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2012 JOY OF TOYS

NDA 'wrappers' going strong for 20 years

Saturday, December 1 marks the 20th anniversary of the NDA's "Joy of Toys" Holiday Wrap Party. Mario's Gold Coast Ristorante (21 W. Goethe Street) has hosted this holiday tradition for nearly all of those two decades. "Without the generosity of Mario Stefanini and his staff, it would have been difficult for the NDA to continue this important neighborhood event," reminisced NDA president Michele Studl.



Admission to the party is a minimum of one, new, unwrapped toy valued at \$20 for a 4 – 10 year old child. This family-friendly event is from 1:00 – 3:30 with complimentary food and beverages for the "wrappers".

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LIQUOR SALES DISPUTE

Near North area in question - Is it wet or dry?

The owner of Just Grapes is seeking a liquor variance to open a wine bar/packaged liquor goods store at 1149 N. State Street (corner of State/Elm). There is confusion among area neighbors since that area was part of a precinct that was voted dry on November 2, 1982.



The current dispute involves the boundaries of the dry precinct. According to an attorney for the Near North Neighbors (NNN), the alderman's office is claiming that the commercial area west of the alley is not currently part of the dry precinct. However, the commercial parcels west of the alley (along State Street) were part of the precinct during the time of the local option election. That 1982 precinct map has been forwarded to the Mayor's Office so that the City of Chicago zoning department can correct the current map.

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“Partners in Preservation” reception

Sunday, September 16, 2012

NDA members who join at the upgraded membership level are invited to a private fall architectural tour and wine reception. Special thanks to this year’s hosts, Marlena and Tim Egan and to tour guides, Eric Wyss and Anthony Vito. We also express appreciation to the Chicago Bears for scheduling the bye week!



2012 Joy of Toys

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The toys are later distributed to students at George Manierre School and the Catherine Ferguson Child Parent Center. Close to 5,000 toys have been distributed to children through this NDA event.

Toy suggestions include: dolls, action figures, sports gear, hand-held electronics (with batteries included) and remote controlled toys (with batteries included). Kindly avoid: items that require a computer or other hardware, toy guns, oversized toys, strictly educational or religious-themed items.

The neighborhood party is an opportunity to learn more about the North Dearborn Association. In the spirit of the holiday season, a drawing will take place for anyone joining the NDA or renewing a current membership at the party.

The public is welcome. For additional information, www.northdearbornassociation.com or 312-632-1241.

Wet or dry?

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In addition to the 1982 precinct map, Chicago Tribune articles and direct testimony from Elm Street residents who voted in that November 2, 1982 election, the area was apparently included in the dry precinct as recently as January 8, 2008. M Development withdrew plans for a boutique hotel on that site following a meeting with Alderman Brendan Reilly (42nd) and Near North Neighbors at which they learned that the entire block was part of the dry precinct.

At press time, there was no hearing date set for the pending liquor variance. Signage is still posted in the Regina Flower Shop (1149 N. State) window.



Some ghouls and goblins delayed production of this issue. We apologize for the lateness of this newsletter.

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

The NDA's Community Development, Zoning and Preservation committee closely monitors development in the area.

- **1447-51 N. Dearborn** Exterior hardscape items (pavers, fountains etc.) have been ordered. Millwork is currently being installed in the interior of the two model units. The developer is still planning for completed model units by spring 2013.
- **1337 N. Dearborn** The owner has withdrawn his application for a demolition permit. Alderman Brendan Reilly (42nd) is supporting landmark designation of the property.
- **Jewel Clark/Division SUPERVALU**, the parent company of Jewel Food Stores, has their attorneys working with the Department of Zoning to determine options for a development within the current zoning code.
- **3Arts Club (1300 N. Dearborn)** No new information



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Membership benefits include:

- \$5.00 discount on Dearborn Garden Walk admission
- Up to 30% room discount at Hotel Indigo, 1244 North Dearborn
- Bimonthly newsletter with neighborhood updates
- Personalized membership card
- 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



It's easy to join by contacting us one of these ways:

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