OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Conference is to attend to the civic needs of the community; work toward an attractive, secure, diverse, and caring community; and to promote participation of residents, businesses, institutions, and organizations in programs and activities that advance the interests and concerns of the community. It serves the community as a watchdog, independent voice, and clearinghouse in the community’s ongoing conversation and decisions about those matters which affect and define community life.
**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Development, Preservation and Zoning Committee** monitors area development, engages collaboratively with other organizations, officials, and agencies, and sponsors public forums on development and planning issues.

**Disabilities Task Force of Hyde Park**, a collaborative inter-organizational group with members from HPKCC, the Coalition for Equitable Community Development, and D.A.R.E., works for a physically and socially accessible community, where the rights of the disabled are honored and upheld.

**Friends of Blackstone Library** supports the Blackstone branch of the Chicago Public Library with programming, advocacy, and volunteering.

**Hyde Park Garden Fair** holds sales the weekend after Mothers’ Day and on a September Saturday. Profits support the work of HPKCC. See www.hydeparkgardenfair.org

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**Hyde Park Used Book Sale** is held on Columbus Day weekend. Books can be dropped off at Treasure Island from mid-August on. Books are offered in 50 categories at bargain prices. Sponsored by Treasure Island Foods. Profits support the work of HPKCC. See www.hydepark.org/booksale/booksale.html

**Nichols Park Advisory Council** advises the Park District on maintenance, landscaping, and programming. With the Garden Fair, members maintain the formal and wildflower gardens.

**Parks Committee** members work cooperatively with local and city groups to enhance our parks’ maintenance, landscape design and activities. Members are active leaders in local Park Advisory Councils, and promote the effort to establish a PAC in every Chicago park.

**Schools Committee** members track issues in our neighborhood schools, cultivate relationships with the administrations and Local School Councils through networking events, volunteering at schools, and acting as advocates for a strong public school system.

**Transportation Committee** monitors developments in public transportation, parking, and traffic with the goal of maintaining an accessible neighborhood for all.

**Whistlestop/Safety** sells whistles, monitors safety and policing issues in the community, and distributes safety information.

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**Benefits of HPKCC Membership**

- You’ll be supporting an independent organization that looks out for your concerns and needs, and shines a light on community issues.
- HPKCC brings together individuals and groups, acting as an “incubator” in community affairs.
- You’ll receive regular updates from the Conference.
- You’ll get a tax deduction for your membership.