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Galewood Calendar of Events

June 5	Open House Shriners Hospital for Children 1 pm – 5 pm
June 14	Milwaukee District West Line Land Planning Meeting Prosser High School 6 pm
June 18	Galewood Community Yard Sale Galewood Residents Organization 8 am – 4 pm
July 21	Burglary Prevention Seminar 25 th District Station 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
July 31	Galewood Montclare Garden Walk Garden Club Galewood Montclare 12 pm – 5 pm
Aug 2	National Night Out 25 th District Station 6 – 8 pm
Aug 20	Community Mosaic Project Rutherford Sayre Park 9:30 am – 12 pm

Welcome summer! If you are tired of all the rainy weather, summer is the time to get out into the neighborhood. Meet the new alderman, plan a block party, attend a community event, or just take a walk around the block. Galewood is lovely in the summer.



Community Mosaic Project

August 20th

9:30 am – 12 pm

Rutherford Sayre Park Tunnel

Community members of all ages are invited to help install a tile mosaic at the train underpass at Rutherford Sayre Park. Currently a dark and bleak tunnel, the mosaic project is the first step in developing a long range plan to beautify the area. The project is the culmination of a teen summer art camp led by art teacher Carol Tarnoff. On August 20th residents can help install tiles in the mosaic design that will be located on walls of the underpass. At that time the Sayre Advisory Council will also be soliciting ideas for what improvements residents would like to see at the tunnel area. The Sayre Park Advisory Council has received a \$1000 grant from the Friends of the Park to fund the project. Teens interested in the summer art camp can register through Bell Park online at <http://programs.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programBrowser/>.

Shriners Hospital for Children Celebrates 85 Years Caring for Kids

By: Wendy Tannenbaum

Join Shriners Hospital for Children in celebrating 85 years of pediatric specialty care for kids, on **Sunday June 5th**, starting at 1 pm. Shriners, located at 2211 N Oak Park Avenue, hosts an open house with fun for the whole family. Enjoy tours, food, games, entertainment and the world's shortest parade. Parade begins at 4 pm. For more information call (773) 622-5400.

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New 36th Ward Alderman Nick Sposato

Dear Neighbors,

I want to thank everyone in the 36th Ward for the trust that you have given me. I am honored that I will represent our community on the Chicago City Council.

I would like to especially thank my family, friends, and all those people who stood up by casting their vote for true community representation.

Our new 36th Ward Community Service office at 6934 W Diversey will have office hours M-F 9 am-5 pm additionally we will offer extended hours until 8 pm on Thursdays and 9 am – 12 pm on Saturdays. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with the new Council and our new mayor.

Thank again for your support.

Sincerely,

36th Ward Alderman

Galewood Residents Organization (GRO)

The Galewood Residents Organization just finished organizing the second annual community wide paper recycling drive. We're not sure of the results yet. However, the bin needed to be emptied and returned once during the course of the drive because neighbors were so actively filling it. Thank you to Shriners Hospital for allowing us to house the bin in their parking lot.

Our annual garage sale is scheduled to take place on June 18th with a rain date of the 19th. If you are planning to participate, please send an e-mail to galewoodyardsale@aol.com with your general location. A map is in the process of being created for shoppers. Also, remember, if you are hosting a sale, you need a permit from the Alderman's office.

We have invited Alderman Sposato to attend a GRO meeting. We will let the community know when the date has been scheduled. Our meetings take place every 2nd Thursday of the month at 1776 Narragansett at 7 pm. All are welcome.

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SHOP. SELL. BUY.

Galewood Community Yard Sale

June 18th
8 am – 4 pm
Rain date June 19th

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Garden Club Galewood Montclare

By: Tom Drebenstedt

Before we tell you about that tree in the photograph, let's talk about what we've been up to. On Earth Day, many of us gathered at Rutherford Sayre Park to clean and weed our Community Garden. Our new Alderman came out to help, directing a group from Locke School, moving a lot of mulch and wood chips to enhance the garden. The new plantings that were installed last fall have started to grow now that warm weather seems to be occurring on a regular basis. Our May meeting covered the topic of container gardening and was our first outdoor meeting of 2011.

June will see us gather for a hands-on workshop to create garden stones; we'll have Carol, the Park's art instructor to guide us. July will see us head to Pesche's Garden Center for a presentation and discount day. In-between all of these activities, we are busily working towards our annual event, the Walk.



Galewood Montclare's Garden Walk is on Sunday, July 31, noon till five, write that on your calendar right now! Know of an interesting garden to visit? Contact us at garden_club_gm@sbcglobal.net. Check our web site www.GMCgardenclub.org and plan on joining us for an event or two or three. We have also joined Facebook, courtesy of Kim, and have joined an expanding group of Galewood pages, including Rutherford Sayre Park. Do you have a topic you'd like to see covered at a meeting? Just ask and we'll get to work on it. You can sign up there for e-mails or call Tom at (773) 909-0899 for that personal touch.

Now, about that photo. "Lichen" by artist Carol Hummel, is one of a dozen installations at the Morton Arboretum. This is an example of Yarn Bombing, an international movement to improve the urban landscape, one stitch at a time. "Nature Unframed" runs through the end of November.

Earth Day Clean-up at Sayre Park

On a cold blustery day in April volunteers gathered for an Earth Day clean-up of Sayre Park. Much work was accomplished thanks to everyone's hard work. T-shirts and supplies were provided by Friends of the Park. The Sayre Park Advisory Council and Garden Club Galewood Montclare would like to thank the 7th grade students from Locke Elementary, Girl Scout Troop 41607, Alderman elect Nick Sposato and the many volunteers from the Garden Club, GRO, Moms in Action, and the Galewood-Montclare community for their hard work.

Garden Walk
2011



Sunday July 31st
12 noon – 5 pm

www.GMCgardenclub.org

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Milwaukee District West Line Land Planning Meeting

By: Neal Wankoff



Recently Metra Rail initiated a study of the Milwaukee District West stations in Chicago to determine strategies to boost ridership along the route. The areas around five stations are being studied. The stations are Grand-Cicero, Hanson Park, Galewood, Mars, and Montclare. The study is being paid for with a \$2 million grant by the Regional Transit Authority.

The study has three main purposes: increase the visibility of the five Metra Stations, make recommendations for appropriate private development around each station, and to look for ways to provide information about the stations at nearby Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus shelters.

On April 6th a community input workshop was held at the Grand-Central (25th) Police District Headquarters to brainstorm concepts for each station. Attending the meeting were employees of Metra, RTA, City of Chicago, and various consultants. An overview of the project and its objectives provided real-estate and market conditions around each station, demographics, commuting patterns, and development and transportation opportunities. The presentation set the framework for small group discussions.

Meeting attendees gathered into smaller groups based on the station nearest to their home. Generally there were 2-5 people per station. Many good ideas were generated for the Galewood, Mars, and Montclare stations. The one idea shared amongst the 3 stations is that multi-family is not a good land use and that lower-density/single family development is preferred. Additional ideas included a coffee shop or other commuter-serving retail, better signage, issues with parking, accessing the stations or moving between the stations by pedestrians, and improving landscaping or removing trash.

A second public meeting is scheduled for **June 14th at 6 pm at Prosser High School** (2148 N Long Ave.) to review new concept plans for each of the station areas.

Rutherford Sayre Park



Congratulations to the boys tumbling program!

The boys tumbling program at Rutherford Sayre Park recently won the **2011 Chicago Park District North Region Tumbling Team Championship** and **3rd place** in the **2011 Chicago Park District Citywide Championship**

The following boys all placed in the citywide competition:

Keegan Llanes, Aidan Llanes, Dylan Llanes, Blyer Callahan, and Jamal Coleman



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North Avenue Business Association Events and Scholarship Awards

By: Wendy Tannenbaum

The North Avenue Business Association (NABA) kicked off 2011 with three events. In March, NABA hosted its annual Business to Business Breakfast Expo at Charter One Bank, 6700 W North Avenue, Chicago. Business owners networked and hosted tables displaying their services with marketing materials.

On April 26th, NABA hosted its 2011 Annual Meeting at US Bank, 6011 North Avenue, Oak Park. Business owners, commercial property owners and municipal representatives from Chicago and the Village of Oak Park attended. Alderman Deborah Graham, from the 29th Ward installed the 2011-2012 Officers and Board of Directors.

NABA's President, Wendy Tannenbaum, presented NABA's 2011 Scholarship Awards. One thousand dollars was awarded to two local graduating high school seniors continuing their education as a business major. This year's applications were academically exceptional. Galewood resident, Christopher Loe, a Fenwick student and Tess Johnson, from Oak Park River Forest H. S. were this year's recipients. This is NABA's fifth year sponsoring the NABA Scholarship Program.

Four local businesses on North Avenue were honored for their success and longevity. Yonan's Carpet One at 7040 North Avenue, was acknowledged for 105 years in business. Barnard's Oak Park Cyclery, at 6109 North Avenue was recognized for 100 years in business; Hallagan Business Machines at 6850 North Avenue, was recognized for 50 years of longevity, and Al-Mart Discount Bedding and Furniture, at 7045 W North Avenue, Oak Park, has been in business for 20 years.

On May 18th, NABA hosted an Emergency Preparedness Event for North Avenue businesses at Shriners Hospital for Children. Speakers included Lionell Martin, Project Manager, from Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Ricky Tanksley, Oak Park's Chief of Police, and Elizabeth Bacani, RN, Oak Park Department of Public Health. Attendees were presented with information and were encouraged to prepare a business continuity plan and an emergency/communication plan for their families and their employees' families, in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

For more information about the North Avenue Business Association, contact NABA's President, Wendy Tannenbaum at (773) 622-4422.

National Night Out

Tuesday August 2nd

6 – 8 pm

25th District Police Station at 5555 W Grand

National Night Out is America's Night out against crime. It promotes neighborhood safety and strengthens the partnership between the community and police. It will include refreshments, guest speakers, and entertainment.



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Sayre Language Academy

1850 N Newland Ave, Chicago (773) 534-3351

School website: www.sayre.cps.k12.il.us

Sayre Family and Friends website: www.sayreffo.org

Principal Ustabecir e-mail: sustabecir@cps.k12.il.us

Assistant Principal Dr. Aitken e-mail: maaitken@cps.k12.il.us

The month of May has been International Month at Sayre. On May 2nd students participated in Sayre's Olympic Games Opening Ceremony with a parade of countries and a torch relay. Throughout the month students have competed in Olympic style sporting events earning points for their team's country. A final medal ceremony will be held at Sayre's Field Day in June. On May 13th we held our 5th annual International Night. Families and community members enjoyed a World Cafe, family exhibits, African dance class, and music workshop. The month concluded with a World Geography Fair held by the 4th and 5th grade classes.



Train car display for International Night

This June we are celebrating our first 8th grade graduating class since Sayre became a community school. *Congratulations graduates!* The graduating class will take part in a Ribbon Pinning Ceremony and an 8th grade dinner dance, and will graduate on June 14th. If you are interested in registering for kindergarten or preschool please visit our website at www.sayre.cps.k12.il.us for more information. The 2010-2011 school year ends on June 17th.

St. William School

2559 N Sayre, Chicago (773) 637-5130

School website: www.stwilliamschool.org

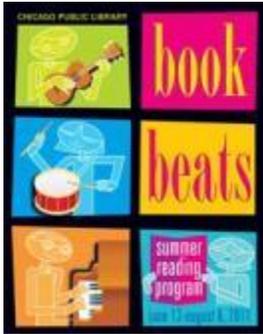
Principal Katona e-mail: mkonopacki@stwilliamschool.org

St. William School's 2010-2011 school year ends on June 8th. Preschool, kindergarten, and 8th grade students all have special celebrations the week before. Congratulations to the members of the St. William Class of 2011: Luis Ayala, Jose Fernandez, Emily Freville, Xavier Gomez, Jennah Hernandez, Julie Jachym, Elizabeth Kalter, Monika Kalter, Michael Kolman, Joshua Lozano, Casandra Lucena, Dominique Martinez, Sebastian Medina, Joshua Medrano, Miriam Mendoza, and Brandon Palacios.

Mary Bauer, who has been the principal of St. William for 15 years, will retire on June 30th. The newly hired principal is Laszlo Katona, who has been a teacher and assistant principal at St. Columbanus School on the south side of Chicago.

St. William provides excellent academic instruction in a faith-based learning environment. School families are active participants in both school and parish activities as well as the local community. Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is ongoing, with openings in all grades, Pre-3 through 8th. Information about St. William can be obtained by calling (773) 637-5130 or e-mailing mbauer@stwilliamschool.org or mkonopacki@stwilliamschool.org. Check out the school website at www.stwilliamschool.org.

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Chicago Public Library

Book Beats! 2011 Children's Summer Reading Program

Spend time reading this summer and take part in Chicago's Summer Reading Program. Weekly book raffles, author visits, performers, and presenters are just some of the activities that are featured throughout the summer in this drop-in program. Picture book readers and pre-readers who complete 25 picture books will earn a Very Important Reader's T-shirt. Older children will earn a T-shirt when they complete 10 chapter books.

Book Beats! Programs at the Galewood-Mont Clare Branch

Located at 6871 W Belden Ave. in the Sayre Park field house. Register for programs by calling (312)746-0165.

What Do You Know About Music?

June 14th – August 2nd

Tuesdays from 12:30 pm – 1 pm

Children ages 8-12 are welcome to come in and learn the history of different types of music.

Join the Chicka Chicka Boom Boom "CoCo-Nutty Fun"

Arts and Craft Activities for ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Thursday June 16th, June 30th, and July 14th from 2 pm – 3 pm

Let's Get Creative with Sesame Street

Arts, Crafts, and Games for ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Thursdays June 23rd and July 7th from 2 pm – 3 pm

For the Love of Music

Lynn Rymarz will share the story of Vivian Fine who is called "one of the greatest American composers of the 20th century." Participants will hear samples of her music and be enthralled in the tale of her remarkable life.

Family program for all ages

Thursday July 7th at 11 am

Histories for Kids: Leaders of the Band

Join storyteller Terry Lynch as he shares stories of important musicians with Chicago connections such as Benny Goodman, Rachel Barton, and Kanye West. Ages 5 and up

Tuesday July 12th at 11 am

Music A to Z

Rick Kelley presents a high-energy, interactive, music appreciation crash course for kids/families...that's FUN!

Tuesday August 2nd at 11 am



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A Business in Your Neighborhood: Reuter's Bakery

By: Maureen Connell



Photo courtesy of Reuters Bakery website

Started by Leo Reuter in 1927, Reuter's Bakery is still bustling over 80 years later. Richard Eberle Jr. along with his wife, Erin, are the current and fifth owners of Reuter's Bakery, or caretakers, as Richard prefers. His hope is to take care of the business while he's the owner, but that it transcends him and continues to flourish for years to come. His father, Richard Eberle Sr., purchased the bakery in 1967 and though officially retired Richard Sr. continues to work at the bakery today.

Richard Jr. started learning about the bakery business as a young child from his father. From washing cake molds and picking strawberries as a kid, he eventually moved on to making coffee cakes, mixes and eventually cakes. The most memorable cake he's made was one for the Chicago Board Options Exchange, complete with an image of the Exchange's president on top.

When asked what he likes most about owning a bakery, Richard's answer was immediate and inspiring. He reflected on how few occupations allow a person to handcraft something, bring it to the consumer, and receive an instant reaction. At Reuter's he's able to experience that positive connectivity on a daily basis.

Located at 7177 West Grand Avenue, Reuter's has been in its current location almost since the beginning. The original location was just a few doors down. The bakery has recently expanded and taken over an adjacent storefront, moving some of its production facilities as well as a window display there. They've also refreshed their façade with a new canopy, neon lights and a video display. They're always happy to welcome new customers at Reuter's, and regular customers are apparently very fond of their cakes, Danish items, rye breads and sweet rolls. I've also heard rumors about the long lines that form on Fat Tuesday for their paczkis.

As I finished up my interview with Richard I asked if there's anything he'd like to share with local residents. His grateful message was this: Thank you for your patronage and support for 80 years. We hope we can continue our quality, workmanship and appreciation of Mont Clare and Galewood.

After discovering Reuter's since moving to the area in 2008, I (along with my sweet tooth) sure hope that they continue their blissful baking endeavors too.



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Introducing Rev. Dr. Tasha M. Brown of Galewood Community Church

By: Molly Porter

Recently Galewood Community Church United Church of Christ welcomed the Rev. Tasha M. Brown as acting pastor. She is a young and dynamic pastor who brings a tremendous amount of energy to this neighborhood landmark and mainstay.

The church - which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2012 - has recently suffered from declining membership. Rev. Brown was brought in to help Galewood Church revitalize and attract new members. She has many plans for the upcoming months, including outdoor activities that will bring the community together and make the most of its prime location at Bloomingdale and Narragansett Avenues. In an effort to raise funds for upkeep of the church, she also has plans to offer the building for community use, including exercise classes and events for children.



Photo courtesy of Molly Porter

Rev. Brown extends a warm invitation to everyone in the neighborhood to attend services at 10 am, every Sunday. She says, "Galewood Church is a place where all are welcomed. Everyone should come and visit to see if this is the church for them. Come and reconnect with a God who is loving, kind, generous, and gracious. We need your support through donations of time and money for our work in the community. Come and take part in forming the new identity of your Community Church."

Rev. Brown has distinguished credentials. She graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary June 2002 with a Master of Divinity and received her Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral and Spiritual Care from McCormick Theological Seminary on May 14, 2011.

Prior to serving at Galewood, Rev. Brown served for nine years at the nationally historic First Baptist Congregational Church in Chicago under the leadership of the Rev. George W. Daniels. She was the interim pastor of Trinity Community Church UCC in Berwyn for three months while the pastors were on sabbatical. There, she also had the honor of being the church's first African American pastor.

Rev. Brown is married to Excell Brown, Jr. and mother to Christopher, 7 and Kai, 4. She works for the city of Chicago as a supervisor of children services programs. In 2010, she was successfully treated for breast cancer and now has a good prognosis for the future. When asked how she has accomplished so much in the last 10 years of her life, she says "Everything that I have accomplished in life is due not to my own strength or knowledge but the strength of God who helped me get through."

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25th District's Burglary Prevention Seminar

The 25th District, located at 5555 W Grand Avenue (at Central), is hosting its "Keeping it Real Program" on Burglary Prevention on Thursday July 21st from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

What can you do to properly secure your home or business? Learn tips from a panel of convicted burglars, on how to make your home less of a target for burglars. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the 25th District CAPS Office at (312) 746-5090 or e-mail CAPS025district@chicagopolice.org.



CAPS Schedule

Be active in our community and attend a meeting.

For CAPS information call (312) 744-2277

or e-mail

CAPS025district@chicagopolice.org

BEAT 2512
Diversey to Armitage
1st Wed. of **every other even** month
Shriners Hospital for Children
2211 N Oak Park Ave at 7 pm
Summer Meeting Dates:
June 1, August 3
Facilitator: Ronald Saks

BEAT 2513
Armitage to North Ave
4th Tues. of **every other odd** month
Amundsen Park
6200 W Bloomingdale Ave at 6:30 pm
Summer Meeting Dates:
July 26, September 27
Facilitator: Donald Glover
Co Facilitator: Tanya Briggs

Who to call in the Chicago Police Department

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	311
25 th District Desk	(312)746-8605
25 th Community Policing	(312) 746-5090
25 th District Fax	(312) 746-4353
Building Violations	311
CAPS Information	(312) 744-2277
Domestic Violence Hotline	(877) 863-6338
Gang Hotline	(312) 746-GANG
Graffiti Removal (FREE)	311
Narcotics Hotline	(312) 939-5555

City of Chicago Graffiti Blasters

You may not know about a free service provided by the City of Chicago that can help keep our neighborhood beautiful and free of graffiti. Started by Mayor Daley in 1993, the Department of Streets & Sanitation Graffiti Blasters offers a free graffiti removal service to private property owners. Crews remove the graffiti with "blast" trucks or paint crews. Graffiti Blasters employs "blast" trucks that use baking soda under high water pressure to erase painted graffiti from brick, stone and other mineral surfaces. Paint crews cover graffiti on any other surfaces.

Community groups, neighbors and individuals can help stop graffiti by reporting it or requesting its removal by calling 311 or (312) 742-0172.

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Emergency Preparedness: Prepare, Plan, and Stay Informed

By Wendy Tannenbaum

In the event of an emergency, natural disaster, or prolonged power outage, would you know what to do? Does your family have a communication/emergency plan?

Here are a few suggestions on how you can prepare:

1. Prepare a basic emergency kit (include water-one gallon of water per person per day, for at least 3 days; a 3 day supply of non-perishable food; a battery powered radio and weather radio; a flashlight and batteries; first aid kit; dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape; moist toiles, garbage bags and plastic ties; can opener; local maps; cell phone and chargers).
2. Make out a list of your family members (include names, relationships, descriptions, dates of birth, and social security numbers).
3. Prepare an inventory list of your pet; include name, type, description, pet license number and veterinarian's name, address, and phone number.
4. Prepare a vehicle information sheet, including make, model, year, license plate number, and insurance carrier telephone and policy number.
5. Prepare an emergency contact information sheet with local and out of state contacts (include names, addresses, telephone and e-mail addresses).
6. Prepare a physician, pharmacy and family medical info sheet (include names of physicians and pharmacy, with addresses and phone numbers; family list should include family names, medical conditions, medications, and allergies).
7. Update your first aid kit; add a smaller kit for your car.
8. Prepare an insurance and utility contact sheet (include company name, phone numbers and policy/account numbers, limits and deductibles). Make sure you have adequate coverage.
9. Learn how to turn off your water, electric, and gas service.

Preparation for your family can make a difference. For more information, go to www.alertchicago.com (Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communication) or www.ready.illinois.gov. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website at www.ready.gov, has information for your family, your business and a section called readykids, to educate your kids.

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Spotlight on Chicago Cultural Attractions



Chicago Architecture Foundation *Bungalow Belt by Bus Tour: North Route*

Sunday June 12, 2011 & October 23, 2011 at 9 am. See Galewood from the perspectives of the bungalow homes that flourish throughout the neighborhood. www.architecture.org/bungalownorth

Chicago Center for Green Technology is one of the most comprehensive educational resources in the Midwest for green technology and design, and sustainable building and living practices. The center is open 6 days a week to the public and offers guided and self-guided tours. Free admission. The center is located at 445 N Sacramento Blvd. <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/doi/provdrs/ccgt.html>.

The Gift Theatre *Northwest Highway World Premiere of a play by The Gift Co-Founder, William Nedved*

4802 N Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630

Phone: (773) 283-7071

Previews: May 26 - June 5

Press Opening: June 7

Runs: June 9 - July 17

Showtimes: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:30 pm

"Attend the world premiere of "Northwest Highway", written by the Gift co-founder, William Nedved. This production is an important milestone for Gift, the organization's first original play that is specifically about its home community. It's the second new play ever that's specifically about growing up on the Northwest Side of Chicago (the first one being "Grease"). It's a "must-see" for anyone having any personal or professional connection to the Northwest Side of the city."

Coyotes spotted at Sayre Park



Photo courtesy of Galewood.net

Enjoy the summer!

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