

Welcome to new members Scott & Alie Johnson. Thank you to both Beans & Bagels for their Business Membership and Sustaining Member Owen Coll.

Neighborhood Clean Up Effort October 20th. Join us for two hours of fall cleaning & beautification.

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Trick or Treat!

It often happens this time of year that we start asking around about "the official" day and time of trick-or-treat. After exhaustive research, it seems that there is no city-sanctioned trick-or-treat, but the word on the street is that it's always been on October 31 from about 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. For our family, it's a fun way to meet neighbors on our block we otherwise wouldn't have. Hope to see lots of neighbors out this year!

Nate Hutcheson

Prevent squirrels from chewing your pumpkins with a little baby powder, hairspray or other un-natural scent. Carved pumpkins last longer if you rub petroleum jelly around the cut edges to keep them from drying out and shriveling.

New Commander of the 19th & 23rd Police Districts

Local police recently announced that Elias Voulgaris has replaced John Kenny as the Commander of the 19th & 23rd Districts. The 19th & 23rd District Police Station is located at 850 W. Addison Street, Chicago, IL 60613. Telephone: 312-744-8320. Community Policing Office telephone: 312-744-0064.

Maria Bappert, GRO Public Safety Officer

Fall Leaf Disposal

I called the Alderman's office and confirmed that leaves by law must not be raked or blown into the streets. The regulation is enforced by the Chicago Streets & Sanitation department. You may not be as likely to be fined as you could be for other infractions but a lack of official enforcement should not be needed. Please help prevent the

sewer drains from being clogged. Leaves can be composted, mulched or can be disposed of with either a plastic or a paper trash bag.

Shellie Lewis

Local Fencing Club

Lincoln Square Fencing started up in August 2008 and serves a wide range of ages and skill levels. Head Coach Clint Smith works with other instructors to teach children and adults.

"There are a couple of instructors who have been with me for a while. One specific instructor teaches the beginner/youth classes," said Clint Smith. "We're pretty open on beginner classes, especially for kids. Our youngest [participant] is seven and our oldest is sixty. There is a very wide range of age groups."

[Local Fencing Club Cont.]

I asked what is needed to get started. In addition to the fencing foils, the sport is heavy on safety equipment like padded jackets, protective gloves and a mask.

“For a beginner, all you need is a pair of pants, a water bottle, sneakers and enthusiasm,” said Clint Smith. “Our practices are always open if people want to visit before giving it a try, and they can also use the equipment in the club.”

If you find the sport to your liking, you can advance to higher levels. Beginner classes lead to a recreational level. There is a pre-competitive program and a competitive program at the higher levels for people who wish to become more accomplished. The top program is rated as the elite program.

“We encourage people take advanced classes once or twice

October Calendar

- 1 Horner Park Advisory Council @ Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 7:00 pm
- 2 GRO Meeting @ Luther Memorial Church on the (corner of Campbell & Wilson), 7:30 pm
- 8 Columbus Day
- 15 Manor Garden Club meeting, 7:30 pm at Luther Memorial Church
- 20 GRO Fall Clean Up, meet @ Rockwell Crossing 10:00 am until 12:00 pm
- 31 Happy Halloween!

before getting their own equipment and moving into our more formal program,” said Mr. Smith. Lincoln Square Fencing participates in a number of competitions in Illinois and goes to a few competitions out of state each season.

The group currently meets at Luther Memorial Monday at 6:00 pm, Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am - Noon. “Thursday is the biggest day for beginners. Monday is the pre-competitive class and open practice for everybody. Saturday is open practice for everybody,” said Smith.

With winter approaching, I commented that fencing would be a good way to get exercise indoors. “It’s definitely a good way to stay active,” he agreed. You can learn more online at:
www.LincolnSquareFencing.com.

Shellie Lewis

Notice to Women

There have been a number of reports recently of women having their purses stolen while shopping. Never leave your purse in your shopping cart. You can lose your possessions and you can have your identity stolen!
Maria Bappert

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