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Hey Neighbors!

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 close to 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 ■

Hart Park Senior Center Activities!

Looking for something to do? Check out the Senior Center at Hart Park! You can find a list of activities on the City of Wauwatosa website, which links over to an event page <http://ems.wauwatosa.net/virtualems/BrowseEvents.aspx>

There are many great programs available for Seniors to take advantage of including Yoga, Sheepshead, Skat, Tai Chi, Spanish, crafting, and many other activities. Residents can also call the City of Wauwatosa at 414-471-8495 for more information on how to join the Hart Park Senior Center. ■

» MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CJPNA ANNUAL MEETING 2017

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00 – 9:00

McGinn's Restaurant and Bar

5901 W. Bluemound Road

All Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood residents are invited to attend our annual business meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect with your community! The meeting will run approximately two hours; snacks and beverages provided! Watch for updates on Nextdoor, email blasts, Facebook page and www.tosacjpna.com. ■

» IT'S RENEWAL TIME CJPNA!

Membership renewal letters will be coming in the mail in early October, and membership is just \$10 for the year! You can pay your dues online with a credit card at www.tosacjpna.com or drop off the membership form and payment at LaTarte at 6742 W. Wells Street. ■

Wrap Up: Spring and Summer Association Happenings

» ERIN GO CJPNA! ST. PAT'S EVENT A SUCCESS.

On Saturday, March 11, CJPNA hosted their traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade Event. The event was held in the upstairs suite at Rounding Third on Bluemound Ave., where our members could view the parade from the front windows. Over 75 neighbors enjoyed a pre-, during- and post-parade gathering, featuring Ham and Reuben sliders, plenty of Guinness and soda and sweets for the kids. The parade was festive, fun and a great way to shake off the Winter doldrums! Thanks to the CJPNA board for decorating the suite, and manning the food and beverage bar.



» THE INAUGURAL CJPNA EASTER EGG HUNT

was held on Saturday April 15, 2017 at the Jacobus Park playground. This event brought many families from the neighborhood together. There were over 40 families and more than 100 children hunting for eggs. The weather was absolutely perfect and everyone had a great time.

Brueggers donated coffee for the event, while CJPNA supplied donuts and juice. Be on the lookout in the next newsletter, on the CJPNA Facebook page and Nextdoor for information on the 2018 Easter egg hunt. We hope to see you there!

» BREWERS LOSE, CJPNA WINS AT ANNUAL MILLER PARK OUTING

Over 50 CJPNA members attended the June 2 Brewer/ Dodgers game. The game was preceded by a tailgate offering beer, soda, brats and hamburgers.

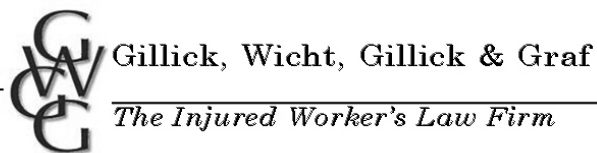


From Terrace Reserved seats, members enjoyed a pitching battle in which both teams combined for 42 strikeouts, a National League record. After the Dodgers tied the game in the 9th inning, they

finally won when rookie Cody Bellinger homered in the 12th. Thanks to Wendy Hagaman, Mike Newman, Jeff Radcliffe and Chuck Minette for organizing and grilling.

» FAMILY POOL PARTY AT HOYT

If you didn't make the Pool Party on Friday July 28, you missed a great time! CJPNA teamed up with Historic Heights, Inglewood, Olde Hillcrest, Sheraton Lawns, Swan Park, and Tosa Heights to rent the Hoyt Park Pool on a beautiful summer night. We had about 20 families from CJPNA in splash down; the other neighborhood associations had similar attendance. We enjoyed picnicking with our own food and drink and the kids loved playing with their neighborhood buddies! If you haven't attended keep an eye out for next year's event towards the end of July. ■



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Online registration will open soon at tosacjpna.com ■

2017/2018 PLAN AHEAD FOR 2018!

Tosa Farmers Market – Saturdays through October
www.tosafarmersmarket.com

10 Days in Tosa: Good Food & Good Times in Tosa – September 11-20
www.10daysintosa.com

Tosafest - September 8-9
www.tosafest.org

Classic Car Show – Saturday, September 23
www.friendsofhoypark.org/Portals/fohpp/2017_Car_Show_Flyer_Registration.pdf

CJPNA Oktoberfest - Saturday September 23, Muellner Building, Hart Park

CJPNA Trick or Treat - Tuesday October 31st 5:30 - 8:30 pm
www.tosacjpna.com

Tree Lighting and Holiday Merriment – Friday December 8th

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Stop – December
www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train

CJPNA Annual Chili Cook-Off at Jacobus Park Pavilion – February

CJPNA Party St. Patrick's Day Parade Party at Rounding Third – March

CJPNA Easter Egg Hunt – April

SPRING EVENTS:

CJPNA Thank Goodness It's Friday nights

CJPNA Brewer Outing

SUMMER EVENTS:

CJPNA Rummage Sale – June

East Tosa Gran Prix Tour on North Ave.

Independence Day parade, activities & fireworks - Wednesday July 4th
www.wauwatosa.net/documentcenter/view/3672

CJPNA Family Pool Party – July 6:30pm - 8:30pm
www.tosacjpna.com

Tosa Tonight Summer Concert Series
www.tosatontight.com

Scholarship Winner: Laura Peck!

On May 10, the CJPNA awarded its annual scholarship to Laura Peck of Wauwatosa East. This fall she will be attending Washington and Lee University, a small liberal arts school in Lexington, Virginia, and plans to study Politics and Journalism. While there, she hopes to get involved in a number of student organizations such as the newspaper, the Outing Club and Mock Convention. She plans to attend graduate school to study public policy, community development, or something in a similar realm.



Laura indicated that of all the available scholarships, the CJPNA scholarship meant the most because of her positive experiences in the neighborhood. You can run into Laura until September at Simma's Bakery on 68th Street, where she works at the front counter.

Congratulations and best wishes for a great freshman year, Laura!

More information on the 2018 CJPNA Scholarship will be available in the next newsletter and on the CJPNA Website. ■



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CJPNA Board Member Spotlights:

Matt Stienstra

My wife Annie and I moved to Jacobus Park just over a year ago, and we had our first child a month later! After living in the Milwaukee area for years we knew we wanted to live in a walkable neighborhood with great schools, parks and delicious places to grab a bite or drink. So when we were looking through homes online while drinking coffee at Colectivo, we saw La Tarte & Simma's across the street, just blocks from two great parks in a top school district that we had our neighborhood picked out.



Within days of moving in our neighbors made us feel so welcome. So when the neighborhood association chair, Steve, came to our door and told us about the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association, we were in!

You can find us going for walks in Jacobus Park with our daughter, Genevieve, and our two dogs; or hanging out at Colectivo on Saturdays (and maybe walking home with one of La Tarte's amazing pies). When family and friends stop by, we're reminded how lucky we are to live in such a vibrant neighborhood with incredible character. We hope to see you around!

Cassie Chorak

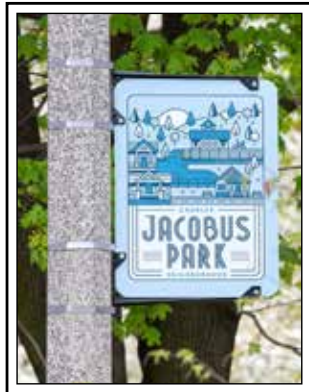
Hello, my name is Cassie Chorak. I am one of the newest board members on the CJPNA.

I live on Cedar St. with my husband, Nick, and three young boys- Greysen (5), Bennett (3) and Lennox (2). My husband and I moved to Wauwatosa from Northwest Indiana in 2012, but most recently moved to Jacobus Park in May of 2016.

I look forward to being an active member of our community and the neighborhood association. I look forward to being involved in the many family friendly events that CJPNA hosts. ■

Have You Seen the Signs?

THE CHARLES JACOBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD signs, that is! Earlier this year, the CJPNA worked with designer Melody Sorensen of Third Wish Creative (thirdwishcreative.com) to create a sign that embodies our neighborhood's unique charm, sense of community and classic architecture. Today, 12 can be seen throughout our neighborhood. In a recent interview Melody shared her thoughts on what went into the design process.



The Charles Jacobus Park neighborhood will always be a timeless piece of Wauwatosa. It is composed of infamous bungalow and Wright-inspired architecture, natural Midwest beauty, and a lively community. The Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood sign was carefully and thoughtfully illustrated by the hand of a fellow resident of Milwaukee County, and designed to fully represent the personality of the area.

Strong lines and angles create a bold illustration in order to create a simple and legible image that still possesses the details needed to mimic the architectural characteristics of the neighborhood. The composition is playfully stacked to represent the varied landscape—from the outskirts of a buzzing city to the center of a calm county park. On the horizon, the park calmly sits. Surrounded by a small and lush city forest, the Jacobus Park Pavilion overlooks the pond and newly revamped waterfall. Nearby, the modest neighborhood is filled with bungalow-style houses, spacious front porches and low overhanging gabled roofs. The rows and blocks of houses watch peacefully as the sidewalks and streets outside follow their daily routines while bicycles roll by. This entire scene is contained within a rigid border. Below, unique 1940's inspired typography spells out the name of the neighborhood. The characteristics of the letterforms mimic the details of the houses above. The design uses a soft blue palette. The monochromatic tones are inviting and familiar.

All of these elements - the composition, the scene, the typography, and the colors - create a memorable neighborhood park sign to represent a timeless Wauwatosa neighborhood.

Would you like a sign for your house, possibly your game room? You can purchase a CJPNA sign in either 18x24" or 9x12' sizes for \$25 or \$15, respectively. Proceeds go to the CJPNA Scholarship Fund and other association events. For more information, please contact Steve Flewellen at sflewellen@cyganiakplanning.com ■

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The 22nd Annual Spring River Clean Up

By Abby Sumka

ON EARTH DAY, CJPNA FRIENDS gathered at Jacobus Park for a morning of clean-up and community. Jefferson Elementary student Abigail Sumka tells us about her day as a Riverkeeper.

Hi. My name is Abigail Sumka and I'm going to explain my 2017 Riverkeepers experience back in April. Being a Riverkeeper is fun. Balancing on logs and climbing them to pick up garbage is



fun. Adventure is always on my mind. So that is why I felt like I was adventuring in a jungle in the Amazon. I think it's fascinating that I find litter like balls, bottles, bones, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, all around the park. Like, that is out of the ordinary. And really bad for the Earth. I hate when people litter. Getting the neighborhood together to clean the river is fun. I'd really like if we (I)

found something clean, and useful, and fun. Like a cool fidget spinner. An amazing, trendy toy. Which would be sorta likely. My friend Annika found a fidget spinner once. I can't believe how much garbage we found. That's how much people litter. Well at least that's how much we picked up! :)

To learn more about the goals and mission of Milwaukee Riverkeeper, please visit milwaukeekeeper.org
Learn how you can get involved through community events and river kayak paddles! ■

Red Raiders Football Schedule

Wauwatosa East Red Raiders football team will take the field for some exciting home and away games this season! All home games (bolded) will be played at Hart Park; all games start at 7:00 p.m.



Come on down and show your support for the Raiders!

September 8 Wauwatosa West High School

September 15 Marquette

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October 13 Waukesha South High School

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CJPNA Business Profile: Janus Massage & Yoga

By Gary Porter

JODY JANUS IS THE OWNER of Janus Massage & Yoga, located at 822/826 North 68th Street in the Charles Jacobus Park neighborhood. Jody opened her current studio 5 years ago, but has been practicing massage and teaching yoga for the past 15 years. In addition to licensing and certifications as a massage therapist (National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork, WI State Licenses and advance certifications) she is a yoga instructor (E-RYT 200 through the Yoga Alliance); Jody is also a certified personal trainer (National Council for Certified Personal Trainers). As a working mom, she appreciates the flexibility her business provides and loves living in the CJPNA neighborhood.

Jody promotes the mental and physical benefits that massage, yoga, and a healthy lifestyle provide. She seeks to achieve balance, health, and happiness in life, and has made it her mission to help others achieve these goals. Many of her clients have been seeing her for over 10 years. Jody says she especially treasures the trusting relationships she has developed through her work, and looks forward to continuing them for years to come.



Massages are by appointment and are tailored to a client's individual therapeutic needs. Therapeutic massage improves your quality of life by lowering stress, treating muscle aches and muscle-related conditions, and restoring flexibility and balance within the body.

Public yoga classes are offered, and all levels are welcome. Jody also offer private yoga sessions to those seeking to reach their highest potential, and says that athletes can benefit from yoga's unique ability to prevent injury. In addition, busy and successful people can benefit from yoga's incredible ability to relieve and eliminate stress. Everyone can benefit from yoga's calming and empowering aspects. Those who have experienced emotional trauma, illness, and disease can benefit from yoga's deep healing.

Jody stresses that yoga is for everyone; you do not have to be physically flexible—only willing to see what will happen. One-on-one yoga, much like personal training, is tailored to specific needs and allows you to work privately to create a practice that makes sense for your body and level of experience. While all yoga supports you physically, emotionally, and spiritually, one-on-one yoga lets you work on what makes sense for you, at your own pace. Private yoga and personal training sessions can be taught as a single session or a designed series.

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A visit to the past: Our 'Tosa home's history

By Wendy Dietzler

Two years ago, our family was enjoying a late August afternoon at home when the doorbell announced an unexpected visitor. What happened next propelled us more than 100 years into the past.

Our visitor introduced herself as Mary Vaeth Watkins, who was back in town for her 50th high school reunion. She had grown up in Wauwatosa—more specifically, she had grown up in our house, which had been built by her maternal grandparents. Mary did not come empty handed; she brought with her a scrapbook of photos of our home when it was first built in 1913, a lone structure that looked lonely compared to the community of homes and businesses that now surround it.

As Mary walked through our home, she explained that her grandfather, Rueben Gallaher, purchased the property at 6775 Maple Terrace in July 1911. The house was built in 1913 shortly after Rueben married Florence Riemann. Florence had moved to Milwaukee from Dubuque, Iowa with her parents who, along with her brother built the home next door at 6767 Maple Terrace.

In 1917, Florence gave birth to their daughter and only child, Helen. She graduated from Wauwatosa High School (the only Tosa high school at the time!) and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison. She met Edward Vaeth while working for the Milwaukee Public Library, and the two were married in our living room in July of 1945 while he was home on leave at the end of WWII. Mary was their only child (named after her grandmothers, Mary and Florence).

After her visit to our home, Mary stayed in touch, sending some truly amazing photos of not only our home, but of the Charles Jacobus neighborhood in its early years. I'm so grateful that we were home on that random Sunday afternoon; the opportunity to learn about our home's history and the people who built it is one that I will forever treasure. In an email to me, Mary said it best:

"I want to thank you and your family so much for allowing me into your home to see inside the house that was built by my moth-

er's parents. It was really wonderful to be able to picture what it must have been like when they lived there."

Before too much time goes by, take a moment to capture some images of your home, and put them somewhere safe. CJPNA homes are like none other, with history and memories worth preserving. ■



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Tosa Tonight: Therapy on a Picnic Blanket

By Carla Sumka

Walking into Hart Park on a Wednesday evening is one of the best feelings of the Summer, especially after a long day, when I need some music therapy and community refueling. The view of the crowd spotlighted by the sun dropping down, neighbors with or without children, commuting in on bikes or on-foot. People hauling in wagons, lawn chairs, picnic blankets and coolers, people dancin' on the concrete dancefloor...this picture in my head and feeling of content never gets old and it is never taken for granted.

And then there's the reason this feeling exists in the first place — the live music that's brought to us by Tosa Tonight. This non-profit music line-up started with just four concerts in 2000. This year, it has grown to eight concerts from diverse acts, both national and local. If you are a music lover like me, it's great to hear new music, especially the kind that is free and just a short



walk down the hill.

The season kicked off (with some rain) on June 14th with The Novelists and Tosa's own Mike Benign Compulsion, followed by a taste of New Orleans sounds with the Rebirth Brass Band with O.W. Exalters. July brought in throwback 70s and 80s sounds from an ABBA tribute band Dancing Queen and an

amazing, well-preserved performance by The Motels.

By the time you read this, we will have also had the fortune to check out Mother Folk, Well-Known Strangers, Sour Bridges, Devil Met Contention, Irish music by Celtica Pipes Rock & Aiofe Scott and the summer will have closed out on August 30th with Milwaukee's own (and one of my beloved) Trapper Schoepp and Mike Mangione.

Whether you have heard of any of the bands at Tosa Tonight or not, it doesn't matter. Tosa Tonight isn't all about the music. It's about the community, the food, the kids getting soaked at the splash pad and getting Hawaiian Ice tattooed on their faces and fingers. Tosa Tonight is a great excuse to skip at home and grab a taco at Bel-Air or a pulled pork sammie at Maxies and maybe later a Gilles sundae.

Okay not maybe...ALWAYS grab a sundae from Gilles. Sangria from the Ruby tap or cold brew from Big Head Brewing is never a bad idea either.

Tosa Tonight is simply a reminder of how lucky we are to live in this unique neighborhood. When I walk up the hill after a night of music, food and friends, my blood pressure has decreased, endorphins are in overdrive and faith in humanity is restored.

Next June, Tosa Tonight will be back and all the concert details will be on their tosatonight.com website. And yes, it's free, but they do take donations on their site to keep this event running, so if you are looking for a place to pay back, supporting the local live music is a great place to throw a buck or two. ■

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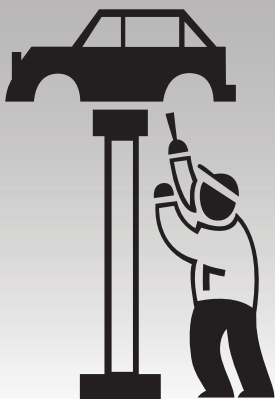
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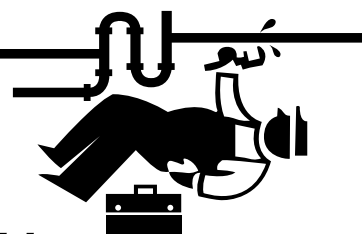
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