patrice Ceisel, Paul Morath and Marty Stewart.

Besides all of our volunteers we want to thank Gethsemane Garden Center, Jewel-Osco, and FedEx Kinkos who have given their generous support to our Ghostly Garden year after year.

To view & order Photos: [http://s202.photobucket.com/albums/aa215/Grandma16\\_2007/Ghostly%20Gardens%2009/](http://s202.photobucket.com/albums/aa215/Grandma16_2007/Ghostly%20Gardens%2009/)

## Pumpkin Patch in the Andersonville Playlot

On Halloween, 50 families braved the chilly morning to enjoy our annual gathering at the Andersonville Playlot (5233 North Ashland). Superheroes, lions, and princesses (and their parents) joined in the fun with games, face painting, and pumpkin decorating. We extend a special heartfelt thank you to Miguel Abdul and State Farm Insurance (5240 North Ashland; 773.728.8101) for the sponsorship. He provided everything we needed to hold a successful event, including



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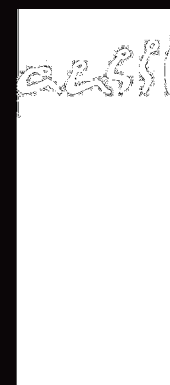
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There's a new kid on the block! Join us for Thursday playdates to make friends and meet our neighbors.

## Andersonville Playlot INDOORS at Summerdale Community Church

1700 W Farragut • 773.561.5755  
www.summerdalecommunitychurch.org  
Thursdays, starting January 7

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*Instead of the outside playlot, come to the inside playroom in the Summerdale Community Church basement.*

We're initiating a playgroup for parents and caregivers of little ones to build community in our neighborhood. Pastor Ann James has graciously offered the space at the church.

Meet us at the church for some fun! Play with toys, share snacks, and enjoy adult interaction. Bring lunch for your baby or toddler and healthy community snacks to share. Everyone is welcome! We're looking forward to meeting new friends.

**2nd Saturdays of the month, starting January 9**  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

It's our first-ever family hang out with the Andersonville Playlot neighbors. We're extending our Thursday playgroup schedule to include second Saturdays of the month so all parents, little ones, and older siblings can attend. Join us for playtime, treats, and a guitar player! *Please bring a dish to share.*

Hope to see you and your family!  
Subsequent dates will be February 13, March 13 & April 10.

### Bring the snow indoors!

**Make this adorable craft with your little cuties.**

For the Button Snowflake you will need:

- wooden craft sticks • **buttons**
- craft glue • thread & scissors

**How to make it:**

- 1** Glue 3 wooden craft sticks together in an asterisk shape and let dry.
- 2** Glue buttons along each stick, as shown. Be sure to position a larger button at the end of one stick so that the button holes are not blocked.
- 3** Push thread through large button holes to hang.



The snow is falling and the wind is blowing. It's cozy inside, but you have cabin fever. Bundle up the kids and explore perfect indoor activities for little ones in Andersonville.

## RESTAURANT DEALS FOR KIDS!

We love our Andersonville restaurants!  
We love them even more when we take our kids out and they eat for free. *Kids eat free? No kiddin'!*



### BIG JONES

5347 N Clark • 773.275.5725 • www.bigjoneschicago.com  
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Hours: Mon - Fri 11 am - 4 am • Sat 11 am - 5 am • Sun 10 am - 4 am

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Then feast on smoked ribs, thin-crust pizza, pasta or steak.

**Sunday Brunch** offers egg dishes galore and a Bloody Mary Bar with more than 100 ingredients: pepperoni, olives, red peppers & dozens of hot sauces. When it's chilly outside, eat in the dining room near the cozy fireplace.

**Kids eat free from the kids menu on Sunday through Thursday with a paying adult entrée.**  
(not valid on holidays)



### Cookie Decorating for Kids

The Wooden Spoon • 5047 North Clark • 773.293.3190

Monday, December 14 • 3:00-5:00 pm

Please register in advance for one of 4 half-hour sessions. Bring your little ones to The Wooden Spoon for holiday cookie decorating fun! We'll provide the sugar cookies, decorations, and clean up. You provide the kiddies! *Free, free, free!*



### Storytime with "Miss Linda"

Wednesdays 10:30 am - 11:00 am

**Women and Children First Bookstore**

5233 N Clark • 773.769.9299 • www.womenandchildrenfirst.com

Bookstore co-owner Linda Bubon ("Miss Linda" to many of the children) holds storytime every Wednesday morning.

Storytime starts promptly at 10:30 and includes a mix of shorter stories and longer ones, with a break in the middle consisting of finger plays and simple songs. Storytime is not limited to children of certain ages, but it's best if your child can sit still for half an hour—whether on a parent's or nanny's lap, or on the floor cushions with the other children.



### Parents & Tots Playgroup

Thursdays 9:30 am - 11:00 am

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church**

1650 W Foster • 773.561.8496 • http://ebenezerchurch.org/

Is your toddler too young for pre-school or with a caregiver during the day? Whatever your family situation, Parents & Tots Playgroup provides indoor play opportunities for kids and supportive conversations for adults. Playgroup happens every Thursday (except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's) in the auditorium (2nd floor of the community house). It's a low-key gathering time for kids under 3 (and their older siblings) and the people who care for them.

A \$2 donation is suggested for snacks, but don't let finances keep you from attending. The space is large and the fellowship is great. Registration is not required. Participate whenever you can. Drop-ins welcome!

### Brunk Children's Museum of Immigration

Mon - Thurs 1 pm - 4 pm • Fri 10 am - 4 pm • Sat & Sun 11 am - 4 pm

**Swedish American Museum**

5211 North Clark • 773.728.8111 • www.samac.org/

In June 2001, the SAM opened the nation's first Children's Museum of Immigration with a hands-on interactive museum for children of all ages. The museum has a Swedish focus; the story of Swedish immigration parallels that of many other groups who left the old world behind and forged new lives in America.

The museum offers children the chance to experience immigration firsthand. They engage in historical tasks in a century-old Swedish farmhouse, or stuga, replicated in authentic detail. Here they can milk a cow, set a table for dinner, and bring in firewood.

A 20-foot immigrant steamship takes visitors to America, where they learn about life in a pioneer log cabin. A Viking ship and a refugees' raft enhance the immigration story, past and present.

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## MUSEUMS

### Swedish American Museum

5211 N. Clark • 773.728.8111 • www.samac.org

#### Lucia Celebration at Daley Plaza

Friday, December 11 • 11:30 am

Celebrate Lucia at the Daley Plaza with Lucia candidates representing Swedish-American organizations throughout the Chicago area organized by Irene Strom-Spejcher from the Central Swedish Committee.

### Julmiddag Swedish Family Christmas

Sunday, December 20 • 4 pm

A traditional Swedish Smörgåsbord with all the entertainment. Tomten (Santa) will be attending to give julklappar (presents) to all the children. Special invitations will be mailed. Pre-paid reservations are required. Please call the Museum at 773.728-8111 for information & reservations.

### Julotta

Friday, December 25 • 8 am

Julotta is a beautiful Swedish Christmas tradition. Join us for an early Christmas Day Swedish church service at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave., Chicago.

### Children's Museum of Immigration

Tues - Fri, 1 pm - 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.

Admission is included with general museum admission.

### 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 adult. Cost is \$1 per child.

December 3 - St. Lucia • December 17 - Julmarknad

January 7 - New Years • January 21 - Name Sakes Days

Reservations recommended. Please call the Museum at 773.728.8111.

## GENEALOGY

The Nordic Family Genealogy Center hosts genealogy classes from 10 a.m. to noon the 4th Saturday of each month.

Additional time is given to beginner researchers every other month, between 1 pm and 2:30 pm. If possible, bring your laptop computer and family information to class.

Annual membership: \$20 for Museum members; non-members \$10 per session.

### December 19 -- Morning session & beyond:

Scandinavian Christmas traditions followed by Julbord luncheon For further information, call the Swedish American Museum and leave a message for Marilyn Jeglum, or e-mail: genealogy@samac.org

Research Hours: Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 pm. Individual assistance is provided by qualified members of the Nordic Family Genealogy Center. There is no charge for Museum members; non-members pay \$10 per hour.

## MUSEUMS

### Edgewater Historical Society

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

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*The event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.*

## SENIORS

### Summerdale Community Church

1700 Farragut • 773.561.5755 • www.uccwebsites.net



### A.Y.O. Christmas Party



Tuesday, December 8 • 12 noon • Summerdale Church

The Advanced Youth (that is, senior citizens) Organization invites anyone 60 or older to come celebrate Christmas.

We'll provide the meal and silly gifts; you provide some Christmas memories, and help us create a new one. **Free**

### Advanced Youth Organization Lunch Group

Tuesdays, January 5 & 19 • February 2 & 16 • 12 noon



Seniors are invited to bring a sandwich; beverage, dessert & laughter provided.

## Healthy Aging Series

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Friday, December 11, 2009

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Friday, January 8, 2010

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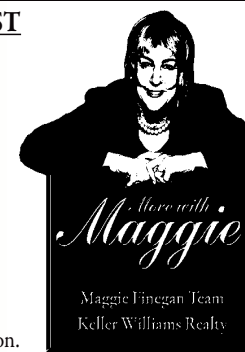
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The Museum Store invites you to enjoy an evening of Christmas shopping, glögg, and pepparkakor. It's preview night in Andersonville, where shoppers can select from among both traditional and new Christmas merchandise.

*Special sale items and 20% discount for all Museum members.*

### The Museum's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 am-5 pm & Sunday, Dec. 6, 10 am-4 pm

Traditional Scandinavian & modern handicrafts. Visit the Children's Museum for crafts, games, and a special visit from Santa. Entertainment for the whole family, kaffestuga, St. Lucia processions and folk dancers. Admission \$2 per person.

Over the past few years all of Andersonville has gotten in on the act featuring FREE entertainment, sales, refreshments and more to entice shoppers and provide a festive backdrop to holiday shopping.

## St. Lucia Festival of Lights

Sunday, December 13 • 4:45 pm  
Swedish American Museum • 5211 N Clark

The festival of St. Lucia is a Sicilian tradition adopted by the Swedes, a celebration of lights prevailing over the darkest time of the year. Join us for the annual candlelit, carol-filled procession down Clark Street. Afterwards, the Museum hosts more singing, family entertainment and treats.

There will also be a special St. Lucia service at 7 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 Foster.

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Afterwards, mingle with the cast at a special reception while enjoying food & live music!

*All performances are FREE, but donations are accepted!*

## Late Night Andersonville

Friday, December 4 • 6 - 10 pm

We stay up late for the Late Night Andersonville Festival! Why not start your shopping early and join us for first picks on the BEST deals in town!

For 4 hours only, stores & restaurants will be offering BIG discounts on distinctive gifts and delectable after-hours meals, plus complimentary refreshments.

The streets will be filled with free entertainment, including a great chance to get your picture taken with Santa!

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Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13 • 9 am  
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## Christmas Caroling

at the Methodist Home • 2720 Foster  
Sunday, Dec 13th at 4pm

*EARC is holding their annual performance!*

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**Advent Day of Recollection**

Sunday, December 6 • Noon until 4 pm

Parish Center at 5545 N. Paulina

There will be input along with time for prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

**Festival of Lessons, Lights & Carols**

Sunday, December 20 • 7:00 PM • 5535 Paulina

It's our 9th annual *Christmas Festival of Lessons, Lights and Carols*, a holiday tradition at St. Gregory the Great Church. The music will include Advent & Christmas carols along with solo and choral selections from *Handel's Messiah*. The music will be presented by the St. Gregory the Great Parish Choir and the St. Gregory Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Patrick Godon, Director of Music. The Youth Choir under the direction of Jennifer Sherrill will also be featured.

**Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken.**

Free parking is available in St. Gregory's courtyard parking lot which is entered from W. Bryn Mawr through a "tunnel" between St. Gregory High School & Passages Charter School. Parking is also available in the lot at Ashland & Gregory across from St. Gregory's gym building.

For more information about the event, please call us at 773-561-3546.

*The International Chamber Artists*

Sunday, January 24, 2010 • 4:00 PM

The 4th season of the International Chamber Artists, one of Chicago's premiere chamber music ensembles, continues with

**"That Sounds Fishy"**

The musical selections will include:

Witold Lutosawski's Mini Overture for brass quintet

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**Suggested donation is \$15.**

For more information, visit [www.ICAmusic.org](http://www.ICAmusic.org) or call 773.727.5357.

The International Chamber Artists, ICA, is a professional group of talented musicians under the artistic direction of pianist and conductor Patrick Godon. ICA seeks to present performances driven by the highest standards of artistic excellence while supporting communities and organizations through collaborations and financial support to promote the viability and growth of classical music audiences for the future.

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**Sunday, December 6 • 11:30 am**

*Bring some of your homemade cookies and help us pack up bags of treats for homeless people served by the Night Ministry.*

If you can't join us that day, drop them off Tuesday, December 1, from 4-7 p.m., or call 773.561.5755 to arrange another time.

**A Traditional Candlelight Service of Readings & Carol**

Thursday, December 24 • 4-5 pm • *Everyone welcome!*

**Twelfth Night Camp:** Coached by Chicspeare Production

**Monday, December 28- Thursday, December 31 • 9:30 am-12 noon**

Company's professional actors, kids 8-13 years can explore various parts of theater (including improv, combat & design) and create their own performance of material from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Cost is \$30. Call 773.699.2273 to register.

More info on the company at [www.chicspeare.org](http://www.chicspeare.org).

*(Chicspeare is the other employer of Summerdale's part-time pastor, Ann James.)*

**Now to February 1, Summerdale will be a pick-up point for the CSA cooperative, Simply Wisconsin, and again next summer.**

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**Seeking Baby Jesus**

**December 13 • 6 pm**

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**Christmas Eve Service • December 24 • 6 p.m.**

**Swing Dancing!**

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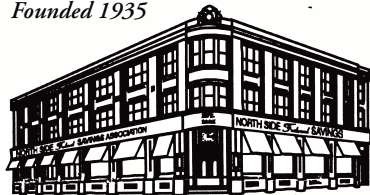
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The Call can accommodate up to 200 people and the space lends itself well to private parties. The bar is 100% ADA accessible.

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There are quite a few businesses which have opened their doors since our last newsletter and some that have been around for a while. We thought we'd introduce a few of them to you if you haven't already stopped in.

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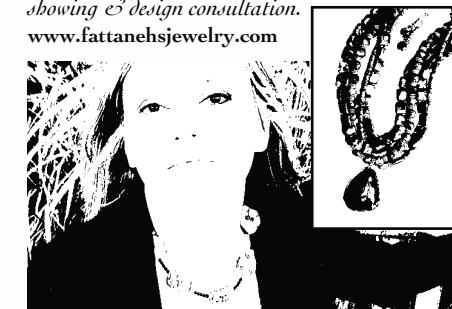
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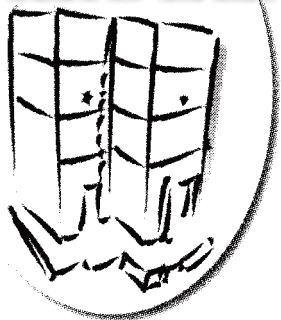
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