



NoMCO News

Neighbors of Maywood Community Organization

• Housewalk • Summer • 2011 •

NoMCO was established in 1968 with the mission statement: "Neighbors dedicated to promoting and maintaining a sense of unity and community pride." Neighbors helping each other, positioning for change, serving Maywood. Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church at 5th Avenue and Erie Street. All Maywood residents are welcome.

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| NoMCO News Editor: | John Yi |

A MESSAGE FROM NoMCO'S PRESIDENT

HI NEIGHBORS! Yep, now it's official. We're "Neighbors of Maywood Community Organization." Those of you who've been around awhile and live in the old first district – try it out. It feels good, doesn't it? Those of you who haven't been around awhile and live in the old first district (north end of town), get to know us and help NoMCO be what you want it to be. And to those who live in other areas of town, try us out as we explore how to be neighborly on a larger scale, and effective village-wide.

NoMCO has held a variety of meetings this past year that offered good fellowship and lots of information. Highlights include: how to enjoy healthy and guilt-free holidays, an explanation of the whole foreclosure process, local candidates forum, a documentary about Black women tap dancers from the 30s, presentations with a conversational intimacy with Cacciatore and Lillie Plaza developers, and community updates in an informal meet-the-neighbors gathering held in a private home. NoMCO strives to continue with diverse programming. Do you have a presentation you'd like to give? Or something you want to know more about?



Vicki Haas

Try NoMCO out ... Come to the July meeting ... Sunday, July 17th, 2-5 p.m. ... announced elsewhere in this newsletter. And, please, bring your ideas. Should NoMCO have more standing committees? Which ones and who will be on them? Should NoMCO take on projects ... (Organize to clean up the 9th & St. Charles A Lamp mess? Sponsor residents to become certified as lifeguards for our pool? Or learn trades for repairing and restoring our old homes? Have a barter system? etcetera) Are there stumbling blocks to becoming more involved? If so, what are they and how can they be overcome? ... This July 17th meeting is the first of several designed to shape NoMCO's purpose.

And, say folks, joining NoMCO is easy and doesn't require a lot of work on your part. Just send in your \$5/person annual fee. Joining now gets you a bonus two months as the membership year begins September 1st and dues paid now are good through August 31, 2012! See the Membership Section for where to send your money.

Meanwhile neighbors, I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood ... shopping at our businesses and enjoying the summer – at the Farmers' Market, on the Housewalk, the Jazz Fest and just out strolling.

NoMCO Has A New Name!

The North Maywood Community Organization's (NoMCO's) new name is:

the Neighbors of Maywood Community Organization!

Membership is open to all Maywood residents and business owners.

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COMPANY'S COMING!

Historic Homes Housewalk – Sunday, July 10th, 1-5 p.m. Tickets: \$15
Starting point: Garden House Apartments, 515 South Second Avenue

Yes, it's that time of year again for the Maywood Historic Homes Housewalk. We've got eight new places ... and most never on tour before. In addition to showcasing modern living in historic homes, there will be numerous examples and tips on repair, restoration, and energy efficiencies – celebrating "Old is the New Green".

Step back in time to 1864 ... witness living large in an early 20th century frame home of 1,200 s.f... see the stunning results of one homeowner who found 21st century tradespeople with 19th century skills... learn energy saving tips you can apply to your own home, including simple solar devices ... check out Maywood's potential evidenced by historic redevelopments in progress.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Maywood Public Library and the Oak Park Visitors Center, or on the day of the tour at the Garden House Apartments starting point.

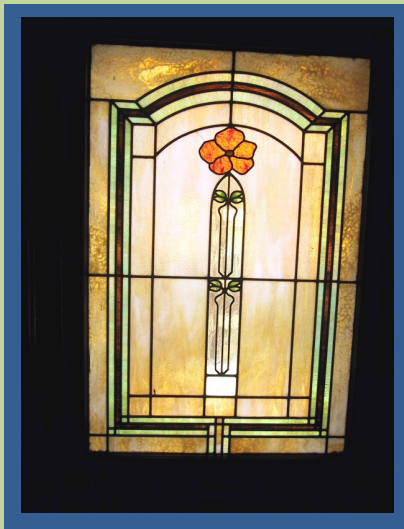


Wear comfortable shoes; this year's tour is designed as a walking tour. See you on the 10th!

NoMCO Announces a New Poster Project

"Maywood's Windows on the World" is the theme for a new poster. Based on the "Doors of Dublin" type poster format, NoMCO is collecting photos of stained or leaded windows in Maywood. And you're invited to help!

A committee has been formed - with Phyllis Clifton, Dennis Murphy and Sheila Ferrari (more are welcome to join) - to identify and photograph windows in Maywood of stained glass or plain but leaded glass. As photos are collected, they will be displayed at the Maywood Public Library. When sufficient numbers of windows are collected, they will be made into a poster in time for next year's Historic Housewalk.



Here's a picture of a window already identified. Everyone! Please help us find more of these home town treasures! We ask that you identify the location of the window in case we need to re-shoot it. Addresses will not be published on the final product.

Please submit photos to: Sheila at sjferrari@yahoo.com; Phyllis at clif39@juno.com, or Dennis at joann.debock.murphy@gmail.com. If you don't have digital pictures, bring your photo to a NoMCO meeting.

NoMCO's MEMBERSHIP



NoMCO exists because of the advocacy, membership, and active participation of concerned Maywood citizens. Listed here are those who are recognized as 2010-2011 "dues paid" members of NoMCO.

Thank you for your vital involvement in realizing NoMCO's mission of "promoting and maintaining a sense of unity and community pride" as we realize the vision of "neighbors helping each other, positioning for change, and serving Maywood."

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| Albertine Alexander | Mac Alexander |
| Norma Alonzo | Ulysses Alonzo |
| John Baker | Pat Baker |
| Ernie Baumann | Lois Baumann |
| George Clifton | Phyllis Clifton |
| Barb Dawson | Braun's Paint* |
| Mike Dawson | Matt Dix |
| Maywood Fine Arts Association* | |
| Maywood Market* | Millie Djuric |
| Sheila Ferrari | Dave Flowers |
| Donna Flowers | Dominique Flowers |
| Jose Galarza Jr. | Grace Golanska |
| Vicki Haas | Gordon Hanson |
| Amos Hollins | June Hollins |
| Audrey Jaycox | Kim Johnson |
| Jerry Koppel | Linda Koppel |
| Marge Kozel | Tom Kus |
| Laura Lange | Ellen Miles |
| Ray Mottis | Dennis Murphy |
| Joann Murphy | Betty Olson |
| Virginia Olson | Heidi Renteria |
| Roberto Renteria | Donette Samuels |
| Donna Schoeneck | Edwin H. Walker IV |
| Gwendolyn Streeter-Walker | |
| Elliot Wimbush | Marijo Wimbush |
| Gary Woll | Judy Woll |
| Henderson Yarbrough | Karen Yarbrough |
| Gloria Yi | John Yi |

Dues remain a bargain at \$5/person/year and \$25/business/year. Membership is open to all Maywood residents and business owners. Checks payable to NoMCO should be sent to our Treasurer, June Hollins, at 617 N. 3rd Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

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West Cook YMCA & Maywood Pool News!

The Village of Maywood is proud to announce that the Fred Hampton Pool will be managed by the West Cook YMCA this summer. The pool had been expected to open for use by residents by July 1st but at press time such details were still being worked out. Safe, affordable and close to home, enjoy the summer months at the Fred Hampton Pool located at 3rd Avenue and (Oak Street) Fred Hampton Drive. West Cook YMCA promises to provide excellent customer service; to be a resource for health of spirit, mind and body; and to serve as an asset to the community.

Stacy Saunders, a long time Maywood resident and now West Cook Y Board Member, says, "I have always enjoyed the Maywood pool, bringing my children every summer. Now I look forward to more reliable hours, expert aquatic services, and the kindness and values that typify YMCA programs. I hope my fellow Maywoodians make it a priority to check out the Fred Hampton Pool this summer under the Y's management. A successful summer can springboard more expanded hours and active programming next year. I will see you there!"

Maywood is just one of several communities served by the West Cook "Y". To learn about other programs and activities offered by this community partner, visit www.westcookymca.org or call 708-383-5200."

Fred Hampton Aquatic Center, Maywood, IL 2011 (Proposed)

Daily Fees

\$5 Youth ages 10 – 17
\$6 Adults ages 18 – 54
\$4 Adults ages 55+
\$8 Family of 3
\$10 Family of 4+

Pool Rentals

\$125/hour youth ages 3 – 13
\$150/hour ages 14+

Annual Passes

\$40 Maywood youth
\$60 non-resident youth
\$50 Maywood adults
\$70 non-resident adults
\$80 Maywood family
\$100 non-resident family

Group Rentals (Day Camps/Day Care Centers)

\$4.75/person Youth
\$5.75/person Adult

Hours

Mon – Fri 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sat, Sun 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

AKA's Rock! Sisters Rock!



Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters have planted beds in the Community Garden at 19th and the Prairie Path. The fruits of their labors will be donated to local charities.

Urban Garden Connection and the Maywood Multicultural Farmers Market

Urban Garden Connection will have gardening activities for kids of all ages this summer. Kids share in the fun of growing vegetables, cooking, and eating along with crafts and outdoor games. The Maywood Multicultural Farmers Market at Maywood Library, 5th & St. Charles, 8:00am – 1:00pm you can buy fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, flowers and more. This season we'll have free cooking classes for kids, storytime, fun and games and raffle prizes for kids and adults plus a weekly walking club. For more information about the Urban Garden Connection Project, please call the Broadview Park District at 708-343-5637 or visit our website at www.urbangardenconnection.com



Who can resist a fresh, juicy peach?



Walking Club: enjoying getting fit together!



Kids will always find a fun craft or game when they come to the market

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MAYBE YOU'D BE INTERESTED?

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFO SUBMITTED BY YOUR FELLOW NoMCOERS

The Greenest Building, a Wagging Tale Productions documentary by Jane Turville on sustainability, aired on PBS this past spring.

Description: Over the next 20 years, Americans will demolish over one third of our building stock (over 82 billion square feet) in order to replace seemingly inefficient buildings with energy efficient "green buildings". Is demolition in the name of sustainability truly the best use of natural, social and economic resources? Or, like urban renewal programs of the past, is this well intentioned planning with devastating environmental and cultural consequences?

Date & Time: Friday, July 8, 2011, 6:30 PM

Location: Lillie Plaza, 901 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, IL
(The newest west suburban mixed use residential redevelopment will be LEED certified.)

Hosts: Ivan Romero, IMARK Development and Vicki Haas, President, NoMCO

This event is free, but please RSVP: Vicki Haas, 708-681-3696, victoriahaas@cs.com

Maywood Hosts Great Garden Awards

The Maywood Environmental Beautification Commission invites residents to participate this summer in the Great Garden Awards program. The program is designed to encourage pride in the gardening abilities of local residents and the displays of home gardens.

In addition, the program seeks to encourage residents to get out and look at neighboring gardens or gardens in other parts of the village, and to be intentional about celebrating others' efforts in beautifying their neighborhood.

The rules are simple:

- Nominate a garden you find beautiful or great by providing the street address;
- Front, back and side yards qualify;
- May be flowers, vegetables, fruit, or a combination;
- The resident's name is not necessary;
- Photos are optional.

Forms are available after July 1st in the Village Clerk's office or at www.maywood-il.org, and must be turned in by July 29th. Nominated gardens will be featured in the fall village newsletter, and owners/residents will receive a certificate of recognition from the Commission.



One of many nominated Maywood gardens in the 2010 Great Gardens Awards Program

Rep. Yarbrough Plays Major Role in Redistricting

Every 10 years Illinois must redraw the state and congressional legislative boundaries to reflect population changes over the previous decade. This year, the House Democrats set out to make the process more transparent than ever before. As part of that transparency, House Democrats sought to provide Illinois residents with more information about the state's redistricting process and assist them in playing a larger role in shaping the new boundaries of lawmakers' legislative districts. Efforts to increase citizen participation also included the creation of a website where Illinois residents could offer their own suggestions for redistricting. In addition to receiving suggestions, the website also provided resources for citizens, which allowed them to design their own legislative maps.

In April of this year, the House established a redistricting committee and held a series of 15 public hearings across the state to gather citizen input on the redistricting process. As your State Representative, I was appointed by House Speaker Michael J. Madigan to be a member of this committee. Testimony from these hearings, as well as the testimony from two public hearings after the maps were unveiled, was used to help craft the final proposal approved by the House and Senate. The suggestions and concerns of a number of Illinois citizens, including minority rights groups, senior citizen organizations, human services providers, local officials and community leaders were heard. Many of their concerns were addressed in the proposal that passed the State Legislature.

This year also marks the first time a resolution was filed in the House explaining the makeup of the proposed districts, allowing the public to see for themselves the reasons why districts were drawn as they were. The map the General Assembly passed shows a commitment to the Illinois Voting Rights Act and the federal Voting Rights Act. The new map is fair and it follows the law. I am proud to have been a part of efforts to strengthen the process and to make it more transparent than ever before.

State Rep. Karen A. Yarbrough (D-7)
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ALL THAT JAZZ.....

BY MIKE DAWSON

Jazz by definition is a kind of native American music first played by African American bands in Southern towns at the turn of the century. In most styles it has a strong but flexible rhythmic understructure. This is true with both solo and ensemble improvisation on basic tunes and chord patterns, and in more recent styles, a highly sophisticated harmonic idiom.

On September 25th of 2005, the Maywood Rotary Club undertook the task of producing Maywood's first Jazz Festival. Its purpose was to establish an ongoing cultural event for the community of Maywood and to act as a public relations platform for the Rotary Club.

Just a few of our artist past, present and future:

Ronnie G is one of the Newest and Hottest Saxophonist on the scene today! He has performed with and has been the opening act for some of the Legendary Stars of the music world such as Al Hudson, the Whisper, the Spinners, James Brown, Roy Aires, the Chi Lites, and the late greats such as James Brown, Isaac Hayes, and Ollie Woodson of the Temptations just to name a few! When performing, Ronnie G has a smooth, sultry, yet very emotional style, as he mesmerizes his audience and leaves them wanting more and more !

The social side of jazz is a prominent relationship between the performing musicians and their audience. Few have established and continued to build this element like John Albert Wright. He has a following that is a direct reflection of his outstanding and penetrating piano talent as well as his terrific personality. In 1984, John won the "Best Jazz Artist" award from the VA National Music Festival.

If you have a "needle in the groove" passion for classic soul and sensuous jazz, you must experience Maywood's own D-Erania. D-Erania's form of jazz is a collage of musical influences – deep rooted R & B, romantic jazz, rhythmic Caribbean and intense South American flavors. Just one listen leaves you wanting more.

Alfonso Ponticelli and Swing Gitan is Chicago's premier Gypsy Jazz ensemble. Their Participation in this year's Jazz Festival is a true delight. Their music stems from the influence of Django Reinhardt, who was very popular in Paris, France during the early 1930s. A gypsy flamenco guitarist as well, Alfonso has studied with the great flamenco guitarist Vicente Amigo. The band played a wide and colorful repertoire.

The next Maywood Rotary Jazz Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th from 1PM to 10PM at Memorial Park behind the library. Along with new artists we expect a return of all the performers from the previous year. All inquires should be directed to Michael Dawson at 708-345-7088 or interprod1@aol.com.

MAYWOOD ROTARY JAZZ FESTIVAL
In Association with the Village of Maywood

10TH ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 16th 2:00 -10:00 PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
1st Avenue and Fred Hampton Way

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