

AVONDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANA



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Minutes: May 19, 2014

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Business Memberships

Business memberships to the Avondale Neighborhood Association are available. Business members are listed on our website under Supportive Businesses. We welcome our newest member Family Jewelry and Loan on 3216 N Kimball. To view other Avondale supportive businesses, you can [click here](#).

Financial Update

The Avondale Neighborhood Association account currently has \$2650.62. We have received \$130 in donations for mural projects. There were a few expenses for the Clean and Green event in April.

The mural garden currently has \$3,349.78 in the garden account to be used for upkeep, land use, and general maintenance of the garden over the next few years.

We are also looking into the purchase of not-for-profit insurance to cover the Avondale Neighborhood Association.



**BE A
GRAFFITI ACTION HERO!**

**Saturday June 7, 2014
10am-Noon**

MEET AT Kimball & Milwaukee Ave.
We will be cleaning graffiti on Milwaukee Ave. up to Central Park
Organized by the Avondale Neighborhood Association
A big thank you for funding by Alderman Rey Colón

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Our Graffiti Action Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7 from 10am-Noon. We will gather at Fireman's Park and use the So Safe Graffiti Removal products to attack graffiti along Milwaukee Avenue from Diversey to Central Park.

This non-toxic product removes a significant amount of the graffiti and allows us to make a visual impact in a short amount of time.

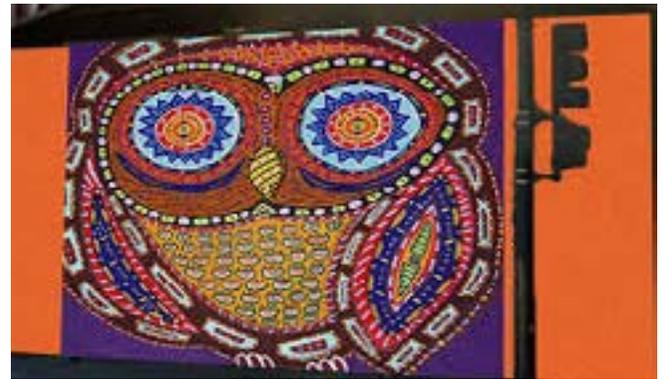
Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this event.



2014 Mural Plans

Two murals are scheduled for summer 2014 and a couple more are in process.

One mural will lead to Avondale Park and is intended to brighten the space and to bring attention to the park which is hidden by the expressway. The other will help to beautify the area under the expressway at Belmont and Kedzie.



\$1,000 is needed to cover the immediate expenses of these projects. To donate to this project click the button below:



TOXIC WASTE CLEAN-UP

As part of our efforts to improve our community, we are working to arrange a toxic waste pick up for chemicals and other materials that should not be thrown away or put in the recycle bin. On Saturday, May 24 there will be a Free Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event sponsored by Senator Iris Martinez and Commissioner Edwin Reyes. You can bring paper documents for shredding as well as:

- Cable Recievers
- Cell Phones
- Computers, Printers, Fax, Keyboards, Monitors
- Zip Drives
- Converter Boxes
- TVs
- DVD Players, VCRs, Video Game Consoles

Keep in mind you can always drop off used car batteries at the police station, other batteries at Home Depot, and plastic bags at Walgreens.





On Saturday, May 3rd the Northwest Arts Alliance and the Avondale Neighborhood Association hosted the 2nd Annual Restaurant Crawl. The weather was beautiful and by moving the event to a Saturday afternoon and extending the length of the event, participants were able to enjoy a leisurely afternoon.

Thank you to Ignite Gaming, eSutras Organics, Prop & Factory Theater, Arabesque, Four Star Brass Band and Flamenco Chicago--as well as all of the participating restaurants.



Our first Food and Health fest took place on Saturday, May 17 at Carl von Linne School. We had around 100 participants, and 30 people completed the health screening provided by Presence Health St. Joseph's. Over 75% of the people screened did not have health care. The hospital has reached out to each of these families and has begun making appointments through their clinic to offer free services and to enroll families in health care. The staff at St. Joseph's who volunteered their time have asked to come back to our neighborhood again.

Thank you to Carl von Linne for hosting and to Presence Health St. Joseph's for providing medical screening. Thank you also to the culinary students at Carl von Linne for the fantastic food and to Urban Initiatives, XSport Fitness, Kay Shoes, and Sprouting Out for participating in this event.



The new "El Centro" campus is scheduled to open this Fall. The facility will have a community room and community center, and in addition to its curriculum will offer community classes. NEIU students can take

classes at either campus. At the new facility, students will be able to complete degrees in Social Justice, Computer Science and Special Education.



AMERICAN HOMESTAY NETWORK

Hosting Opportunities for Avondale Residents

The best way for an international student to learn about American language and culture is to live with an American family, especially one that shares the student's interests. The American Homestay Network is committed to a highly supportive home environment and is setting a new global standard of excellence for student homestay in America.

With the opening of the new NEIU campus in Avondale, American Homestay Network is looking for individuals and families who would open their homes to these students. Hosts invite students into their family and provide a bedroom and meals for the student. Compensation is \$850 a month. For more information visit the American Homestay Network by [clicking here](#).

Community Discussion & Opinions

Questions were asked about the current project on Belmont under the Expressway. Concrete forms are being built to prevent people from sleeping in those areas. Several members expressed concerns about pedestrian safety. The new forms are high enough that it blocks visibility and community members are apprehensive about walking through the walkway with such limited visibility.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 16

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that represents the common interests of the community members with regard to community development, preservation of diversity, enhancement of quality of life, safety and property values.