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West Andersonville Neighbors Together

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ALDERMAN O'CONNOR AT WANT/WEAR MEETING DECEMBER 9

Please join us for WANT's Winter General Meeting; Alderman O'Connor is scheduled to attend and answer questions. The meeting is being held jointly with our neighbors to the north, West Edgewater Area Residents.

When: December 9 at 7:30 pm Where: St. Gregory Cafeteria

Please enter through the driveway on Bryn Mawr just east of Paulina; there are double doors on the west side of the tunnel that lead directly to the cafeteria. There is parking in the courtyard, which is accessed through the same driveway.

Each organization will use the first thirty minutes of the meeting to address individual business. WANT will be voting on a budget for 2016 as well as discussing support for an initiative to institute an elected school board in Chicago.

Alderman O'Connor is scheduled to arrive at 8:00 pm. Please let us know if there is a specific topic you'd like to raise to him, so we can ask him ahead of time to be prepared to answer questions on it.

WINTER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Late Night & Late-er Night Andersonville

Friday, December 4 & December 18 • 6:00–10:00 pm

Stores & restaurants will be offering BIG discounts on gifts and after hours meals, free refreshments & entertainment. Plus, get a selfie with Santa!

Andersonville.org for details

Holiday Giving in Andersonville

Holiday Toy Drive for Care for Real

November 21–December 21

The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Edgewater's food pantry, Care For Real for their annual holiday toy drive! Each year they provide toys and gifts to hundreds of local families.

www.andersonville.org for drop off locations and info

Eco-Andersonville's Green Gift Wrapping Bash

Friday, December 18 • 7:30-10:00 pm

George's Ice Cream & Sweets • 5306 N. Clark

We will provide all the materials you need to green your presents including great, unique gift wrap, shredders, crimpers, and more! The event is FREE; all you need to bring are your gifts, and the will to wrap! Wrap your gifts this year with fun reusable materials, while enjoying great company and tasty treats provided by George's Ice Cream & Sweets.

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COAT DRIVE, December 5–6

Donate your old coats, which go to Care for Real, and you may be getting a gift voucher in return!

TOY DRIVE, December 13

Donations accepted all day, but between 5–7 you can get a FREE pic taken with Santa!

PET SUPPLY DRIVE, December 19–20

Don't forget your furry friends at the rescue! All donations will go to Felines & Canines at 6379 N. Paulina, our neighborhood no-kill shelter.

Edgewater Singers 31st Annual Concert

"Midwinter Dreams" • December 12 • 7:30 pm

St Gertrude Church • 1420 W Granville • FREE

Andersonville Winter Market

3rd Sundays • Jan 17 • Feb 21 • March 20 • April 17

At The Swedish American Museum • 5211 Clark



IN MEMORIAM: RON MASSENGILL

We are sad to report that long-time neighbor and WANT member Ron Massengill has passed away. Over the years, Ron served on the WANT board and the Land Use & Zoning Committee. He was a fixture at neighborhood meetings and events, but more than anything he was a well-known and well-liked neighbor who contributed a great deal to our community.

LAND USE AND ZONING REPORT

Last month there were two requests for Zoning Changes in the WANT area that were on the October 27 agenda for the City Council Committee on Zoning, both of which were deferred.

The first is the well know request for the Trumbull School. Notices for the proposed Zoning Amendment were sent out to neighbors of the school, and described a new 4 story building in addition to the existing building renovation and conversion into residential use which surprised some residents who had been following the process since no new buildings were to be included in the approved Request for Proposals (RFP's). Upon further examination of the notices, it became apparent that the notice had been sent in error and was for changes proposed for a different school property being purchased by the same developer, Svigos, located at 739 North Ada. The matter has been deferred until correct notices are sent, and in addition there needs to be an agreement in place with the TimeLine Theater before this can be approved.

The other request for a Zoning Change is for the AB Marathon at Bryn Mawr & Ashland, in order to allow them to expand their auto service shop from the present two service bays to three, with a 593.6 square foot single story addition. This is necessary since the parcel was rezoned to RS3 as part of the WANT downzoning that was passed over a decade ago. The WANT Board and Zoning Committee requested the item not be approved at this time, since two neighbors have expressed opposition to this proposal. Approval will only be forthcoming if AB Marathon can persuade the neighbors to withdraw their opposition.

Shovel that Snow this Winter or get Fined!

Daytime snow must be removed by 10:00 pm. Nighttime snow must be shoveled by 10:00 am. Fines from \$50 up to \$500 for repeat offenders. Fines can also be incurred for obstructing a public way with the snow.


STOP Recycling Bags!

Did you know the plastic bags aren't recyclable? Streets & Sanitation has announced that as of January 1, all recyclables must be placed loose in the city's blue carts. Recyclables contained in any bags, paper or plastic, will no longer be accepted.

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A charcuterie station and a French mustard tap. The retail shop will also offer Swedish delicacies, such as cheeses, summer sausages, pickled herring and lingonberry-cherry jam.

Replay

5358 N Clark

Pac Man & Cocktails! Replay bartenders will be pouring drinks for patrons playing their favorite arcade games. 26 craft tap beers and an extensive premium bourbon selection. The 2,300 sq-ft, 144 seat restaurant and bar will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Chefs Bernardo Ibarra of Girl and the Goat and Steve Farbstein from Bristol & Gather, serve up classic American comfort dishes.

Next door is Elixir Lounge • 1509 W Balmoral

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- Pottery Throwing on Thursdays

- Figure Sculpting with a live nude model.

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MUSEUMS

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

5358 N Ashland Ave • 773.506.4849 • edgewaterhistory.org

Current Exhibit: "Voices of Edgewater" thru May 28

This is a major exhibit on immigration in Edgewater.

It includes the stories, oral histories, artifacts, photos, textiles, maps and census statistics of the many waves of immigrants who settled in Edgewater. Even before its founding in 1889, Edgewater had been home to immigrants. The first permanent settlers came from Luxembourg and Germany in the 1840s establishing celery farms.

From these beginnings, Edgewater grew into a community which embraced diversity as it became the greatest port of entry for immigrants in Chicago. How will Edgewater continue to welcome them and respond to a need for support that is greater than ever?

SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM

5211 N Clark • 772.728.8111 • samac.org

Julmarknad

Preview Fri Dec 4, 4:00–10:00 pm

Dec 5, 10:00–5:00 pm • Dec 6, 10:00–4:00 pm

Julmarknad is the Museum's annual Christmas Bazaar, where traditional Scandinavian and modern handicrafts will be available for purchase. Visit the Children's Museum for crafts, games and a special visit from Santa.

St. Lucia Festival of Lights

Sunday, December 13

Andersonville's Lucia celebration includes a procession starting at 4:45 pm from the Museum and returns for a program at 5:00 pm.


At 7 pm, the celebration continues at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster, with holiday songs, readings and procession.

Julmiddag ~ Traditional Swedish Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 20, 5:00–7:00 pm

A festive Smörgåsbord catered by Tre Kronor. Tomten (Santa) will be on hand to give julklappar (presents) to all the children. There will be a Lucia procession and dancing around the Christmas tree.

Prepaid reservations are required by December 15.



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Please consider lending a helping hand to the neighborhood by volunteering for WANT. We are currently in need of people to help with the newsletter, both layout/design and outreach to advertisers. This is a great opportunity for someone interested in graphic design, social media, marketing, or community outreach experience. Other opportunities involve the Ghostly Garden, the annual West Andersonville Block Party or helping with the annual summertime fundraiser Neighborhood Yard Sale. These are great opportunities to meet neighbors while helping to continue our established neighborhood group traditions. Please contact a board member or email the group and someone will be in touch with you. The WANT email address is westandersonvilleneighbors2@gmail.com.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

St. Gregory the Great Parish

5545 N. Paulina, Chicago 60640 773-561-3546

StGregory.net

Regular Masses: weekdays (Monday-Saturday) 8:30 am; Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

Festival of Lessons, Lights and Carols

Sunday, December 20-preludes at 6:45 pm

Features the St. Gregory the Great parish choir with chamber orchestra performing pieces from Handel's Messiah and other pieces of the season; free will offering

Mass on Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24, 4:30 family Mass; 10:00 pm Mass with carols sung by the St. Gregory parish choir at 9:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass 8:30 and 10:30 am

January 1, 2016 Mass 10:30 am

Quest Theatre Ensemble

A Christmas Carol performed November 20–December 20

1609 W. Gregory

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Questensemble.org

International Chamber Artists

Performances held at St. Gregory the Great Church

5545 N. Paulina

February 6, 2016 at 10:00 am

Family concert

February 21, 2016

Concert held in the St. Gregory the Great Church at 4 PM

Suggested donation is \$15 icamusic.org

Ebenezer Lutheran Church

1650 W. Foster 773-561-8496

Ebenezerchurch.org

Weekly Sunday services 8:30 and 10:30 am

Wednesday worship service 7:00 pm

December 24 **Christmas Eve services** 4:00 pm and 1:00 pm

Christmas Day service 10:30 am

Sunday December 6, North Side Youth Symphony Concert 4:00 pm (auditorium)

December 13 11:30 am: Caroling to various planned facilities by choir and congregation

7 PM: **Sancta Lucia Festival** in church sanctuary

Julgustjänst December 20

(Swedish service a 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Blue Christmas / Longest Night Service in the Sanctuary

First Evangelical Free Church

5255 N. Ashland Avenue 773-561-4175

Weekly service Sunday 10:00 am

Chicago Chin Baptist Church has a Burmese service on Sunday afternoons

Thursday, December 24 6:00 pm - **Christmas Eve service**

Saturday, February 27 - **Community Care Day**

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Redtwist Theater

1044 W Bryn Mawr • 773.728.7529

Through December 27 “Incident at Vichy”

By Arthur Miller. A highly charged debate among the detained locals of a small town in France during the German occupation.

Steep Theater

1115 W Bryn Mawr • 773.649.3186

January 21 “POSH” – Depicts the British war between the classes, status and adolescent identity. Call for a 10% discount or steeptheater.com

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