



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

GALEWOOD



NEIGHBORS

**2024 COMMUNITY PLAN:
PROJECTS, EVENTS &
INITIATIVES**

GALEWOOD NEIGHBORS 2024 PLAN

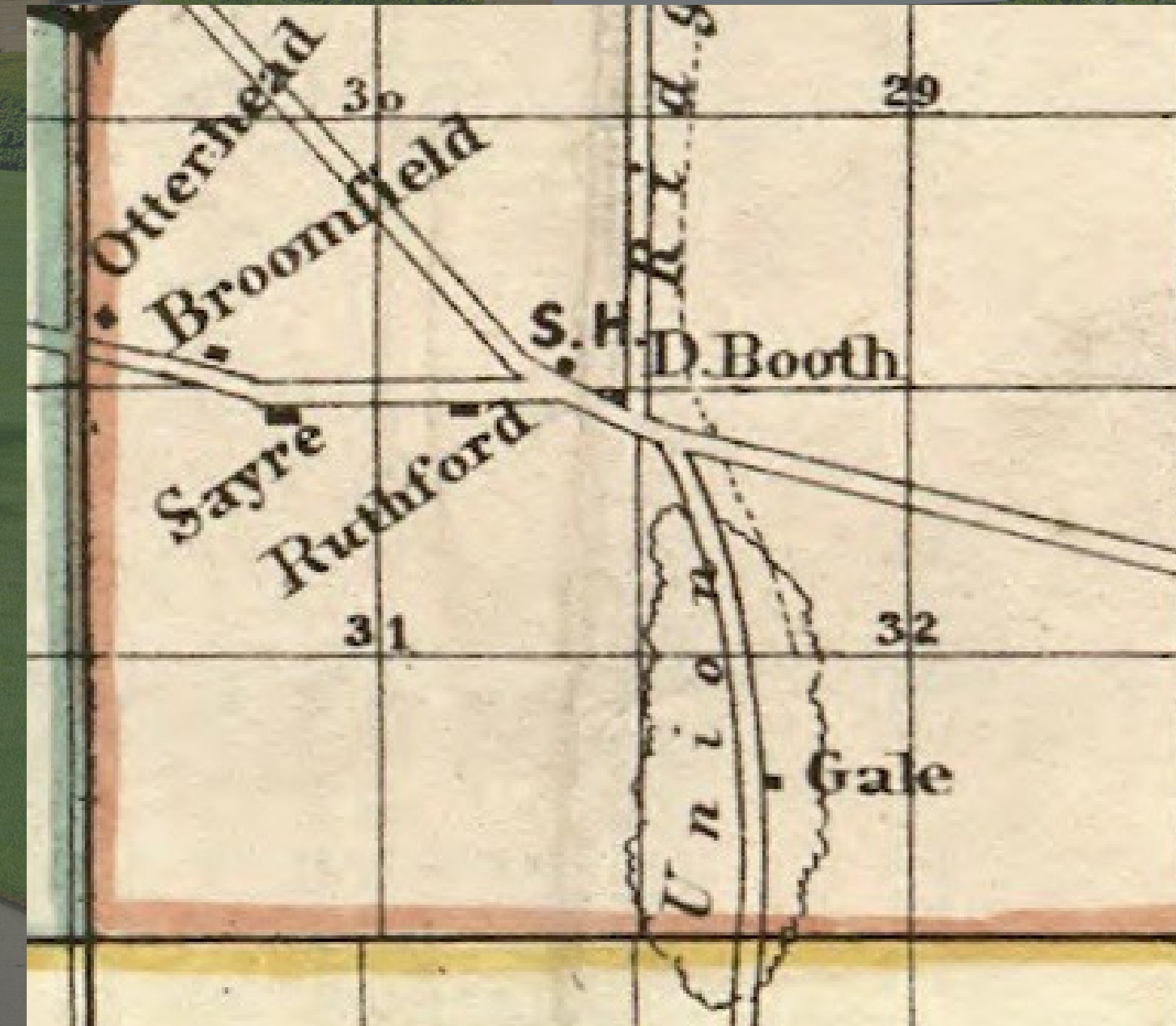
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GALEWOOD - CHICAGO, IL

LOCATION & HISTORY

This Far West Side neighborhood is named for Abram Gale, who arrived from New York and purchased 320 acres on the ridge - present day Mobile Avenue - and encouraged railroad development in the 1870s. But his land remained undeveloped until 1899 when Westward Ho golf course was built, with home building not starting until the late 1920s. Today, the neighborhood is part of the city's Austin community area. Its boundaries are Harlem Avenue to the west, Austin Avenue to the east, the Milwaukee District West Metra rail line to the south and North Ave to the north.



ABOUT US



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a diverse group of Galewood neighborhood residents, families and businesses working toward the betterment of our community, parks, schools and businesses for our overall quality of life.

We work to achieve this by:

Engaging all residents and businesses to preserve and advance a clean, safe and thriving community for all to live, work and play.

Promoting community through the organizing and participating in neighborhood events, volunteer efforts and other community gatherings.

Creating a collective voice for Chicago's Galewood Community that works alongside residents, businesses, local schools and city departments to foster agency.

SCHOOLS

Harriet E Sayre Language Academy

1850 N Newland Ave

Main Office: 773-534-3351

Principal: Folasade Adekunle

Asst Principal: Anne Donatelli

<https://sayre.cps.edu/>

Joseph Lovett Elementary School

6333 W Bloomingdale Ave

Main Office: 773-534-3130

Principal: Joseph Campbell

Asst Principal: Tracey Garfield

<https://www.lovettelementary.org/>





AMUNDSEN PARK

6200 W. Bloomingdale Ave.

Park Supervisor: Delonese Robinson

312-746-5003 - delonese.robinson@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Tucked away in the Austin Community Area (between Austin & Nagle Avenues and between Fullerton & North Avenues), Amundsen Park covers 16.24 acres. Its fieldhouse is equipped with a gymnasium, fitness center and club rooms. Outside, the park features baseball/softball fields, football/soccer field, volleyball and basketball court, as well as playground with a water spray feature.

RUTHERFORD SAYRE PARK

6871 W. Belden Ave.

Park Supervisor: Kim Gapinski

312-746-5368 - kimberly.gapinski@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Park Advisory Council: rspac@sbcglobal.net

The park is 13.94 acres in size, and its fieldhouse contains a fitness center, gymnasium, and kitchen. Outside, the park offers two junior baseball fields, a softball field, a combination football-soccer field, two tennis courts, a new ADA soft-surface playground with spray pool plus passive recreation areas. It also contains a community ornamental garden and a 5 acre prairie. These last two need volunteers.



HOW WE CREATED OUR PLAN

COLLECTION OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

As we approached our year-end we sent out a community-wide survey and asked for our community's priorities.

REVIEW FEEDBACK AND PREVIOUS YEARS

We held a community-wide meeting in early December to review our past initiatives, events and projects. We also reviewed our community survey.

FINAL PLAN IS FORMULATED

Our board reviewed the 2024 proposals and the chairperson organized their feedback into the final plan. Final budgets and plan approved in January 2024



MEET THE GALEWOOD NEIGHBORS BOARD



STEVE GREEN
Chairperson



TOM DREBENSTEDT
Treasurer



MICHAEL WOODS
Assistant Treasurer



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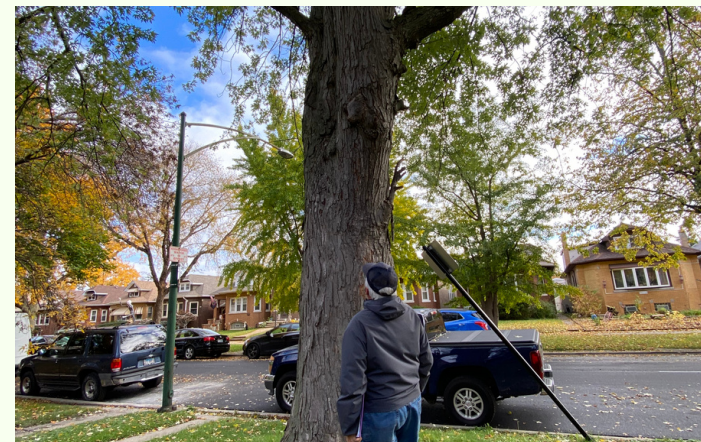
**current open positions: vice-chairperson and assistant secretary

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GALEWOOD NEIGHBORS 2024 INITIATIVES & PROJECTS



**PARTNER IN MARS CO-
DESIGN TEAM**



**CHICAGO REGION
TREE INITIATIVE**



**PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING**



**TRAFFIC CIRCLE
BEAUTIFICATION**



GALEWOOD LIBRARY



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

GALEWOOD NEIGHBORS 2024 EVENTS

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

March 23rd, Saturday, 11 a to 12:30 p
Shriners Children's Hospitals
2211 N Oak Park Ave
Pre-registration required.

SOCIAL HOUR AT SERRELLI'S

May 13th, Thursday, 5:30 p to 8 pm
Serrelli's Finer Foods
6454 W North Ave
Pre-registration appreciated

GALEWOOD BUSINESS SUMMIT

November, Thursday, TBA

TREE AMBASSADOR TRAINING DAY

April, Saturday, TBA
Rutherford-Sayre Park
Pre-registration required

GALEWOOD TREE WALK

Mid May, TBA
Meeting place TBD
Pre-registration required

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

October 10th to 31st
GN Social media
Photo submissions due by Oct 30th

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

April 20th, Saturday
Sayre Language Academy
1850 N Newland Ave
Pre-registration appreciated

GALEWOODSTOCK

August 24th, Saturday, 12 to 8pm
Sayre Language Academy
1850 N Newland Ave
Free event

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT MAKING

November, Saturday, TBA
Trinity Galewood Church
1701 N Narragansett Ave
Pre-registration required

GALEWOOD HEALTH FAIR

April 27th Saturday, 10a-2p
Hosted by Rush Hospitals
1850 N Newland Ave
Pre-registration appreciated

SOCIAL HOUR AT MARIA'S

September 19th, Thursday, 5:30 p to 8 pm
Maria's Mexican Restaurant
1901 N Harlem Ave
Pre-registration appreciated

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

December, Sunday, TBA
Brookfield Zoo
8400 31st St Brookfield
Pre-registration required

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