

Resolve to get your scrapbooks done this year!
Creative Memories workshop, Sunday, Jan. 13th 1-4p.m., at 5332 West Warner Ave. RSVP Required. Call Shari at (773) 205-2811.

FREE home mortgage consultation. Is it the right time to refinance or buy? Check out the variety of programs available to fit your needs. For more information contact Patrick at (773) 354-3135. **G.W. Jones Mortgage, Inc.**



Faith United Church of Christ



Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Summer Sunday Worship 9:30am

PASTOR: Rev. Kate Maver

5051 WEST BELLE PLAINE CHICAGO IL 60641
P 773 283 8545 F 773 283 0994

Sir Speedy, Inc.
Printing Center

4209 N. Milwaukee Avenue • Chicago, IL 60641
Tel: 773-777-2880 • Fax: 773-777-2005

PPNA Cookbook Preview

Please submit your recipes to Terra Schott at our next meeting or email them to: Terraschott@hotmail.com. This recipe is submitted by Mildred Schott

CREAM PUFFS

- 1 cup of water
- 1/3 cup veg. oil
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda

In sauce pan bring to boiling the water, oil and salt. Add flour all at once and stir until mixture leaves side of pan. Allow to cool, beat in the eggs one at a time adding the baking soda with last egg. Drop by tablespoon on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 450 degrees 15 min, then 350 for 15 min. Turn off oven and leave puffs in oven 15 min for a total of 45 min. Make small hole in top and fill with pudding using a pastry bag. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or frosting.

Parks on Ice - Come Out and Skate

The McCormick - Tribune Ice Rink at Millennium Park. 55 N. Michigan Ave. (312) 742-5222. Open Seven Days through February 29th, 2002.

9 am - 11:15 am; 12:00 - 2:00pm; 2:30 - 4:30pm; 5- 7:15pm; and 7:45 - 9:45pm (Thursdays only)

Admission is FREE. Skate rental: \$3 per session.

The Portage Park Neighborhood Association News is a publication of the PPNA. PPNA Board Members are:

- Adrienne O'Brien, President
- Patrick Villalobos, Vice President
- Kim Sheridan, Secretary
- Terra Schott, Treasurer
- Andrea Lange, Children's Activities Committee
- Annette Ledermann, Senior Activities
- Gerard Staniszewski, Garden Club
- Ellen Stoner, Economic Development Committee
- John Arena, Membership/Communications
- Kathy Tompkins, Fund Raising Committee

For more information about PPNA and/or the PPNA News, e-mail us at ppna_board@hotmail.com.



News
JANUARY 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

January C.A.P.S. Meetings

Beat 1624 is Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, at Biagio's 4242 N. Central at 7:00 p.m.

Beat 1634 is Thursday, Jan. 24th, at Belmont Craigin Library, 5108 W. Belmont, at 7:00 p.m.

The Next PPNA Meeting...

The next PPNA public meeting will be February 11th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Portage Park Fieldhouse, 4150 N. Long.

PPNA Board Is Online!!!!

PPNA is proud to announce we now have email to capture your comments, suggestions, and ideas about our great neighborhood! PPNA Board members will monitor the account regularly and reply to you online and/or at regular PPNA meetings.

Address your emails to:
ppna_board@hotmail.com

2nd Annual Holiday Party a Great Time for All

The Portage Park Neighborhood Association second annual holiday party was December 10th. Approximately 100 people came to enjoy the fun. There was a special visit by Santa for the kids and the food from Poretta's was delicious. The raffle winners were excited about winning some terrific prizes such as a family membership to the Irving Park YMCA, and a scooter. There were old and new friends having holiday fun.

The Portage Park Neighborhood Association and its membership would like to thank all of the volunteers and contributors. And a special thank you to the following business and organizations that donated time, money and/or prize items:

Eli's Cheesecake, Alderman Levar, Parkway Imaging, Lucky Grill, Arena Design, Faith United Church, Burger King on Milwaukee Ave., YMCA on Irving Park, and the Salvation Army.

Thanks to all who donated warm clothes for the Children's Winter Clothing Drive. Over 50 pieces were collected. The donated clothing will be distributed to local schools after the new year.

To those that could not attend, mark your calendars for the second Monday in December, 2002. The holiday party is a tradition we would like to continue and grow as we move forward. It is through events such as this that we grow closer as a community and open dialog between neighbors. As we did this year we will run announcements in the local Nadig News, this newsletter, at public meetings, as well as display posters at local business. So as next winter draws near keep an eye out for the details on the 3rd Annual PPNA Holiday Party!

Holiday Lights Contest Winners Announced

- First Prize - \$50 - the Cholena Residence, 5401 W. Grace
- Second Prize - \$25 - Bill Coultisis, 4132 N. LeClaire
- Third Prize - Eli's Cheesecake - John Eischen, 4839 W. Warner

Development Update for Milwaukee Corridor

New Retailer Opens on Milwaukee Ave.

The Tobacco Room, 4026 N. Milwaukee, opened its doors for business this past November. Selling cigars, pipes, and related products in all price ranges. The Tobacco Room also sells espresso by the cup and has a comfortable area, with leather chairs and a big screen TV, to relax and enjoy your purchase. The General Manager, Tom Simmons, is offering a complementary espresso to all first time customers. Call 773-545-6809 for more information.

Portage Theater

The old Portage Park Movie Theater will reopen as the **Portage Park Theater for the Recording Arts**. The new business will offer 90 day programs for youths between the ages of 5-21 years. Some of the classes to be conducted will be music production, music recording, engineering, dance, theatrical shows. Contact Cruz Martinez at 847-731-3302

Plans are for the movie screens to be moved and a new sound system installed. Valet parking and security will be provided by subcontracted businesses from the local community. The similarity to the new Portage Theatre is to the Old Town School of Folk Music in the Lincoln Square and Lincoln Park areas.

A committee has been formed consisting of the theatre owners, theatre operators, three board members of the Portage Park Neighborhood Association, and the Alderman's office to address any concerns that may arise from the operations of the theatre. The new occupants have shown a desire to work closely with the community.

Warner/Milwaukee

The development plans for the northeast corner have passed the Department of Zoning and the City Council, according to the Alderman Levar. In March '02, J&M Builders will break ground to develop 8 town homes and a 2-unit condo building instead of a laundromat. The projected price for the development

homes will be between \$280,000 to \$350,000.

Plans for this development were presented at the November PPNA public meeting.

Pensacola/Milwaukee corner

Several buildings located at the northeast corner of Pensacola and Milwaukee have been torn down.

It has come to the attention of the community that the buildings were removed for tax reduction purposes. At this time, no plans have been presented to the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development for this corner.

Curbs and Streets

The plan to replace curbs, streets and sidewalks from Montrose Avenue to the Six-Corners intersection is currently behind schedule. The original schedule was to have Montrose to Cullom completed in 2001; Cullom to Berteau in 2002; Berteau to Belle Plaine in 2003; Belle Plaine to Irving Park in 2004. Unfortunately, the project has not been started.

In a conversation with Alderman Levar, it was explained to a member of the board that the work from Montrose to Berteau will be completed in 2002 to bring the plan back up to date.

Klee Building Development Plan

Despite the efforts of the Portage Park Neighborhood Association, the Dept. of Planning and Development has chosen not to open a dialogue concerning the redevelopment of the Klee building.

It is our understanding plans have been discussed and reviewed on several occasions with the Portage Park Chamber of Commerce, but the Portage Park Neighborhood Association and its membership have been excluded from seeing any revisions.

There has been no response to requests for a presentation of the plans to the PPNA membership.

What you can do?!

As tax payers the residents have the right and the power to come forward and explain their frustrations with the sluggish development in this area, and the lack of response concerning such an important project as the Klee Building Development. The Klee Building can be a center piece to spur growth, attract retailers and other development that will benefit all residence in the area.

By speaking out to our elected officials they will have to act. Call **Alderman Levar (45th Ward) at (773)545-2545, Alderman Allen (35th ward) at (773)237-0900, the Portage Park Chamber of Commerce at (773)777-2020**, or contact a **Portage Park Neighborhood Association** board member by e-mail at **ppna_board@hotmail.com** to express your concern. Together our voice will be heard!

A Word About the PPNA News

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the distribution of this monthly newsletter. We currently have over 60 volunteers covering over 80 blocks, we have another 25 blocks to go.

Some residents have been receiving the newsletter late or not at all, please understand that this is a volunteer based effort. All those that help with distribution of the PPNA News take time out of there day to help. We ask for your help, understanding and patience.

If you would like to receive the newsletter faster, and have access toe-mail, send your address to **ppna_board@hotmail.com** and we can send it to you electronically.

Dues are due

The annual membership dues expired in November of 2001. We thank existing and new members that have paid their dues over the last few months. The next dues payment will come in November 2002.

For the coming year the dues have been increased slightly to help cover expenses associated with the production of the PPNA News. For new members and existing members not paid by 1/1/02 the annual dues will be as follows:

\$12.00 per household
\$ 6.00 senior citizens
\$24.00 per business

To renew or become a member please send a check or money order, made out to the Portage Park Neighborhood Association. Forward to:

Terra Schott, PPNA Treasurer
5038 W. Grace St, Chicago, IL 60641

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in the community.

Old Portage Park

Brick Victorian, 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths, newly rehabbed. Exquisite kitchen w/granite, 5 burner cook top, maple cab. & floors, Jacuzzi tub. 2nd floor rooftop deck. New GFA/CA, 2c/gar.

Call Jan at (773) 251-7433



Authentic Ecuadorian Cuisine in a Relaxing Atmosphere

L A P E Ñ A
steaks seafood live music

Open every day 11a.m. to 11p.m.

4212 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago
773.545.7022
www.lapenachicago.com