

GREATER GOETHE NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

GGNA Zoning Committee Meetings
 February 21, 7 pm
 March 21, 7 pm
 2124 N. Stave

GGNA General Meeting
 May 24, 7 pm
 Goethe School, 2236 N. Rockwell

CAPS Meetings
 March 3, 7 pm
 Chase School, 2021 N. Point
 April 7, 7 pm
 14th District, 2150 N. California

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 March 15 through 25
 Look for more details soon

Letter from GGNA

The Greater Goethe Neighborhood Association (GGNA) wishes you a Happy New Year, and welcomes you to the 2nd edition of our quarterly newsletter. We are starting the new year by welcoming three new board members to GGNA: Clarence Fraher, Tannia Galindo, and Lorraine Schoendstadt. We also want to thank our three outgoing board members for their contributions to GGNA: Scot Castellaneta, Danielle Soto, and Jon Wettersten. More good news to start the year—we obtained our official 501(c)(3) nonprofit status from the IRS. This means that GGNA no longer has to pay sales tax, is eligible for grants, and most importantly... it means that contributions to GGNA are now tax deductible.

The start of a new year is a good time to reflect on all that we have accomplished in the old. The GGNA list serve has grown tremendously during the past year and now includes over 100 neighbors (to join the list-serve, go to our website at www.ggna.org). Our 2004 events attracted over 1,000 neighbors. These events included several Neighborhood Socials at local restaurants, a teen basketball tournament we helped sponsor at Goethe School, a rally against crime attended by over 300 people this past fall, gardening work days for the Goethe School community garden, and activities to support the expansion of Haas Park. Of course, all of these activities are in addition to our triennial membership meetings and our monthly board meetings.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year, GGNA's main goal is to continue to foster communication and cooperation in the neighborhood. We as a community are stronger and better off if we communicate and work together. Just the simple act of neighbors meeting each other creates a web of connection that strengthens our neighborhood. This year, we will continue to hold regular meetings, grow our email list-serve, host Neighborhood Socials and other events, and welcome your ideas for improving communication and bringing the neighborhood together.

Another GGNA goal for the upcoming year is to create a GGNA membership program that will allow us to increase and enhance our programs and communication. My personal goal as president is to sign up 200 members over the next year. At the expected average membership fee of \$15 per person, this would provide us with approximately \$3,000 in funds. Our plan is to leverage this \$3,000 into approximately \$9,000 through matching grants. This is how it works: every time GGNA provides money to sponsor an event, we will solicit matching funds from a local business, government entity and/or foundation. For example, let's say GGNA donates \$500 to sponsor an art class for our kids, we would find a private business to match that amount and, for example, an alderman's office to match it as well, for a total of \$1,500.

What will an additional \$3,000 in membership funds leveraged into \$9,000 mean for our neighborhood every year? I believe it will mean an extraordinary amount, with new sports programs, arts activities, crime prevention initiatives, social opportunities and much more.

GGNA is continuing to improve our neighborhood. Join us to help make a difference.

Carl Wasielewski
 Founder & President, GGNA



GGNA Zoning and Planning Committee Update

The GGNA Zoning and Planning Committee (GGNA-ZAPC) was formed in the summer of 2004 by the GGNA Board as a mechanism by which the community within the GGNA boundaries gains a voice in determining the nature of development in the neighborhood. It is our goal to maintain and nourish the beauty, appeal, and affordability of our neighborhood; at once encouraging complementary development and rejecting development that will mar or destroy said neighborhood appeal. We welcome progress, but not at the expense of losing the charm of the neighborhood to the interests of over-reaching development.

Our members are volunteers and residents of the GGNA community. We make recommendations to the Alderman who makes the final decision of approval or disapproval of a project.

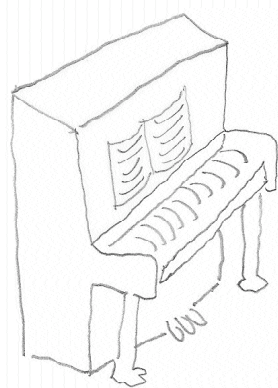
GGNA-ZAPC met recently with the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC) to discuss a project slated for the 2447 N. Talman. We had first met the HHDC in July of 2004 when they came to us proposing a 3-Flat that would require an R5 Zoning change. We decided that the size of the proposed building would be incongruous with the adjacent buildings and rejected the plan. GGNA-ZAPC suggested the plans be revised and reduced to better complement the neighboring structures. HHDC returned in December with new plans in-tow. The revised proposal described a 2-Flat and a zoning of R3.5. The new plans met with our approval, and we are recommending to the Alderman that the zoning change be granted.

In November of 2004 GGNA-ZAPC met with the owner of 2503 W. Fullerton who was proposing to demolish the existing frame building and in its place build a 4-story building with office space on the ground floor and three condominiums above. The owner is requesting a zoning change from B3-1 to B3-3. We found the style of the building to be a fresh addition to the block. The owner plans to use the office himself and to live in one of the condominiums. We were told the price for the units are going to be around \$300,000. We approved the plans and are recommending to the Alderman that the zoning change be granted.

If you would like join GGNA's Zoning and Planning Committee, please contact the GGNA-ZAPC chair at 773.782.3189. We welcome your participation!

Zoning & Planning Committee Project Review Process

1. The Developer seeking a zoning change contacts the GGNA-ZAPC chair to set up a presentation at the next regularly scheduled meeting, typically the 3rd Monday of the month.
2. At least seven days prior to the meeting, the Developer provides GGNA-ZAPC with a presentation package that includes the parameters of the proposed project and architectural drawings (elevations, sections, and relevant perspectives).
3. The Developer formally presents plans at the GGNA-ZAPC meeting, after which the developer is excused from the meeting, the committee discusses the project, and a vote is taken on whether or not to recommend that the zoning change be granted.
4. GGNA-ZAPC provides its recommendation to the Alderman by letter. Depending on its recommendation, the developer may be asked by GGNA-ZAPC to make a presentation to a GGNA general meeting or to make changes to the project.
5. If GGNA-ZAPC rejects a project outright, GGNA-ZAPC will recommend to the Developer any changes that, being made to the project, would bring the project into congruence with the character of the neighborhood. The developer should notify GGNA-ZAPC upon completed revision of the plans to arrange a follow-up meeting.
6. In the event that GGNA-ZAPC recommends a presentation to the GGNA general meeting, a vote is taken at the general meeting, tallied and forwarded to the Alderman for final determination. A letter of recommendation by the GGNA-ZAPC will accompany the tallied votes. Again, the final decision of approval or disapproval of a project will be left to the discretion of the Alderman.



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GGNA Public Safety Update

One of GGNA's main goals is to help make our community a safe place by keeping residents and police officers informed of what is reported at monthly CAPS meetings. We encourage everyone in the community to attend CAPS meetings regularly. If you cannot make it to a meeting, you can read the minutes from the most recent CAPS meeting here in the Greater Goethe News (see below) or read the latest CAPS meeting reports, posted every month, on our website (ggna.org). The website also includes a list of 2005 CAPS meetings dates and locations. CAPS meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at different locations in our neighborhood. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 3rd at Chase School (2021 N. Point).

Also, GGNA is starting a Public Safety Committee to work on neighborhood concerns in conjunction with CAPS. We would particularly like to work on proactive methods of handling gang problems in the neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering time to work on this committee, please call Sally Hamann at 773-276-2891 or e-mail her at sallyhamann@aol.com.

CAPS BEAT 1431 Contact Information

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14th District Community
Policing Office
312-744-1261

BEAT Facilitator
Jim Rhodes
773-486-6276

Beat 1431 CAPS Section Reports

SECTION 1 (bounded by Milwaukee, Armitage and California)

1) The problematic residents on the 2100 block of Bingham have reportedly moved to the 2000 block of Bingham.

2) The abandoned building at 2076 is currently in court.

3) A total of five arrests were made in this section the past month:

- One arrest pertained to throwing snowballs at a resident
- Two Cannabis (pot) users were arrested
- One damage-to-vehicle arrest was made on the 2000 block of Stave
- One warrant arrest was made on the 2000 block of Stave

4) Diligent police action and cooler weather minimized the criminal activity in this area.

Action: Bingham and Stave remain consistent areas of reported criminal activity that require police and residents proactive attention.

SECTION 2 (bounded by Milwaukee, Rockwell, Maplewood and Western)

1) A known sex offender targeting prostitutes was arrested for sexual assault last month and currently resides on the

2200 block of Campbell. Narcotics have also been reportedly dealt at this person's address.

2) A family residing on the 2400 block of McLean continues to be a problem in this section

3) There have been a total of 23 auto thefts within the last two months on McLean and Campbell.

Action: Police and residents to focus attention on McLean.

SECTIONS 3&4 (bounded by Lyndale, Fullerton, Western and California)

1) Over the last month there were 11 burglaries reported and four arrests made, several on the 2500 block of Maplewood.

Action: Residents are encouraged to look for suspicious cars blocking driveways and with hoods up. Please keep an eye out for doors being ajar and report any questionable activity to 911.

SECTION 5&6 (bounded by Fullerton, Logan, California and Western)

1) A rumor was reported that the MLDS (Maniac Latin Disciples gang) may be moving out of this area due to the increased police attention they have drawn over the past year.

2) Seven arrests were made in these sections:

- Two arrests were made for graffiti
- Two arrests were made for battery
- One DUI arrest was made
- Two burglary arrests were made

3) Still no progress has been reported on the Derek Tate, Jr., murder on June 6, 2003 at Fullerton and Artesian. The progress of this case is apparently dependent upon witnesses who will not step forward to report what they saw.

Action: Police to maintain attention on gangs and burglaries in this section.

Recurring Problem Areas for BEAT 1431

1) Gangs and drug activity on Bingham and Stave in Section 1 remains a consistent problem.

2) 2400 block of McLean continues to have car theft problems and harboring gang and drug activity.

3) Residents should continue to call 911 and are encouraged to establish phone trees to increase the number of 911 calls.

Upcoming CAPS Meetings

March 3, 7 pm
Chase School, 2021 N. Point

April 7, 7pm
14th District, 2150 N. California

May 5, 7 pm
Goethe School, 2236 N. Rockwell

June 2, 7 pm
14th District, 2150 N. California

July 7, 7 pm
Nazareth Church, 2500 N. Talman

August 4, 7 pm
14th District, 2150 N. California

September 1, 7 pm
Chase School, 2021 N. Point

Oct 6, 7 pm
14th District, 2150 N. California

Nov 3, 7 pm
Goethe School, 2236 N. Rockwell

Dec 1, 7 pm
14th District, 2150 N. California

From Alderman Flores

Dear Greater Goethe Neighborhood Association,

Thank you to all who participated in the Anti-Violence Rally at Goethe Elementary on January 15 and for showing your commitment to end violence in our community and protect our children. The event was a great success!

The 1st Ward is hosting tax assistance and financial aid seminars on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the tax season at Roberto Clemente Community Academy. The Tax Assistance Program has partnered with the 1st Ward to provide this free service for families with an income of less than \$35,000. No appointments are necessary, and translators are available. Please bring your 2004 W-2s, other proofs of income, and your 2003 tax return. The tax and financial aid preparation seminars will be held on the following days and times at Roberto Clemente Community Academy, 1147 North Western Avenue:

Saturdays 8:30am-11:30am

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9

Tuesdays 5:30pm-8:30pm

February 1, 8, 15, 22

As always, feel free to contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,
1st Ward Alderman Manny Flores
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Stay in Touch with your Neighborhood with the GGNA Email List-Serve!

The GGNA email list-serve is one of the main ways that people in the GGNA area hear about what's going on in the neighborhood. Just this past month people posted messages about: several political and community meetings; the Haas Park expansion; photography equipment for sale; a lost cat; removing snow from sidewalks; a book swap event hosted at a resident's home; several incidences of theft in one particular area of the neighborhood, and more. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay very up-to-date on area news, events, meetings, opportunities, crime issues and other information you can use. To join the list-serve, go to ggna.org and click on "neighborhood listserve."

Looking for Local Health Services? Try these Resources!

by Lorraine Schoenstadt MS, RN, BC

Finding health services in our community used to be difficult. But keeping our families healthy is no longer a problem. The residents of the Greater Goethe neighborhood are only a short distance from many health care providers. You may be aware of Saint Elizabeth Hospital (1431 North Claremont) and Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center (2233 West Division), both of which are now part of the Resurrection Health Care Center. Many in our neighborhood also utilize Norwegian American Hospital (1044 North Francisco). All three hospitals have doctor referral services and out patient departments.

The Chicago Department of Public Health has served our community for over 25 years with primary health care services at the West Town Health Center, 2418 West Division, 312.744.0943. Services provided at the West Town Health Center include: pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, family planning, adult health care, women and children nutrition (WIC) program, a tuberculosis clinic, and other specialized services. An Osco pharmacy is located right inside the clinic. Having no insurance is not a problem; staff is available to assist you with programs that can pay for your medical costs and childhood immunizations are always free.

Cook County Logan Square Clinic is located at 2840 West Fullerton, 773.292.6250. This clinic offers obstetrics and gynecology, family planning and pediatric services and has a women and children nutrition (WIC) program. Services are on a sliding fee scale and staff will help you enroll in programs that will assist you with health care costs. Both Cook County Logan Square and West Town Health Center medical staff speak Spanish and are culturally sensitive.

Free childhood immunizations are provided by a nurse from the Chicago Department of Public Health every Monday and Friday at the Trina Davila Community Service Office, 4345 West Armitage, 312.744.2014. This is a free, fast and friendly way to get your child's shots that protect them from serious diseases. Flu shots for children and adults are available during the 2004-05 flu season, no lines no waiting (as long as vaccine supply lasts).

Feeling depressed? Having trouble dealing with stress or family problems? Behavioral health services are right in our backyard. Northwest Behavioral Health Center is located at 2354 North Milwaukee, 312.744.0993.

Since 1970, El Rincon Clinic has served clients and families suffering from the effects of opiate addiction and the complicated problems associated with substance abuse. The El Rincon staff is 90 percent bilingual/bicultural and Latino. The Clinic, which partners with many other medical and social service providers to bring on site comprehensive care, is located at 1874 North Milwaukee, 773.276.0200.

These are just a few services located within walking distance or a short bus ride.

Keeping our families, our community, and ourselves both mentally and physically healthy is vital to making Greater Goethe a good place to live.

*To place an ad in the GGNA News,
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JOIN GGNA!

So you want to save the world? Or at least, improve your neighborhood? Then join GGNA! We are a 100% volunteer organization, so almost every dollar you give will go to improve the neighborhood. By joining GGNA (for the low, low price of \$15 per individual and \$20 per family), you will be able to vote in the organization, influence how we are organized, run for office, and get special member rates on GGNA sponsored events. If you are able to give at a higher level you will be directly sponsoring youth sports, youth cultural activities, and neighborhood communication. You will also be reducing crime, beautifying your neighborhood, and making the world a better place. You will never get a better value for your hard earned money. You can join GGNA at any of our upcoming meetings, Neighborhood Socials and other events.

If you are interested in joining, please complete the application below.

Spring-Loaded Music Festival presents Mas for Haas

Quenchers Saloon
2401 N Western
March 15 – 25
\$5 cover charge

So you'd better check your calendar and cancel anything else you might have even considered doing between March 15th and March 25th because you are headed for a spot on the comfortable couch at Quenchers, where you will relax and listen to live music while sampling from the extensive and impressive beer list, and you might even get a chance to cozy up to a neighbor you didn't even know you had—and it will only cost you 5 bucks to get in, all the proceeds of which will go to the expansion of Haas Park, and there is even the added benefit that proceeds from the "beer of the week" will go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, so you are not only giving yourself a good night out, you are contributing to the betterment of your neighborhood and the world in general, and who could ask for more than that?

Look for more information soon.

(don't miss it)

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Membership Application for Greater Goethe Neighborhood Association

Name _____ Date _____

Name of Business (if applicable) _____

Address _____
street city state zip

You must live or work within Chicago Police Dept. Beat 1431 to qualify.

Type of membership (check one) Business Single Family
Annual Fee: \$25 \$15 \$20

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