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In Memory

Marj Abrams, known as the Grand Dame of Streeterville, passed away over the weekend at her niece's home in Orland Park. Marj served on the SOAR Board for over a dozen years, functioning as the editor of SOAR's Newsletter which she developed from a fledgling, two page piece into a professional, multi-page publication. Her vitality, vivacious, and sharp wit will be missed. Her impact on Streeterville will not be forgotten.

Celebrating 35 Years

In celebration of 35 years of preserving, promoting and enhancing the quality of life and community in Streeterville, SOAR recently unveiled a new logo and website for the organization.

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While celebrating the past, SOAR has also established goals for the next 35 years including to:

- Build and celebrate community
- Promote safety and well-being
- Ensure thoughtful development
- Connect building leadership
- Partner with local businesses

To learn more about these goals, visit the new SOAR website. To understand the inspiration behind the new SOAR logo, click here.

BLUEPRINTs - September 13

Tickets are now available for SOAR's 5th annual BLUEPRINTs celebration on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Signature Room in the Hancock Building.

Photo by Dane Tashima

Our guest of honor will be Jeanne Gang of Studio Gang Architects. With the Aqua tower, named the 2009 Skyscraper of the Year, and projects around the world, she has shown how architecture can accommodate multiple uses with innovative designs that stir the imagination and respect the environment.

Please join us for an evening of stimulating company, inspiring architecture, fine food by the Signature Room and exciting live and silent auctions. Tickets are $100 per person.

To purchase tickets click here. For information on the event please contact the BLUEPRINTs committee by email or by phone at 312.280.2596. For information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact SOAR's Executive Director Jill Heise by email or by phone at 312.280.2596 ext. 1.

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Park District Present:

Stories and Fun in the Sun at Seneca Playlot Park
228 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

Mondays from 1 - 3:00 p.m.
July 12, 19, and 26
August 2

Join the Chicago Public Library for story times at Seneca Playlot Park followed by active arts and fun provided by the Chicago Park District. For ages 3-8 years. Children under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact the Chicago Public Library
Thomas Hughes Children's Library
Harold Washington Library Center
400 S. State Street
Chicago, IL 60605
312.747.4200

Join up to 9,000 bicyclists on Saturday night/Sunday morning July 10/11 for Friends of the Parks' L.A.T.E. Ride. Enjoy a 25-mile ride through Chicago's neighborhoods and along the lakefront. Cycle past skyscrapers, cruise through Greek Town and the North Side, wave to onlookers, and watch the sun rise over Lake Michigan. Plus, you'll enjoy music before the ride, sponsor booths to explore, refreshments before the ride and at the rest stop, and great food and beverages after your trek through the city. Click here to register.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) is looking for Streeterville residents to participate in focus groups regarding retail space.

Focus groups are slated to take place the week of July 12th. The focus groups will be conducted by KHL Retail, an outside consultant retained by NMH to seek opinions and gather input from patients, visitors, employees and members of the community.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP by Wednesday, July 7th, providing your name and contact details. SOAR will provide this information to NMH. KHL Retail will contact as many volunteers as they are able to prior to the focus groups the week of the 12th.

Complimentary Real Estate Seminar

Thinking of buying in Streeterville? Attend a complimentary real estate seminar for the latest in property values and development updates.

Wednesday, July 14
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
First American Bank - 643 N. Fairbanks

Guest Speakers:
Gail Spreen, Streeterville Properties
Ed Woods, First American Bank

Please RSVP by Friday, July 9 via email or call (312) 881-8610.

Refreshments will be served.

Street Closures

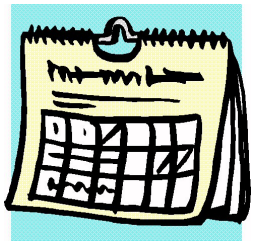
Due to the filming of the movie Transformers 3, the following streets in and around Streeterville will be closed in the coming weeks.

Michigan Avenue
Date/Time: 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 16th through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 19th
Road Closure: Michigan Ave. from Wacker to Ohio / Ontario

Upper Wacker Drive
Date/Time: 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 18th through 5:00 a.m. Thursday, July 22nd.
Road Closure: Wacker between Michigan and Wabash

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for upcoming SOAR events:



North Streeterville Beautification Walk
August 7th, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Meet at SOAR Office (244 E. Pearson)

South Streeterville Beautification Walk
August 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Meet at Streeterville Properties (432 E. Grand)

BLUEPRINTs 2010
September 13th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Signature Room

SOAR Annual Meeting
September 29th

First Wednesday Educational Program
October 6th

Streeterville Artisan Market
November 19, 20 & 21

SOAR Holiday Party
December 1st

Visit the SOAR website for the latest information on upcoming events.

It's Easy 2b GREEN

As the summer heat arrives, cut down on gas emissions, which fill the air we breathe with ozone (smog) and contribute to global warming. Avoid buying gas during the heat of the day, since heat increases evaporation.

Know that gasoline smell when you drive into a station? That's the smell of gas emissions escaping from your tank, the other cars' tanks and the pumps as everyone fills up.

So breathe easier: fill up either early in the morning or late in the evening when the temperature is cooler.

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