

AUGUST, 2014

WEST CHESTERFIELD

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MICHAEL LAFARGUE, PRESIDENT

www.wccalive.org

HELLO NEIGHBORS,

The monthly meeting is Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m. at the community center, 9351 S. Michigan Ave. As usual, coffee and sweets are on the house. Come on attend a meeting. Don't succumb to what's natural for most of us, which is letting others take care of the problems. We may not like their solutions.

ROSES AND THORNS

12 dozen roses and a bottle of really expensive champagne: Jenny LaFargue for working like a mad woman to pull off West Chesterfield's first Community Union Block Party in more than 20 years. It was phenomenal. A huge success. It would not have happened without the insight, dogged determination and zeal of Jenny. There was a fantastic turnout of kids and adults for all of the events. Jenny and her tiny crew made it all happen.

The one-one play, "The Life Story of Bessie Coleman," was entertaining, the boys had a blast playing basketball, the DJ kept everyone movin' and groovin', the classic car show was, well, a show-stopper, the doggie social was informative and kids and adults alike had a blast at the petting zoo.

The late Maya Angelou once said "... I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. ... I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Jenny, you reached out a touched your/ our neighborhood in ways that you can never imagine. On July, 19, 20014, you made West Chesterfield feel really loved. The neighborhood cannot thank you enough. Our shining star. Our rock. Our guardian angel.

Thorns: Semi-truck and commercial truck drivers who illegally park their vehicles overnight on residential streets. Chicago police give out tickets for such infractions. You can't park them on the grass, either.

CULTURAL AGENDA

Cozy up with a picnic meal and enjoy Chicago State University's summer culture series that includes Movies in the Grazz and Jazz in the Grazz.

Movie line-up

8/5 Best Man Holiday
8/12 Prisoners
8/19 Muppets Most Wanted
8/26 Frozen
9/2 Mandela: The Long Walk to Freedom
9/9 Out of the Furnace

Jazz line-up

8/6 Dee Alexander
8/13 Avain Hightower
8/13 Nu Sources
8/20 Irvin Pierce
8/20 Aziza Lisa
8/27 CSU Band
9/3 Billy Gray and Blues Band
9/10 Terisa Griffin

Visit CSU.edu weekly for an updated list of featured movies and guests, as variables are subject to change.

DOGGY DUTIES:

- Responsible dog owners:**
- 1) Spay or neuter their dog
 - 2) Pick up after when they poop
 - 3) Don't let them run loose
 - 4) Have them receive annual checkups at the vet
 - 5) Have an identifying chip for their dog
 - 6) Don't get pets they cannot afford or have time for
 - 7) Register your dog with the city

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Theater opening:
"The Marvelous Marvelettes": Black Ensemble Theater's new revue tracks the history of the Motown girl group The Marvelettes, whose hits include the No. 1 single, "Please, Mr. Postman." Through Sept. 7 at Black Ensemble Theater Cultural Center, 4450 N. Clark St.; 773-769-4451 or blackensembletheater.org

"Half of a Yellow Sun" - Film screening at DuSable Museum
Sunday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m.
DuSable Museum, 740 E. 56th Place
Admission: \$10

Adapted from the award-winning book by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Olanna (Thandie Newton) and Kainene (Anika Noni Rose) are glamorous twins from a wealthy Nigerian family. Upon returning to a privileged city life in newly independent 1960s Nigeria after their expensive English education, the two women make very different choices.

Tickets available: <http://thedusablemuseum.eventbrite.com> or in the DuSable Museum store.

It's also being shown at the Siskel Film Center the first week of August. <http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/content/>

NEW APPOINTMENT:

Fallon Flowers is the new social media guru for West Chesterfield. More about her social media plans for the community in the September newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall Clean and Green: Oct. 4
Christmas Toy Drive: Late November through Dec. 13
Community of Lights: December
Christmas Toy Drive: Late November through Dec. 13
Christmas Party: Dec. 13

ANNUAL DUES REPORT:

Tip of the hat to: Honora Taylor, \$50; Patricia Merriweather, \$45; Hortense Jasper, \$25; Laura Williams, \$20, David Banks, \$20; V. Cornell, \$25; Jessica Houston, \$25; George and Gloria James, \$20;

Annual dues are \$20 per household, which includes a Neighborhood Watch sign for your window. Send checks to WCCA, P.O. Box 19323, Chicago, IL, 60619

9TH WARD MEETINGS

Monthly sessions with Ald. Anthony Beale (773-785-1100). All meetings are Tuesdays at Pullman Presbyterian Church, 550 E. 103rd St., 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 26
Sept. 23
Oct. 28
Nov. 25
Dec. 23

QUIT PROCRASTINATING

African-American women have historically been screened for breast cancer less than other women, contributing to higher death rates. Roseland and the surrounding neighborhoods of Beverly, Washington Heights and Auburn Gresham have Chicago's four highest rates of premature death from breast cancer.

Here's where we step to snatch away any excuse you might have. Free mammograms are being offered at Roseland Community Hospital Clinic, 200 E. 115th St. Phone 312-747-7382 for an appointment. Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trust us, mammograms feel a heckuva lot better than chemo.

While we're on the topic of cancer, African-American men have the highest incidence rate for prostate cancer in the United States and are more than twice as likely as white men to die of the disease. Quit being a big ol' wuss. Get a prostate exam.

NEIGHBORLY CONNECTION

Connect with West Chesterfield neighbors online at www.chesterfieldchicago.nextdoor.com. Nextdoor is a new social networking service for neighborhoods and allows users to connect with those people who live in their neighborhood. Basically, what goes on in West Chesterfield, stays in West Chesterfield! Neighbors share a wealth of information on the site. Nextdoor helps you can get to know your neighbors, share recommendations and advice, lend, borrow and give away stuff and stay informed about political, social and cultural concerns.

JUMPED THE BROOM

Past WCCA President Courtney Elaine Giles and Dion Terrell Baity tied the knot on April 4!

you are
beautiful

Community center for rent:

\$75 per event
312-618-3949

WCCA annual dues:

\$20 per household
Send checks to: WCCA, P.O. Box 19323,
Chicago, IL 60619

CAPS meeting

Call the 6th District Community Police Office
for dates and times.
312-745-3641