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DEARBORN GARDEN WALK

Congrats! One for the record books – again!

“How fair is a garden amid the trials and passions of existence.”

Benjamin Disraeli

For one summer afternoon, nearly 1,000 Dearborn Garden Walk visitors were able to escape from these challenging times while strolling through 22 private gardens, enjoying live classical/jazz



music and being transported through “Literary Garden Vignettes” to Alice’s Wonderland, Peter Pan’s Neverland, Washington Irving’s Alhambra and the tranquil song of the Emperor’s Nightingale. Once again, this year’s 51st Dearborn Garden Walk set ticket sale records with a 16 percent

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3ARTS CLUB

Faith-based school proposed for beleaguered 3Arts Club

Representatives from St. Chrysostom’s Day School recently presented preliminary plans for establishing an Episcopal School of Chicago in the vacant 3Arts Club building (1300 North Dearborn) to Alderman Brendan Reilly and members of the NDA’s Zoning, Preservation and Community Development Committee. The Alderman emphasized, “There are currently four parties with proposals for the site, none of which is for a hotel.” As of press time, there is no sales agreement with the seller of the building.

St. Chrys’ plans are for a faith-based elementary school (K-8) enrolling 324 students. The current St. Chrysostom’s Day School (preschool) would continue in its present location at 1424 N. Dearborn. The new school plans to phase in enrollment beginning with Grades K – 3 and be at full capacity by 2014. Representatives indicated that they were close to achieving their fund-raising goal. Their initial offer to the seller was refused.

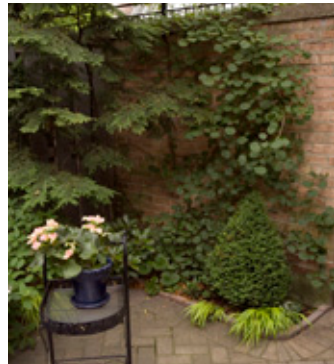
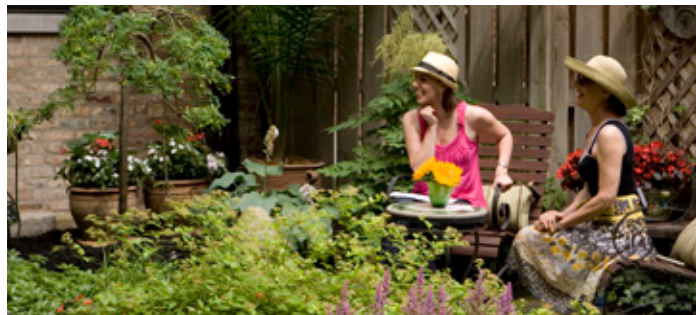
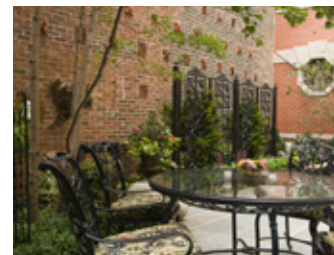
NDA representatives voiced concern not only relating to traffic problems, but also to adequate outdoor space for over 300 students. The Alderman stated that he will be scheduling public meetings on any proposal.



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51st Dearborn Garden Walk Sunday, July 19, 2009

Photos courtesy of Lindsay Schlessler Photos



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increase over the record profits of 2008.

“With so many returning guests each year,” commented Co-Chair Woody Olsen, “our challenge is to keep the event fresh with new gardens and new ideas.” As in previous years, visitors came from throughout the US, as well as Canada.

Profits from the Dearborn Garden Walk go back into the neighborhood.

Proceeds from the 2008 event were used to purchase

the new vintage light poles’ hanging flower baskets. Other beautification projects funded through Garden Walk profits include: the ornamental Red Spire parkway trees in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Dearborn, Lincoln Park garden bench, landscaping at the 3Arts Club and decorative trash receptacles.

Congratulations to Donna Firman of Chicago, the winner of a \$250 gift certificate for four at Frankie’s Scallopine & Pizzeria. Advance ticket purchasers are automatically entered in a drawing for donated gift certificates.

Plans are already underway for the 52nd Dearborn Garden Walk, Sunday, July 18, 2010.

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OGDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

New preschool starts Fall 2009



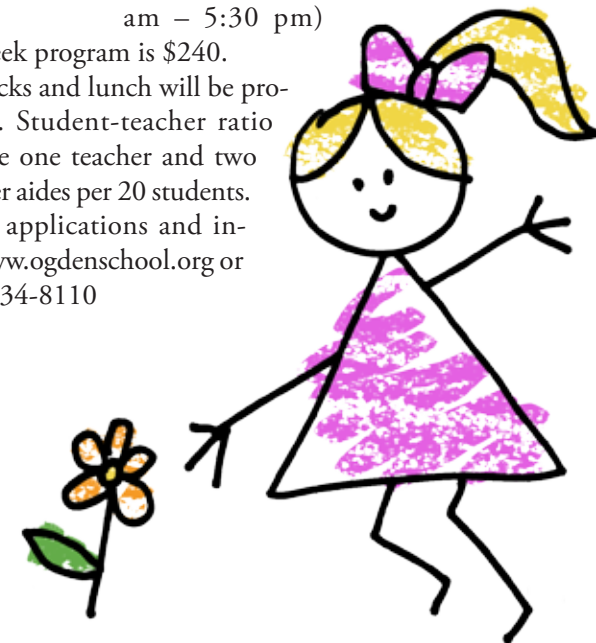
Ogden International School of Chicago is offering tuition-based preschool starting this fall 2009. Children must be at least three years old, but not yet five on or before September 1. Students should be toilet trained and reside within the City of Chicago, but not necessarily in the Ogden attendance boundaries.

The cost of the full-day (7:30 am – 5:30 pm)

38-week program is \$240.

Snacks and lunch will be provided. Student-teacher ratio will be one teacher and two teacher aides per 20 students.

For applications and info, www.ogdenschool.org or 773-534-8110



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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

Under the direction of Chairman Phil Wherry, the NDA's Zoning, Preservation and Community Development Committee closely monitors development in the neighborhood.

• **Latin School Traffic** Alderman Reilly has introduced an ordinance in the City Council that would allow for the posting of signage on the eastside of North Dearborn Street, from North Avenue to Burton Place. The signage reads: “No Parking Tow Zone 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday”. The signage should be installed shortly. The Alderman will be scheduling a neighborhood meeting to review the proposed traffic plan.

• **Ogden School** In preparation for demolition of the existing structure, rose bushes, lilies of the valley, shrubbery and small trees have been transplanted to the temporary school, Sojourner Truth, at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue.

• **Blue Cart Program** Streets & Sanitation has tentative plans to expand the recycling program south of North Avenue this fall. City lay-offs might delay the planned implementation.

• **Dearborn/Division Newsstand** A new JC Decaux newsstand was recently completed at State/Division. The NDA is awaiting an update from the Alderman's office regarding the newsstand at Dearborn/Division.



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Membership benefits include:

- \$5.00 discount on Dearborn Garden Walk admission
- 20% room discount at Hotel Indigo, 1244 North Dearborn
- Bimonthly newsletter with neighborhood updates
- Personalized membership card
- Liaison with the Mayor's Office, Aldermen, Chicago Police Dept.
- Invitation to Annual Meeting
- Invitation to holiday "Joy of Toys" wrapping party
- Private narrated architectural walking tour, wine reception and one complimentary admission to the Dearborn Garden Walk exclusively for Partner in Preservation level members



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