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Nextdoor Social Network

By Steve Flewellen

If you haven't heard, the folks living in Charles Jacobus Park are using an online communication tool called Nextdoor. Currently there are over 500 of us using it to discuss and stay up on neighborhood events, things to sell or give away, crime, and general goings on with our neighbors. You can ask for recommendations for contractors, find babysitters, and let people know what you do so maybe you can help them!



The Jacobus Park Nextdoor account started with the help of the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association in mid 2013 and

has grown with promotion from there. All you have to do is go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your address and email address and it will tell you your neighborhood. There are many surrounding neighborhoods within walking distance that you can see and communicate with.

Nextdoor is about connecting with your neighbors to help build a stronger community. Best of all, it's FREE! Check out the app for your smartphone as well. Come join us! www.nextdoor.com ■

Annual Rummage Sale!

On Friday June 16th and Saturday June 17th from 8am to 4pm join fellow CJPNA members for our rummage sale! CJPNA will advertise your sale, include you on a map with other participating members and provide you with an indicator for your house. Participation and getting on the map is free for all CJPNA members.

Join at www.tosacjpna.com and email any questions to jacobusparkrummagesale@gmail.com and if you are interested in helping we could definitely use it! Look to our Facebook page and on Nextdoor for more information later in the Spring. ■



» **GET YOUR SWIMSUITS** and beach towels ready because CJPNA is having a pool party. For the second year in a row you can bring your family to Hoyt Park Pool and join your neighbors and a select few other neighborhood associations from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Friday July 28th. This 2 hour neighborhood event is for you and your family, and you may bring your own food and drink (plastic cups required). You must be a CJPNA member and RSVP. If you are not a member go to www.tosacjpna.com and join and pay via PayPal. Look for communication in late spring with a sign up form and a place to submit checks or cash and how to RSVP. ■

Tosa Village Updates:

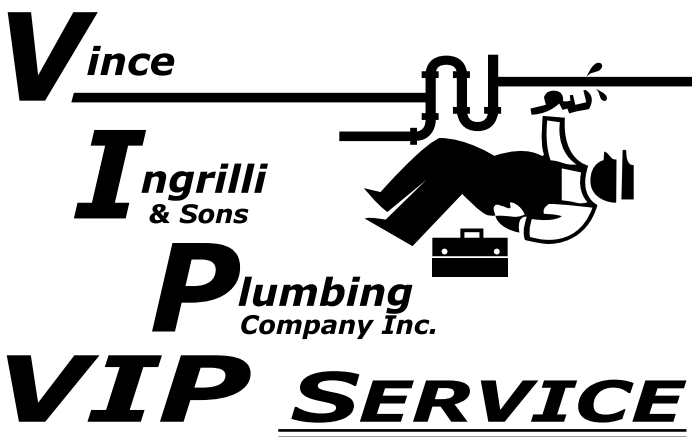
» **WOW, THE “VILLAGE” OF WAUWATOSA** has undergone quite a transformation in recent years. There has been an influx of retail, commercial and restaurant development. A large precursor has been the development of the Reserve housing complex on E. State Street. This growth has expanded all along State Street and into the heart of the Village. The updates of Leff’s Lucky Town and Colonel Harts, both of which made aesthetic, seating and food/menu upgrades. A new skateboarding shop, Phase II, was developed to cater to the wildly popular skate park across the way in Hart Park.

» **THE GROWTH OF THE TOSA FARMER’S MARKET** has been a delight for local farmers and foodies alike and expanded to include a plethora of prepared food items, musical performances, and local vendors that are highlighted the first Sat of each month. In the midst of all these changes there have been gradual improvements to the lighting/paving of the walking/biking path that runs through/and along the river. The Hart Park Pavilion, turf field, upgraded playground and skate parks has helped to make downtown Tosa more appealing to pedestrian traffic and there has been an uptick in traffic to local businesses.

» **A TASTE OF SOME OF THE OFFERINGS** starting at top of Harwood Ave there is: Yo Mama (frozen yogurt shop)/Ruby Tap (was once the old Drew’s Variety Shop), followed by Somerset Studioshare, Paulina Esthetics boutique, Be Spectacled, Heinsight leather boutique, Magpie jewelry and medals and anchored by long standing Bartolotta’s and Pizzeria Piccola on NE corner of State street. Across the street on Harwood is your go to ice cream shop, Baskin Robbin’s, followed by a Tosa staple, Chamberlin Home Improvements, Soap and Scents, Urban Laundry, Orlo di Oliva, La Reve, and Noodles. This past year saw the rejuvenation of what had been a village institution, Robertson’s Hardware Store (followed briefly by a women’s clothing boutique) to what is now the ballooned Flower Lady (which moved just a block down from where it had been across the street and just North of it’s new location). The next retail store is the French Laundry Pine Design, where one finds gorgeous antique home décor. Lucky Joe’s Alchemy and Eatery is the newest inhabitant of what had been One Way Café and prior to that the long beloved bakery La Boulangerie. Across Underwood (where Vino 100 once stood) is Arte, a painting studio where patrons are encouraged to “drink till it looks good”

» **AS YOU ENTER FROM THE VILLAGE** heading West on State Street long beloved Little Red Book has sustained itself during all of the changes to the village. The next in line to be updated is The Chancery, which has been open since 1978, but is scheduled to be re-imagined by the Del Rosa group starting on Jan 14th, when it will shutter its doors and be transformed into a two story Blue Sombrero Restaurant. The open plan design will allow an increased number of outdoor patio dining at both street level and on 2nd floor. The second floor “el fresco” dining experience will allow the outdoors in during the summer months as there will be floor to ceiling windows. This will complement the Lowlands group restaurants that have very successfully opened Café Hollander and Café Bavaria, both of which offer outdoor seating along State street.

» **FINALLY, THE CURRENT STREETSCAPING** construction that began May 9th is starting to see real progress and will be adding a touch of old world charm. The streets of the “village” area are being paved with bricks/stone, widening the curbs again encouraging pedestrian traffic. Likely the most challenging change will be the back in only parking slots along Harwood Ave and may take some adjusting to. Phase 3 of the project is underway and will continue into 2017 in conjunction with the State Street Station project.



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WAUWATOSA EVENTS

Look for the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Signs to be put up soon

MARCH	CJPNA Party St. Patrick's Day Parade Party - above Rounding Third - March 11th
APRIL	CJPNA Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 15th 10am
SPRING - SUMMER	CJPNA TGIF's
JUNE	CJPNA Brewer Outing – Friday June 2nd vs Mets, and maybe Fall
JUNE	East Tosa Gran Prix Tour - Bike Race – a Sunday in June www.tourofamericasdairyland.com/pdf/2013ToADtosaflyer.pdf
JUNE	CJPNA Rummage Sale – Friday June 16 & Saturday June 17 8am-4pm
JUNE - AUGUST	Tosa Tonight Summer Concert Series www.tosatonight.com
JUNE - OCTOBER	Tosa Farmers Market - Saturdays June www.tosafarmersmarket.com
JULY	Independence Day parade, activities & fireworks Tuesday July 4th www.wauwatosa.net/documentcenter/view/3672
JULY	CJPNA Family Pool Party – July 28th 6:30 - 8:30pm www.tosacjpna.com
AUGUST	Tosa's Night Out • www.tosasnightout.org
SEPTEMBER	10 Days in Tosa - Good Food & Good Times in Tosa - www.10daysintosa.com
SEPTEMBER	Tosafest - September 8th & 9th • www.tosafest.org
SEPTEMBER	Classic Car Show • www.friendsofhoitytpark.org/Main/TOSAPool/WhatsNew/tabid/137/Default.aspx
OCTOBER	CJPNA Oktoberfest Party at Hart Park - October
OCTOBER	Monster Run & Pumpkin Lights • www.facebook.com/Monster-Run-262082493931874
OCTOBER	Tosa Trick or Treat - Sunday October 29th 1 - 4 pm
OCTOBER	CJPNA Trick or Treat - Tuesday October 31st 5:30 - 8:30pm www.tosacjpna.com
DECEMBER	Tree Lighting and Holiday Merriment
DECEMBER	Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Stop www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train

Thank you!

Steve and Carol Raasch

On behalf of our daughter Rachel (Raasch), the grateful recipient of this year's CJPNA scholarship, we are happy to, give an update on how things are going for her at UW-Madison.

Rachel was admitted to the School of Engineering as a freshman, and is majoring in Industrial Engineering. She is taking a full course load, is doing well in her classes, and is generally adapting well to college life. She seems to be very busy studying, especially now before the Christmas break preparing for finals.

Rachel has met some nice friends in the dorms. They have gone to a few Badger football games and they have organized an informal running club that gets together for runs along the lakeshore path almost every day. Some of them even get together to knit – a skill that Rachel learned from her teacher (Ms. Murphy) at Jefferson Elementary. Her sister Lauren is at UW as well, and they get together almost weekly to catch up, and attend church services on campus.

This is a time of year when people best remember all of the things that they are thankful for, and we are certainly thankful that both of our girls are doing so well in school. Thank you to the CJPNA for the generous scholarships that our girls were awarded! ■



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It's no time to hibernate!

By John Young, Friends of Jacobus Park,
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It is December and I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of winter in the Jacobus Park neighborhood! I've cleared the pond of floating sticks and logs in hopes of a good freeze and nighttime skating on the pond. The massive pile of buckthorn removed by a throng of volunteers in October was recently chopped up. Our morning walks to Jefferson school are getting colder and a bit slower from the extra layers needed to stay warm. The firepit at Colectivo seems to be crowded most times of the day, and Vince Ingrilli & Son's holiday decorations are delighting passerbys.

At a national level, after an ugly election campaign, there is significant discord and concern leaving many feeling apart rather than together regardless of your persuasion. While winter can understandably send people indoors to peer from their frosted windows until the sun gets higher in the sky, I invite us to venture out and connect with our neighbors now more than ever before. Literally, figuratively, online, or on the streets we have the opportunity to get to know one another at a deeper level.



Our only neighborhood school, Jefferson Elementary with 285 students, is one of the top performing public schools in the state according to the WI Department of Public Instruction. Kids from Jefferson regularly volunteer with Hart Park Square retirement home and with cleanup efforts at Jacobus Park.

The online community site NextDoor.com boasts 475 registered members from Jacobus Park alone. Here you can learn about happenings, get involved, request recommendations, tell a story, or help someone out with the click of a button!

Finally, I'd like to weave this all together in a connected way. Thomas Jefferson's second Vice President was George Clinton in 1804. Clinton was attributed to the saying "water seeks its own level" – which was intended to mean that people were drawn to those similar to themselves in meaningful ways. Jacobus Park has over 154 different species in its 26 acres, making it one of the most diverse and inclusive plant footprints in the region. Our family was drawn here almost 10 years ago, I'm beginning to understand why. ■



Eagle Scout Project For Jacobus Park

By Andrew Radtke

HAVING GROWN UP playing in Jacobus Park and living in the neighborhood, I wanted to do something for Jacobus Park. I wanted to do whatever was most needed for the park so I asked the Parks Department. They told me the park had two railing systems in the woods that needed work. One of the railing systems goes up the east bluff. It was painted red but the paint was peeling so it needed a fresh coat. The Parks Department wanted me to paint this railing system which required 660 square feet of paint. The other railing system that needed work is at steps by the playground. The posts were rotted-out and the railings were in very bad shape, so it would need complete replacement.



Volunteers Jack Halm, Eddie Halm, Ben Granger, Mike Radtke, Andrew Radtke, Peter Keepman, Dave Vollmers, and Caleb Vollmers with the completed new railing.

To complete the project, it would take both money and volunteers. I received several donations. CJPNA provided a donation which was used to buy 6" diameter logs. Seven members in Boy Scout Troop 21 volunteered to help me. I scheduled the work for two days in August. On the first day, seven of us painted all the railings on the steps of the east bluff. We took down the old railing system near the playground area. On the second day, eight of us replaced the existing posts and added a new one to extend the railing. We cut and installed four round log sections for new railings. We also went back to replace one of the railings on the east bluff which we had not planned for. The project was completed in the two days as planned. Now the park is safer and more beautiful. ■

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Around the Neighborhood

Mercy Mats Project

DONNA CONDON-REIMESH STARTED the Mercy Mat project a few months ago. Her and her friend Carol Eastman (Bluemound Heights NA) saw a huge need for the homeless population. These

mats help, not only those less fortunate, but also recycle plastic bags and keep them out of our environment.

"Mercy Mats" are made from recycled plastic bags (and we all know we have lots of them!), these bags are flattened, cut and the "plarn" (plastic bags turned into yarn) is woven into mats that are 3 ft x 6 feet. It takes roughly 500-700 plastic bags and 70 hours to

make one mat! The mats provide a soft/ cushioned base, and some insulation.

The Mercy Mat Project was featured on TMJ4 (Channel 4) Thanksgiving day, visit <http://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/mercy-mats-help-the-homeless> to view the segment.

If you would like to help with the mats, volunteers are needed to:

- collect bags • flatten bags • cut bags • sew/crochet

No experience is necessary, and you can learn how to make these at one of their meetings:

West Allis Library
7421 W National Ave
West Allis, WI 53214
Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm

Email Dodlbug5@att.net for more information and to verify meeting times. ■





Inaugural CJPNA Easter Egg Hunt

The inaugural CJPNA Easter egg hunt will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 15, 2017. The hunt will be held outdoors by the Jacobus Park playground. Please check Nextdoor and/or the CJPNA Facebook page for more details. Families will be required to RSVP for this event. Contact Kelly Halverson at warriorwomankelly@icloud.com for additional information or to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there! ■



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Jenny Shultz Q&A

By Ken Sumka

1. After Principal roulette from 2013-2015, you arrived and seem to be in it for the long haul, having been at the helm since Fall 2015. What is your academic and administrative background? What are your goals for the next academic year or two?

I have been in elementary education my entire career. My career in education began as an elementary classroom teacher. I taught first, fourth, and fifth grades in the Sussex-Hamilton and Elmbrook School Districts. I loved my work as a classroom teacher and wanted to move into a role where I could support teachers and have a larger impact on teaching and learning. I came to the Wauwatosa School District as an Elementary Instructional Coach. In that role I worked closely with teachers to help them meet their professional goals. When the Principal position at Jefferson opened, it seemed like the right fit for me. I'm excited to be in my second year here at Jefferson.

I completed my undergraduate work at Carroll University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Adaptive Education. Shortly after, I continued my education at Cardinal Stritch University and completed coursework to graduate with an Masters Degree in Education. Most recently, I completed the Educa-

tional Leadership Program at Carroll University to earn my Principal and Director of Instruction License. In the future, I would like to continue my professional learning and complete a Doctorate program in Educational Leadership.

The two years that I have been at Jefferson have been the most rewarding of my career. I am so fortunate to be able to work with the talented teachers, students and families on a daily basis. Jefferson is truly a gem of a building and everyday I get to see a community coming together to support students. As a building, we are working to collaboratively and pro-actively plan instruction to meet the needs of all learners in the classroom. We are also focused on supporting our students social and emotional needs.

You have been getting high marks from the parents for being very responsive and hands-on (you're on the playground daily) is that a method that works best for you?

I believe that it is important to be visible as the school leader. I want every student and parent to know who I am and feel comfortable approaching me with any questions or concerns. I love being outside in the morning and high-fiving students as they enter the building. I try to be around the building and in classrooms as often as possible. When I'm in classrooms I love talking with students about what they are learning and hearing about what their interests are outside of the school day.

2. How badly did recent budget cuts hurt Wauwatosa schools, specifically Jefferson School? Are there ways to help make up for the shortfalls? Have you found advocacy groups like S.O.S. to be helpful for the community?

I would say having strong support from the community for our public schools is a positive and we appreciate the passion and commitment our community displays. Budgetary questions would be more appropriate to be answered at the district level.

3. Jacobus Park plays such an integral role to so many families who send their kids to Jefferson, is there anything more the Jacobus Park Neighbors Associations can do to help the school?

We are so fortunate to have a strong neighborhood association and families that support education. The partnership that we have been able to form so far, has been beneficial to both the school and the neighborhood association. I would love to invite neighbors who do not have children attending Jefferson, to come in and take a tour and see the great teaching and learning occurring here everyday. ■

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Hailey Danisewicz, Former CJPNA Resident, Wins Silver in Rio

In the last issue of the CJPNA newsletter, there was an article about former resident Hailey Danisewicz, who had qualified to compete in the Triathlon at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Well Hailey not only competed but was able to earn a Silver Medal as part of a USA sweep of Gold, Silver and Bronze at the event which was held on September 11th.

Hailey grew up in our neighborhood and attended Jefferson, Longfellow and Wauwatosa East, graduating in 2009. She lost her leg to cancer when she was 14 and a freshman at East. She began doing triathlons in 2011 while participating in a college internship program. Within two years she won a World Championship in Paratriathlon which took place in London. She qualified for the Paralympics by winning the Paratriathlon test event which was held in Rio in August 2015.



Hailey Danisewicz (left) and USA teammates Allysa Seely and Melissa Stockwell celebrate a medal sweep at the 2016 Paralympic Games.

Her race in Rio consisted of a 750 meter swim at the Copacabana Beach, a 12 kilometer bike race and a 5 kilometer run. Hailey was in 5th place coming out of the water but soon took the lead in the bike race. She held onto the lead until about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the run when she was overtaken by her teammate Allysa Seeley who is from Phoenix AZ. Allysa was able to hold off Hailey and went on to win the Gold. Teammate and Iraqi war veteran Melissa Stockwell, like Hailey a resident of Chicago, completed the USA sweep and took home the Bronze medal.

Hailey plans to continue her career in Paratriathlon and has her sites set for the 2020 Games in Tokyo. While she lives in Chicago, Hailey does occasionally come back to Tosa to visit her family so if you see her running, give a wave and congratulate her on this tremendous accomplishment. ■



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» SAFETY TIPS

Everyone wants to live in the safest neighborhood possible. You want to make it difficult for burglars, muggers and pickpockets to do their dirty work. No matter if it is Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall let's not let the crooks make us a target. Here are some tips on how to stay safe year round:

If you are traveling or out for the evening...

- Leave your exterior lights on
- If you are expecting any packages, ask a neighbor to look for them and grab them
- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Turn on interior lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.

» IF YOU ARE SHOPPING

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

» PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

- Buying more products is a sign of progress since the last downturn. But if those packages are left out in the open after they're in the car, your car has become a likely target for thieves. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?" The same idea applies to items in your car.
- Always lock your vehicle!!!
- Whether it is warm or cold, never ever leave your vehicle running while you run inside your home or a store – even if for only a minute.

Source: Metropolitan Police Department- DC. (20). Winter Holiday Safety Tips. Retrieved December 5, 2016, from Metro DC Police: mpdc.dc.gov/page/winter-holiday-safety-tips, edited by CJPNA. ■

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- Security strengths and weaknesses will be examined based on the officer's knowledge, training, and current crime trends
- Recommendations will be made if any deficiencies are discovered.
- No permanent record of the inspection is made. All information remains with the resident or business owner.

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For more information or if you would like to schedule a security survey, please contact the Community Support Division at (414) 471-8430 ext. 5111. ■

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