

O'Shea Invites Residents to Help A Hero

This June, Alderman Matt O'Shea, the Chicago Park District, and Military Outreach USA will host the second annual Operation Help-A-Hero, a household item collection drive supporting veterans transitioning out of homelessness in Chicago. On any given night, there are approximately 1,000 homeless Veterans in the City. Since 2014, thousands of these American heroes have found permanent housing; unfortunately, many still lack the most basic household items you and I take for granted each day.



Operation Help-A-Hero asks all Chicagoans to consider purchasing one or more of these items to donate to a veteran in need. Donations will be accepted at sixty-five Aldermanic Offices and Chicago Park District locations throughout the City during the month of June. All items collected will be delivered to the United States' Veteran's Affairs Office and distributed to qualifying veterans throughout the Chicagoland area.

Local drop off locations include Alderman O'Shea's office at 10400 S. Western Ave., Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Mount Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St., Monday through Friday from 10:00am - 10:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am - 2:00pm, and Sunday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Despite re-



cent progress on this issue, there are currently hundreds of homeless veterans who live either unsheltered or in shelters throughout the City. "It is our duty as citizens to take care of those who have served and protected our country by getting our veterans back on their feet and successful in private life. It is my hope through this program that we will collect thousands of donations that can help the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom," said Matthew J. O'Shea, 19th Ward Alderman.

Please note, Operation Help-A-Hero is seeking new, store bought items only. A full list of requested products is below. PERSONAL HYGIENE: bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream,

deodorant, combs, hair brushes, nail clippers, toothpaste, toothbrushes; KITCHEN & CLEANING ITEMS: kitchen trash cans (plastic), Windex, Pine Sol, dishwashing liquid, dishcloths, sponges, mops, buckets, brooms, dustpans, paper towels; BATHROOM & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: shower curtains, toilet paper (4 or 6 pack), plungers, toilet brushes, toilet bowl cleaner, bath towels (2), wash cloths, smoke detectors w/ batteries, flashlights w/ batteries, garbage bags, laundry baskets, hampers, and laundry detergent.

Operation Help-A-Hero is a 501 (c) (3) public charity dedicated to the well-being and care of our American military members. Their programs support military units and families as they prepare for separation, while they endure the challenges of deployment, and as they transition back to the US. Every cent contributed to Operation Help-A-Hero is used to serve our military community, and every project is based on real needs.

Pilot Program Targets Flooding at Mt. Greenwood Park

Alderman Matt O'Shea, the Chicago Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) have announced the installation of an experimental energy-passive groundwater recharge product (EGRP) system to mitigate standing water on dedicated test plots at Mount Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street in Chicago. The project has an \$80,000 budget and is being funded by the Chicago Park District and MWRD.

This innovative system, patented by the Michigan-based Parjana Distribution Corporation (PDC), manages storm water in an eco-friendly and sustainable way without impacting existing sewer lines. The EGRP system is installed vertically into the ground, and Parjana is confident that they will dramatically increase the rate of infiltration, enhancing natural conditions, and allowing the water to be drained back



The EGRP® system was installed near the warning track at Brandon Phillips Field and was able to solve soil erosion from oversaturation. This made the field playable all season, even after heavy rainfall events. -Cincinnati Reds Ohio, USA

into the earth instead of into our sewer system. This is the first pilot project in Chicago. However, Parjana has over 200 full scale commercial installations on a global basis.

The Parjana system was in-

stalled in the ballfields at Mount Greenwood Park in early May, the system requires an acclimation period. Previous pilots have experienced continued improvements in system performance over time. Historically, these fields have flooded even after a modest rainfall creating regular cancellations for athletic leagues and special events at the Park.

Following the twelve week acclimation period, the EGRP system is expected to enhance drainage at this location, allow the storm water

to be managed onsite and reduce the flow of water into local sewers. Everyone is hoping the system can deliver more reliable ballfields and show a reduction in residential flooding in the area.

This pilot project represents a public private partnership funded by the Chicago Park District, MWRD and Parjana. Moving forward, the MWRD will collect data to measure the impact of the system. If successful, the Parjana system could be used to address flooding problems in other areas across the City.



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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

Spring is a very busy time in our community. In the coming weeks, we look forward to "Bike Across America without Leaving the 19th Ward," Beverly Area Planning Association's Home Tour, the Memorial Day Parade and Ridge Run. All are wonderful, family friendly neighborhood events.

In this issue, please find information about "Operation Help-A-Hero" our citywide outreach organized to support veterans transitioning out of homelessness, as well as updates on new local businesses. We will also be hosting a variety of informational meetings to assist residents. Hopefully you can take advantage of these resources.

Below, I have included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meet-

ings. These meetings give residents the opportunity to become acquainted with the police officers who patrol our streets on a daily basis. The Chicago Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe. If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact mattoshea@the19thward.com. To receive regular community updates, visit our website at www.the19thward.com and sign up for our e-mail distribution list.

Thank you,

Matthew J. O'Shea
19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEATS 2211 & 2212

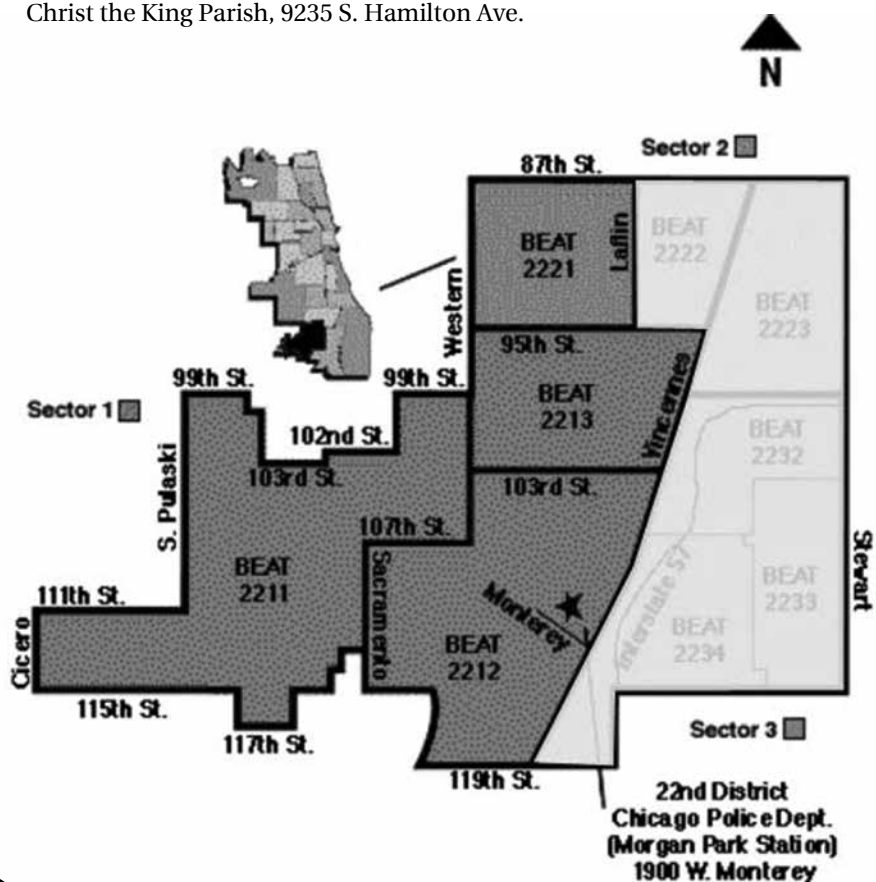
First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, May, June, August, October, December
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

BEAT 2213

Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
March, April, May, June, August, September, October, November
Christ the King Parish, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave.



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New Business Developments

Open Outcry Brewing Company on Western Ave.

Open Outcry Brewing Company will soon open at 10934 S. Western Ave., replacing O'Brien's Pub. The 4,000-square foot brewpub will feature a wide selection of beers brewed on site, craft cocktails and wine, Neapolitan style pizzas, sliders, salads and other comfort foods. Owner and Beverly resident John Brand looks forward to a June opening of the new business.

For the past several months, crews have worked around-the-clock to complete a major renovation of the former O'Brien's location, as well as three adjacent store fronts. The renovation included constructing a new glass-wall façade facing Western Avenue that will greatly enhance the aesthetics of the streetscape. Once completed, the building will feature an open floor plan allow-

ing patrons to observe the brewing process as well as the pizza kitchen. It will also include a working glass garage door facing Western Avenue that will allow for open-air dining. The floorplan will include tap-room seating for approximately 110 people. Other features will include a reclaimed food truck and wood fired antique stove fireplace.

Where possible, Brand collaborated with local residents to redevelop the property. For example, Brand, 19th Ward resident Tom Nagel, and former resident Jered Zubaty, hand built each tap room table using reclaimed materials sourced from a barn in central Illinois. The centerpiece will be an 18-foot community table made from reclaimed floor joist timbers from a hardware store that was deconstructed in Colfax, Illinois that

dated back to the late-1800's. Additionally, Brand partnered with 19th Ward resident Nathan Lichtenfeld of Chicago Alliance Builders to general contract the construction effort. Artists in the Beverly Area Arts Alliance will paint a mural in the tap room. Lastly, Brand purchased fermentation tanks from Neil Byers and Horse Thief Hollow.

Brand is excited to bring a new, vibrant business to the 19th Ward. "I feel a tremendous amount of

gratitude for all the help, encouragement and support I've received from everyone in the neighborhood. It's been amazing. We're determined to deliver an amenity that our neighbors are proud of, will enjoy and that complements all the other great businesses in the Ward," Brand said.

For more information, please visit openoutcrybrewing.com or check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/openoutcrybrewing.



Joshua Mercer Insurance Agency Grand Re-Opening

After almost five years of being in business, the Josh Mercer Agency is expanding and happy to be investing in Beverly. In September 2015 the agency purchased and rehabbed the old antique store at 2101 W. 95th Street with hopes operating in a bigger facility and expanding staff. That hope recently became a reality as Josh Mercer hosted Alderman Matt O'Shea and various other community leaders/residents at his grand reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

About the Joshua Mercer Insurance Agency

Located at 2101 W. 95th Street in the heart of Beverly, the Mercer Insurance Agency is a full-service insurance agency, specializing in the exclusive sale and service of life, home, auto, and business insurance for one of the world's largest and most successful insurance

brands. We believe that insurance is the cornerstone of any sound financial and/or life plan. For more information, please visit www.JoshuaMercerInsurance.com or call 773.598.4530.

About Joshua Mercer

A product of Chicago's Beverly community, Joshua Mercer attended both Sutherland Elementary and Brother Rice High School before graduating from Howard University (BBA, Marketing; 2003) in Washington, DC.

After graduating from college, Joshua began his career in retail banking and financial services with Chase Bank on Chicago's south side. Noticing the lack of financial literacy in his customers and community, Joshua integrated himself as an Entrepreneurship/Financial Literacy Instructor in Chicago Public Schools after having earned his Master's (Education; 2006). In this

role, Joshua received both local and nationwide acclaim for leading his students to repeated local and national finishes. In 2009, Joshua founded Swish Dreams Sports & Educational Foundation (www.swishdreams.org), whose mission is to use sports as a vehicle to teach youth literacy and leadership. Today Swish Dreams serves over 100 children annually.

As the son of a successful insur-

ance agent, joining the Allstate family was always a childhood dream for Joshua. Since childhood, he has seen, first hand, the piece of mind and high standards which Allstate provides its customers and believes insurance is a necessary component of any sound financial plan.

Joshua lives in Beverly with his wife, Kenya, and two children, Joshua (son; 3) and Charli (daughter; 7 months).



Coming Soon: B-Sides Coffee + Tea

B-Sides Coffee + Tea is coming to 9907 S. Walden Parkway in late summer 2017. B-Sides will offer Metropolitan coffee and espresso drinks, Rishi tea and other to-go drinks and snacks to cater to the morning commuters and busy parents dropping their kids off at the two Montessori schools. They are currently in the process of working with an architect and general contractor to begin

transforming the shop on June 1st.

B-Sides will have a music theme, with a focus on vinyl, which is where the name inspiration came from. The b-side of an album can often contain the hidden gem or lesser known tracks. B-Sides will also be conveniently located beside the Metra Rock Island line with platform access through the back door. They will be open Monday -

Saturday from 6:00am - 3:00pm, but hours could expand in the future.

B-Sides looks forward to complimenting the existing shops, like Tranquility Salon and Beverly Barre. They hope to draw people to Walden Parkway and make it a destination in the neighborhood. The community has been very supportive thus far and they can't wait to open their doors!



Memorial Day Mass Planned to Honor the Fallen

On Sunday, May 28, 2017 the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host our annual Memorial Day Mass in honor of the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms. The outdoor mass will begin at 4:00pm on the lawn of the Saint Barnabas Convent, 10161 S. Longwood Drive. Limited seating will be provided; guests are encouraged to bring chairs.

Rev. James Donovan will celebrate the Mass with area veterans and the families of local active

service men and women playing roles. A collection will be taken for Postage for Parcels, a Mount Greenwood organization that provides care packages to troops serving overseas.

Please join us in honoring our fallen heroes and remember the true purpose of Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed to help setup chairs that day. For more information, please contact the 19th Ward at mattoshea@the19thward.com.



City Shuts Down Epic Luxury Boutique

At approximately 1:00am on Sunday, April 23, 2017 the Chicago Police Department responded to a late night party at Epic Luxury Boutique. CPD officers shut down the party and issued citations. On April 27th, the Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) issued violations for operating without a business license and deceptive practices. They also issued cease and desist orders prohibiting the business from hosting any events or parties where admission is charged and serving alcohol to patrons.

Following the issuance of these violations, Epic Luxury failed to obtain the appropriate permits in the ten day period. As such, they are legally prohibited from operating at this location. Should anyone see business activities occurring at 2144 W. 95th St., they are asked to call 9-1-1 immediately. The entire community thanks the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection for their great work on this public safety matter.

Street Light Modernization Moves Forward

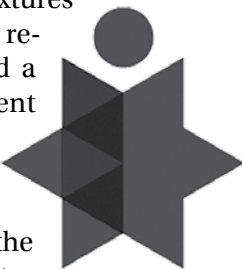
On Wednesday, April 21, 2017, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance that will modernize Chicago's streetlight system, replacing 85% of Chicago's public lighting with reliable, high quality fixtures. The project, managed by the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, will begin this summer on the south and west side of the City. In total, 270,000 light fixtures will be replaced and a management system will be installed giving the City a state-of-the-art smart lighting grid.

The Chicago Smart Lighting Project is expected to be completed in four years and cost \$160 million. The vendor team is led by Ameresco Inc., a national leader in the field of energy efficiency. In the first year, work will be focused in neighborhoods with heightened public safety concerns allowing them to more quickly reap the benefits of clearer and more reliable lighting. However, to ensure all Chicagoans benefit from this project in year one, installation will also take place along a dozen main arterial streets. A more

precise schedule should be made public later this summer.

These new lights, which will be owned and operated by the City, will consume 50-75% less electricity than the existing lights, generating significant cost savings that will be utilized to fund this project. In addition to the replacement of approximately 270,000 street and alley lights, the project will install a management system that will allow for remote monitoring of the outdoor lighting system. This improvement should greatly improve repair time when a light goes out for some reason. It will also allow lighting levels to be controlled remotely. There will also be limited stabilization and repair of existing light poles and wiring on an as-needed basis based with available funds.

More than half of the light fixtures in at least the first year will be assembled in Chicago and Ameresco has committed to using City residents to perform at least 50% of the work on the project. Ameresco has also expressed a strong preference for hiring veterans. Initial work is expected to begin later this summer.



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Major Improvements Coming to Local Public Schools

This year, Mayor Emanuel and Alderman O'Shea announced several major improvement projects at local public schools. This year, work will begin on a new therapeutic riding barn at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and new annexes at Esmond Elementary School and Mount Greenwood Elementary School. Updates on those projects are below.

Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences: On Wednesday, April 5th, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new 15,800 square-foot therapeutic-riding barn. This project has a \$1.2 million budget and is expected to be completed in late 2017. The barn will allow the school to expand its therapeutic riding program to service children and adults with special needs as well as veterans battling post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mount Greenwood Elementary School: This Fall, work will begin on a new annex to alleviate severe overcrowding at this high performing neighborhood school. The annex will have thirteen classrooms and a Science classroom. The construction project has a budget of \$20 million with a tentative completion date in early 2019.

Esmond Elementary School: This Fall, construction will begin on a new annex building at Esmond Elementary School. The annex will include one classroom, an art room, computer lab, science lab, library and lunchroom with kitchen. Through this project, the existing modular building will be demolished and a new artificial turf field and play lot will be installed. This project has a budget of \$20 million with a tentative completion date in early 2019.



Join the Battle for Beau – May 21st

On Sunday, May 21st, the 19th Ward is hosting the “Battle for Beau” blood drive benefitting Beau Dowling at Saint John Fisher School – Kane Hall (10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.), from 9:00am-3:00pm. Beau Dowling, the two year old youngest of seven children, is currently battling neuroblastoma cancer. Please join the entire 19th Ward community in showing support for our buddy Beau by donating blood or signing up for the bone marrow registry.

To avoid significant delays, appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling (877) 543-3768 or visit www.the19thward.com and search using group code 869A. Blood donors must be at least 18 years old (16 or 17 years old with signed parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good physical health. Be sure to eat a healthy



meal (low-fat and iron rich foods) at least two hours before donating blood and drink plenty of non-cafeinated beverages in the days leading up to your donations. Do not smoke for at least one hour before donating and do not chew gum, mints, or candy immediately before or during your appointment. Also, avoid exercise or strenuous activity before an immediately after donating.

On the day of your donation, please make sure to bring a driver's licensing, passport, state ID or birth certificate with accompanying photo ID. A student or employee ID with full name and photo are also accepted. You will also need a list of medications you are taking and list of places visited outside of the United States in the past three years. Sign up today at www.the19thward.com.

Cook County Assessor Property Tax Appeals

The Cook County Assessor property tax appeal process for Lake Township, which includes the 19th Ward, is tentatively scheduled to open August 8, 2017. Yearly assessment notices will be mailed notifying residents of the 30 day window to file an appeal. This will be the first opportunity to appeal 2017 taxes payable in 2018. The second option to appeal is administered through the Cook County Board of Review, which opens in the fall. Look for more information about the Board of Review appeal process



in the August Quarterly. It can be beneficial to file appeals with both agencies. Common reasons to file an appeal with the Assessor are lack of uniformity with similar properties within the same neighborhood code, overvaluation based on recent sales and significant property description errors. This appeal process is for 2017 property taxes which are due in 2018. Appeals can be made in person at any Cook County Assessor office, online at www.cookcountyassessor.com or appeal forms are available at both 19th Ward offices

City Sticker Sales


Did you know that City of Chicago Vehicle Stickers can be purchased online at www.ChiCityClerk.com? Last year, one fourth of all customers skipped the lines and obtained their stickers through the Clerk's website. This is the easiest and fastest way to receive your vehicle sticker each year.

However, if you prefer to purchase your sticker in person, Alderman Matt O'Shea and City Clerk Anna Valencia will host sales on Thursday, May 25th from 12:00pm-4:00pm at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr., and Wednesday, June 21st from 12:00pm-4:00pm at the 19th Ward's Mount Greenwood Service Office, 3215 W. 111th St. To purchase a vehicle sticker, you must bring your 2017 Chicago City Vehi-

cle Sticker courtesy reminder form. If your courtesy reminder is lost, please bring your State Vehicle Registration ID Card, which includes your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Check, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Discover Card are accepted at Ward Sales. Please remember, we are now in the year-round vehicle sticker era. Ward sales this year will be limited to customers with June vehicle sticker expirations. These are vehicles with "6/17" printed on them with an expiration date of June 30th. Remember, the 15 day grace period is NO LONGER in effect; motorists with a June 30th expiration date must have their sticker displayed by July 1st to avoid a \$200 ticket.

Teacher Appreciation Day Happy Hour

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the 19th Ward hosted a Teacher Appreciation Happy Hour at Barraco's – Mount Greenwood. Over two hundred teachers from Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood enjoyed a delicious buffet and great company as the community celebrated the hard work done by local educators. The happy hour was sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, State Rep. Fran Hurley, the Beverly Area Planning Association, Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association, and Barraco's.



19th Ward Celebrates Police Week

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy designated the week of May 15th as Police Week, "in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, protect us through the enforcement of our laws." This year, Alderman Matt O'Shea is inviting residents of Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood to visit the Chicago Police Department's 22nd District, 1900 W. Monterey Ave., on Thursday, May 18th and thank the offi-



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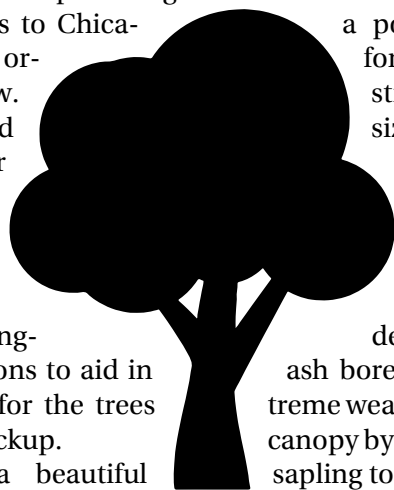
cers who keep our neighborhood safe. Local schools will be writing letters and making cards for police officers, and the 19th Ward will be providing refreshments throughout the day.

We hope that you can join us and show the Chicago Police Department the support and appreciation they deserve. For more information or to volunteer, please email mattoshea@the19thward.com.

Restore the Canopy

This summer, Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District are providing free oak tree saplings to Chicagoans. Trees can be ordered online at www.the19thward.com, and will be available for pickup on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the 95th Street Farmers Market (95th & Longwood Dr.). Instructions to aid in planting and caring for the trees will be provided at pickup.

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green canopy for urban communities that enhance property values, reduce utility bills, and are a powerful and effective form of green infrastructure. A medium size oak tree can help prevent flooding by absorbing 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year. Chicago's tree population has been decimated by emerald ash borer infestations and extreme weather. Help restore that canopy by ordering your free oak sapling today!



FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS START JUNE 8

Make a date with your kids for FREE Family Fun Nights, Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30 to 7 p.m., across from the Metra Station adjacent to the Beverly Bank parking lot, 1908 W. 103rd St. Every week a different theme will be celebrated with special guests, activities, music, fun and food. Little Company of Mary Hospital and other sponsors will be handing out giveaways to the kids and doctors will be available to talk about family health.

June 8 will feature Miss Jamie's Farm celebrating the Rootin' Tootin' Hoedown with songs and activities sure to appeal to all her barnyard buddies. Jamie has been performing at parties in Chicagoland since 2013, and is a favorite among kids and their parents.

June 15 is a Dance Party with the DJ from Beverly Records playing the tunes.

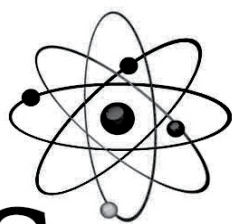
June 22 features a performance by the Storybox Improv Theater who will generate a story from an audience suggestion in this imaginative and fully improvised show.

June 29 is the official Summer Kick-Off Party! Music and lots of fun activities are in store as we celebrate everyone's favorite time of year.

Each week Calabria Imports will be selling food and beverages. Bring your chairs and blankets, and get ready for a good time!

Family Fun Nights are co-sponsored by the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA), Little Company of Mary Hospital, University of Chicago Medicine/Comer Children's Hospital, Beverly Bank and Trust, 19th Ward Youth Foundation, Calabria Imports, People's Gas and Mike Haggerty Buick-GMC-Volkswagen.

The events will be presented as planned, weather permitting.



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O'Shea Ordinance Targets Human Trafficking

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) recently proposed changes to massage business regulations in an effort to increase the City's ability to combat human trafficking. O'Shea and BACP worked closely with the Chicago Police Department, the anti-human trafficking community and licensed massage therapists to put forth a package that not only enhances public safety, but also reduces regulations on existing, high quality massage businesses.

While the majority of massage parlors are legitimate business operations, a small percentage operate as a front for both sex and labor trafficking. This ordinance makes it easier for law enforcement and BACP to inspect and investigate businesses suspected of human trafficking. It also provides the tools to shut down those ventures. Simultaneously, the ordinance removes barriers for legitimate massage therapists to build small businesses in our communities.

"I am proud of this effort which makes it easier for our City agencies

to crack down on illicit massage parlors as well as to identify some of the most vulnerable victims in our communities. This ordinance mandates preventative measures. Not only will we make our communities safer, we also will provide the opportunity for legitimate small business growth in Chicago" said Alderman O'Shea.

Often times, victims of human trafficking are treated as criminals under the law. To address that, this ordinance provides for an affirmative defense for any person arrested for prostitution who was in fact a human trafficking victim. It also increases the age to 18 from 15 years-old for employment as a massage therapist.

The proposed ordinance also requires massage establishments to...

- Ensure all customer's sexual or genital areas are covered at all times when in the presence of an employee, agent or independent contractor;
- Post signage identifying the place of business as a message therapy establishment and stating its trade or business name;
- Give all prospective customers a written notice stating the Illinois

State law prohibition against solicitation;

- Pass a pre-license inspection and consent to inspections by authorized City employees and police; and
- Provide prospective customers with a written price list of all services.
- Further, the ordinance prohibits massage establishments from...
- Allowing any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs to enter or remain on the premises, or providing or receiving a massage;
- Employing or contracting with any person as a massage therapist who does not hold a current, valid license issued by the State of Illinois; and
- Having an entrance or exit-way providing direct passageway to any residence.

In addition, the ordinance removes the existing requirement for separate dressing, locker and / or massage room facilities for female and male patrons and exempts foot and chair massage establishments from the requirement to obtain a city license. This ordinance will be introduced at the next Chicago City Council meeting on May 24th, and will subsequently be heard by the Committee on Licensing & Consumer Protection.

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95th Street Market Returns for 2017

The 95th Street Farmers Market opened for the season on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Operating rain or shine, the market takes place each Sunday from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. through Sunday, October 29, 2017, in the city owned parking lot at 1835 W. 95th St. (95th & Longwood Dr.). The market will feature weekly live entertainment, including local favorites like The Beverly All Stars, Joel Barr, Dave Waterman, Mark Taylor, Bridget Cavanaugh and more! Check our facebook page to learn more about various children's activities like Erin's Farm, a visit from Southpaw, and different craft projects. Free face painting will be



available from 9:30am-12:30pm every other week starting on May 14th.

This year, the 95th Street Farmers Market is generously sponsored by the 95th Street Business Association, Beverly Bank & Trust, Pacor Mortgage Corporation, the Beverly Area Planning Association, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Southtown Health Foods, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurley, the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation.

Weekly highlights are posted on the 95th Street Farmers Market Facebook page. Residents are encouraged to like the page and stay

updated on the various attractions and activities. Please take a look at some of the great things planned for the month of May:

May 14 – Walk over to the market after the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk. The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will be in the community tent, with face painting available from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the children's tent, Mark Taylor will provide musical entertainment.

May 21 – The Beverly Arts Center will be in the community tent, and the Beverly All Stars will perform.

May 28 – Pedalheads will be in the children's tent to share information about bike safety for children. Face painting will be available from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bridget Cavanaugh will provide our music.

Returning Vendors for the 2017 Market are:

- Urban Canopy
- C & D Farms
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Stamper Cheese
- Breadman Baking Company
- Not Just Cookies
- Down to Earth Beverly
- Madsen Farms
- Blankenship Farm
- Twin Garden Farms
- Noffke Farms
- Gotta B Crepes
- Sweet Freaks (joining us for the month of May)
- Sunflower (joining us twice a month)
- The Eating Well (joining us twice a month)
- Pollo Locuas with their taco cart

New vendors for the season include:

- Southtown Health Foods
- Beverly Bakery

For more information about the market please message the 95th Street Farmers Market Facebook page or contact Erin Ross at erin@95thstreetba.org. See you at the market!



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19TH WARD Healthy Summer CAMPAIGN

Kickoff the summer right! Throughout the month of June, the 19th Ward will be hosting and promoting a series of free activities and events designed to promote health and wellness. Free smoothies will be provided at all outdoor workout sessions courtesy of Southtown Health Foods and the Beverly Area Planning Association. Please take a look at the schedule below and email mattoshea@the19thward.com with any questions.

Saturday, June 3rd - 2:00pm
Preventing & Treating Diabetes/Pre-Diabetes
Presented by Dr. Matthew Griffin
MetroSouth Health Center at West Beverly
11250 S. Western Ave.
Space is limited, please RSVP to (773) 779-7500 by June 1st

Sunday, June 4th - 9:00am
Strength Training Class for Runners*
Cosme Park - 9201 S. Longwood Dr.
Sponsored by ATI Physical Therapy & Treadfit
*Please bring yoga mat

Thursday, June 8th - 6:00pm
Self-Defense Seminar
Sponsored by State Rep. Fran Hurley
Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
3857 W. 111th St.

Sunday, June 11th - 9:00am
Strength Training Class for Runners*
Barnard Park - 10431 S. Longwood Dr.
Sponsored by Sports & Ortho & Treadfit
*Please bring yoga mat

Thursday, June 15th - 1:00pm
Senior Citizen Chair Yoga
Sponsored by State Rep. Fran Hurley
19th Ward Office - 10402 S. Western Ave.

Sunday, June 18th - 9:00am
Tabata in the Park*
McKiernan Park - 10714 S. Sawyer Ave.
Sponsored by Southside Knockout

Monday, June 19th - 10:00am
Senior Citizen Health Fair
Mount Greenwood Park - 3721 W. 111th St.

Monday, June 19th - 6:00pm
Women's Self Defense Class
Saint Xavier University (Shannon Center)
3700 W. 103rd St.
Sponsored by State Rep. Kelly Burke

Tuesday, June 20th - 7:00pm
Managing Stress & Energy with Nutrition
Presented by Katie Mahler Speh
Southtown Health Foods - 2100 W. 95th St.

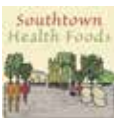
Friday, June 23rd - 9:00am
Strength Training Class for Runners*
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Beverly Park - 2460 W. 102nd St.
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Sunday, June 25th - 9:00am
Metabolic Core Conditioning*
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Prospect Gardens Park - 10940 S. Prospect Ave.

Tuesday, June 27th - 7:00pm
Healthy Cooking Demonstration with Chef Gautham Rao
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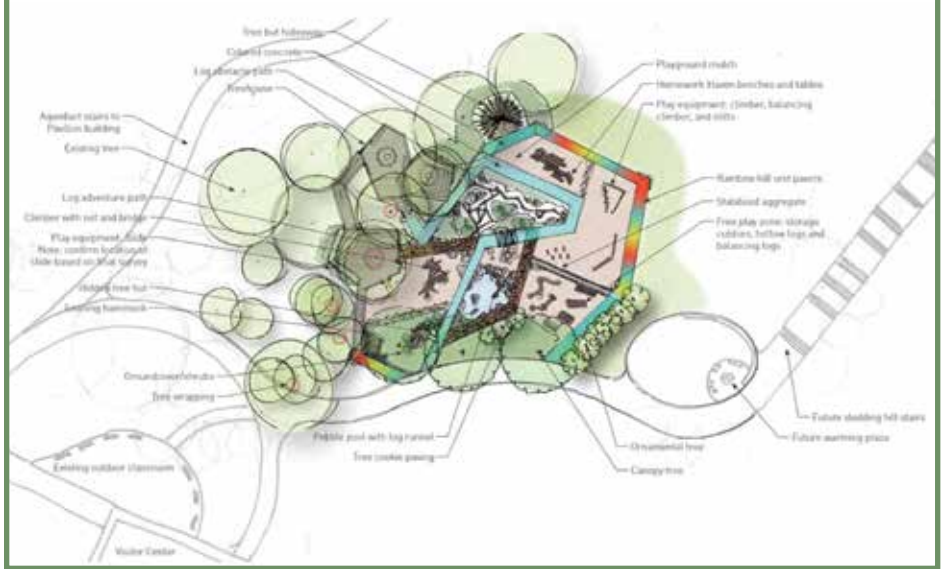


Improvements Coming to Dan Ryan Woods

New outdoor recreation improvements are coming soon to the Dan Ryan Woods, one of the most heavily used sites in the entire forest preserve system. Construction will begin on a nature-inspired play area and interpretive signs later this summer. This fall, work will commence on stone fitness stairs on the sledding hill, similar to those found at Swallow Cliff. Enhancements to the existing historic stone aqueduct pathway south of 87th Street are expected to be completed this fall. In total, these improvements represent a \$1 million investment in the

Dan Ryan Woods. This project will complement the recently renovated visitors' center at the northeast corner of 87th & Western Ave. where the public can obtain a picnic permit and get information of programs and activities. Future improvements along the Major Taylor Bike Trail are also in the early planning stages. For more information on these plans, please visit www.fpdcc.com/drmt. Dan Ryan Woods will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on August 27, 2017.

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Legislative Update

Cunningham Legislation Protects Senior Citizens

Seniors throughout Illinois could receive legal protections to help them live safely and affordably in their homes as they age under legislation being pushed by Senator Bill Cunningham.

"Seniors should be able to live their golden years without concern about their safety or financial well-



being," Cunningham said. "We as a community should be finding unique and new ways to protect and support those who dedicated their lives trying to protect and support many of us."

Cunningham recently passed Senate Bills 1676 and 1978, companion legislation that will help ensure home care agencies that are hired to provide services to seniors are properly licensed. The state licensing process ensures that workers who go into homes of seniors are properly trained, insured, and have undergone criminal background checks. The legislation would also require that hospitals only refer discharged patients to home care agencies that properly screen their employees.

"Seniors or their family members who hire home care workers are sometimes taken advantage of by fly-by-night agencies that pose as cost efficient providers," Cun-

ningham said. "This can lead to situations where seniors are victimized in their own homes by caregivers who are not properly screened. Senate Bills 1676 and 1978 will help combat these situations."

Another piece of legislation passed by Senator Cunningham, Senate Bill 1979, would relieve seniors of the burden of having to annually re-apply to Cook County for their senior property tax exemption. Because of a current state law, seniors must fill out burdensome paperwork every year to maintain their property tax break, which could save them hundreds of dollars annually. Confusion over the law has led to seniors losing the homestead exemption when they fail to re-apply with the county. Cunningham's legislation would allow seniors to apply just once and keep the exemption in place as long as they own the home.

"Keeping seniors safe, inde-

pendent, and financially secure in their own homes should not only be a personal goal for our families, it should be a policy goal for state government," Cunningham said. "If seniors are unable to live independently in their homes, they often have to move to nursing facilities. That's not only an undesirable outcome for individual seniors, but it becomes very expensive for the taxpayers who subsidize nursing facilities through the Medicaid program."

"That is why I have consistently pushed legislation to protect seniors both from crime and financial distress," Cunningham said. "Keeping our older family members and neighbors safely in their own homes is a 'win-win' situation -- both for the quality of life for seniors and the financial well-being of the state."

All three pieces of legislation passed the Illinois Senate and now move to the Illinois House for further consideration.

Hurley's Bill Offers Relief for Small Businesses

Local employers would receive relief from high workers' compensation costs under legislation sponsored by state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-35. House Bill 2622 establishes a non-profit workers' compensation insurer as an alternative for Illinois businesses tired of paying high premiums to for-profit insurance companies, and seeks to eliminate fraud while protecting workers injured on the job through no fault of their own. The bill passed the House in April and will move on to the Senate for consideration.

"Illinois workers' compensation claims and costs have fallen significantly in recent years, but many small and medium-sized businesses are rightly concerned that they are not seeing these savings reflected in

their workers' compensation insurance premiums," said Hurley. "Out-of-state for-profit insurance companies are taking in massive profits while local businesses struggle with high costs."

Some Springfield politicians are pushing to further pad corporate profits by demanding changes to workers' compensation that will jeopardize the economic security of workers hurt on the job. But, Hurley is working towards real reforms that would help small and medium-sized employers save money while maintaining protection for employees. House Bill 2622 provides for the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company to offer the same quality insurance as for-profit companies, while holding a com-

mitment to delivering the best value to businesses, not turning a profit for investors. The competition will also encourage for-profit insurers to offer lower-cost options to Illinois employers.

Additionally, Hurley supported reforms that require for-profit insurance companies to pass savings from workers' compensation reform on to Illinois employers. House Bill 2525 gives the Department of Insurance authority to review insurance rates before they become effective and reject those it finds excessive.

"To make Illinois competitive, we must look for ways to decrease costs on small and medium-sized employers to ensure they have the resources they need to thrive in Illinois. These bills will make Illinois a

more competitive place to do business by ensuring businesses are seeing the benefit of the reforms," said Hurley.



Ag School Legislation Opens More Local Seats

Families in Mount Greenwood, Beverly and Morgan Park could soon see increased enrollment opportunities to the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS) because of legislation passed by the Illinois Senate.

Senate Bill 447, sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago), would allow for 40 more seats to be opened up to local families and would statutorily authorize the special education cluster that currently exists at the school.

"The Ag School provides a unique, nationally recognized high school education to CPS student right in our backyard," Cunningham said. "Anytime it is possible,

we should increase access to quality academic programs for all students, including diverse learners."

CHAS was created by state law more than 20 years ago. The enabling legislation that established the school included an enrollment cap that requires legislative approval

to increase attendance levels. SB 447 would enable CHAS to gradually lift its total enrollment from 720 to 800 students.

Admission to the school is high-

ly competitive, as more than 3,000 eighth graders from throughout the city apply to the school every year. But legislation passed by Cunningham

in 2011 ensures local families get a leg up on admission by legally requiring that 50 percent of the enrollment at CHAS must be residents of the 19th Ward.

CHAS has provided special education cluster services for years, but those programs were not recognized by state law until the introduction of Senate Bill 447 this year, which will enable CPS to in-

crease the cluster program's enrollment to 80 students.

"The unique agriculture curriculum at CHAS that attracts so many applicants should be available to diverse learners, too," Cunningham said. "And the welcoming of those students should be officially recognized in the state law that established the Ag School. SB 447 helps accomplish those goals, which will provide security for families in our community who deserve top notch educational opportunities close to home for all their children."

The legislation now moves to the Illinois House, where it is sponsored by State Representative Fran Hurley.



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Shannon Center Offers Summer Plan

Summer is coming and Saint Xavier University (SXU) is packing the books away and busting out the gym shoes! Break in your summer the right way by signing up for a summer vacation college membership at SXU's Shannon Center. Beginning Monday, May 15th, college students from other universities are welcome to purchase a membership for summer break. The cost of the membership is \$80 per student – the perfect deal for students looking to stay busy and fit for the summer!

"This is a great opportunity for college students returning home that want to stay active," said Jen

Quinlan, director of SXU's Shannon Center. "We offer all the amenities needed to accommodate an active fitness routine, while also being conveniently located."

The summer break membership includes: access to the fitness center, track, racquetball court, open gym, and group exercise classes. Students must present their current school ID at the Shannon Center's front desk and ask for a manager to register. Payments can be made through cash, check or credit card.

For more information, please call 773-298-3597 or visit www.sxu.edu, keyword: Shannon Center.

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OMD is rapidly expanding the number of students it serves in Chicago and the suburbs. In the 2016-2017 academic year OMD served nearly 700 scholars, and in the 2017-2018 academic year, OMD will have the capacity to serve up to 850 scholars across all of its program locations including all seven campuses of the City Colleges of Chicago, Prairie State College, Harper College, and College of Lake County.

Learn more about coaching and apply at www.onemilliondegrees.org/coach. For questions about the program or applications, call Michaela McGill at 312-920-9605 ext. 310 or send an email to mmcgill@onemilliondegrees.org.

Peoples Gas Update

This year, Peoples Gas will continue upgrading its natural gas system in several communities throughout Chicago as part of its System Modernization Program to enhance safety and reliability. The affected areas include:

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- West Beverly
- West Morgan Park

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- First, to hang the meter brackets in the new gas meter location.
- Second, to connect your home or business to the gas system.

Once construction begins, there will be parking restrictions on some streets in the area. In addition, equipment and material will be

stored on site due to the design and nature of the project. As the project progresses, temporary repairs will be made to streets, sidewalks and parkways until permanent restoration can be made. A good majority of the work is done in the parkway.

Peoples Gas is committed to working quickly and efficiently to minimize the inconvenience to you and your neighbors and your cooperation is appreciated to keep them on track and on schedule.

Peoples Gas plans to complete upgrades in West Morgan Park and West Beverly by the end of the year. Work in the southern portion of Beverly may continue through the summer of 2018. For additional information, you can call (888) 258-2885 or visit www.peoplesgasdelivery.com/systemupgrades.

Public Art Planned for 19th Ward

The 19th Ward is proud to participate in the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events' (DCASE) "Year of Public Art." DCASE's 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Project will make a significant investment in the creation and installation of public art in each of the city's 50 wards in providing matching funds up to \$1 million. The initiative was inspired by Chicago's 50 Wards and the 50th anniversary of two of our most seminal public artworks (the Picasso in Daley Plaza and the Wall of Respect which once stood at 43rd Street and Langley Avenue).



"There is no question that art is vital to a neighborhood's spirit and the quality of life for residents, which is why we have initiated the 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Project. For the first time ever, we'll be allowing Aldermen to dedicate up to \$10,000 of their menu funds to finance permanent public art installations in their wards. I've committed to matching those menu funds dollar for dollar, doubling the money and impact of these projects."
– Mayor Rahm Emanuel

The Beverly Area Arts Alliance (The Alliance) is working with Alderman Matt O'Shea to review more than 150 artist applicants, pre-approved by DCASE, and will present a curated list to a committee of neighborhood stakeholders. The committee, made up of local business owners, civic associations leaders, active residents, and artists, will select the top three artists for the final round and discuss location options. The project will be funded thanks to an allocation from the 19th Ward and The Beverly Bank's generous annual donation to the Beverly Art Walk, along with a dollar to dollar match from DCASE.

"The Alliance is thrilled to be a partner in the creation of more public art in the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood. Initiatives such as this support our mission to advance Beverly as a hub of culture and creativity and as a destination for the arts on Chicago's Far South Side."
– Monica Wilczak, co-founder of the Beverly Area Arts Alliance
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Mercy Circle's John 'Jack' Haberkorn likes his new life

As a Commander in the Chicago Police Department until age 55, followed by nine years serving as Police Chief in Oak Lawn, John 'Jack' Haberkorn knows how to handle challenges. But caring for the love of his life, his wife Pearl, became increasingly difficult as her health declined last year. So, Jack and Pearl moved into Mercy Circle on December 15, 2016.



Jack Haberkorn, 90, moved into the assisted living wing at Mercy Circle in December 2016. His wife of 73 years, Pearl, needs skilled nursing care and lives on the third floor. They get together twice each day for lunch and dinner.

"I couldn't take care of her. And I could no longer take care of myself," he explains. "We resisted the idea at first. So, it is ironic I would end up at this care center. And Mercy Circle is what I would call a care center, not a nursing home. Here, my wife and I are very well provided for. The staff takes excellent care of both of us." Jack, who lives in a main floor apartment in the assisted living wing, uses a walker and motorized cart to get around the building. His most important daily appointments are lunch and dinner with his wife of 73 years, Pearl, who lives on the third floor and receives skilled nursing care.

"I fed Pearl all the time before we got here," Jack says, "but now

she is able to feed herself. So maybe I wasn't helping her in the right way. I get to spend time just enjoying her company every day and that is what I look forward to the most."

Jack and Pearl have plenty of visitors: Their seven children still live in the Chicago area, but schedule visits in groups to avoid crowds. Jack points to a framed photo hanging on the wall of his apartment showing most of the Haberkorn clan including the first-generation children, 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. "The 39th grandchild is on the way," Jack says. No divorces, he says, and adds, "Their mother ran a tight ship."

The Haberkorns grew up and attended St. Cajetan Parish School, at 2445 W. 112th St., just down the block from their home. "There were 30 kids on that street," Jack explains. "We had a lot of great block parties and in summer everyone was out on the driveway playing basketball, hopscotch, or jump rope."

Though Jack enjoyed a very successful career rising through the ranks of the Chicago Police

Department, none of his descendants chose to follow him into law enforcement. "I saw some terrible things when I was on the job," Jack says. "The worst tragedy was the fire in 1958 on December 1st at Our Lady of Angels School." Two nuns and 92 children were killed in the fire that consumed the large Catholic elementary school on the city's west side.

"My oldest son is an electrical engineer and he just retired at 71," Jack says. For now, Jack is content to stay indoors visiting Pearl, watching cable TV— "mostly old police shows"—and "not having to cook." Once the weather improves he can drive the car he keeps at the retirement community and plans to get out more.

"I'm very content here," Jack, who is 90 years old, says with a smile. He moves his arm to show his surroundings, "Everything is taken

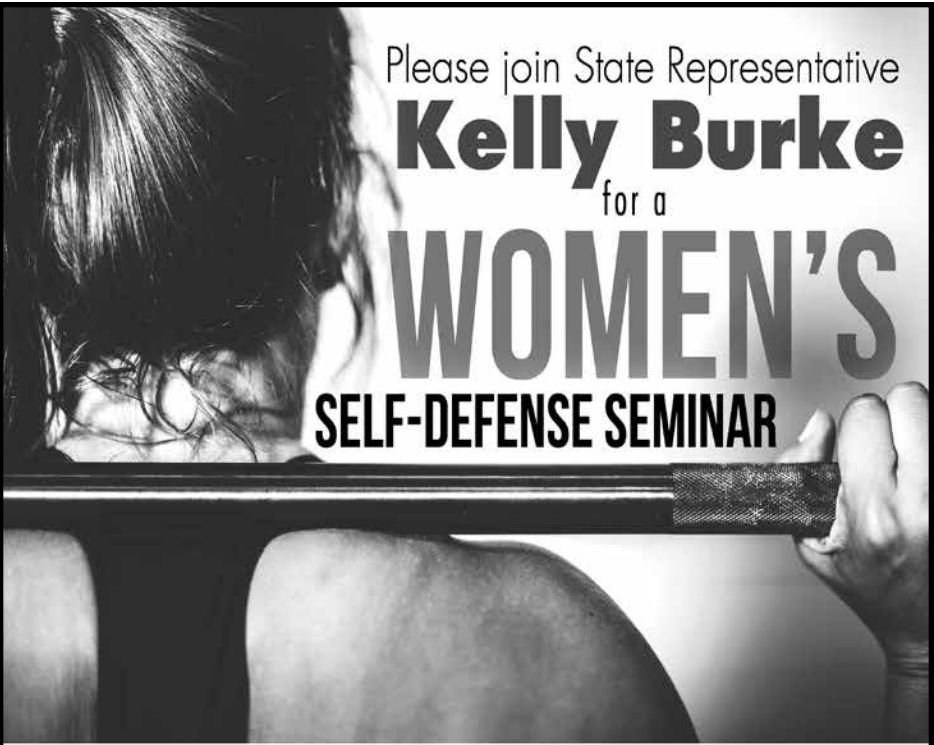
care of and I don't have to remember anyone's name. I just call everyone, 'Sister.'"

About Mercy Circle

Welcoming older adults from all walks of life, Mercy Circle is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) on the southwest side of Chicago near the Village of Evergreen Park. The not-for-profit has a no-entrance-fee policy and a five-star CMS rating. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest, it is the only faith-based retirement community in the area. Mercy Circle offers spacious residences at all levels of care, along with thoughtful amenities, life enrichment programs, and opportunities for an engaged social life and fostering friendships. The senior living community provides a variety of dining options. In addition to programs and activities, sharing interests and making friends, Mercy Circle has activities designed specifically for each setting. For more information or to schedule a private appointment, please call 773.253.3600.




The framed photo hanging on the wall of Jack Haberkorn's apartment at Mercy Circle shows most of the Haberkorn clan including his wife Pearl and their seven children, 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. "The 39th grandchild is on the way," he says.



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Smith Village welcomes new residents with Trial Stay program

Jacque Ward only recently became a 19th Ward resident. In April, she officially moved from her condo in Oak Lawn to Smith Village, a life plan community at 2320 W. 113th Place. She does have, however, strong ties to the neighborhood because her father, Alfred Larke, a construction contractor, built several homes in Beverly during the 1940s. She also recalls swimming at Kennedy Park around that time.

Like many Smith Village residents, she grew up on Chicago's South Side. "I never lived North of 83rd Street," said Ward, who graduated from Calumet High School and grew up on the 8600 block of Aberteen—"kitty corner to St. Kilian Parish," her family's congregation.

Thanks to Smith Village's Trial Stay program, which makes it possible for prospective residents to rent an apartment for a standard monthly fee for up to three months, Ward found making the decision to relocate much easier.

Like others who have participated in Smith Village's Trial Stay program, Ward said having the chance to see what life is like at Smith Village, without having to decide on permanent residency, eliminated concerns about making a wrong choice.

In February, she moved temporarily into a fully furnished one-bedroom apartment with a convenient kitchen equipped with dishware, a

washer and dryer and linens. Maid service was provided bi-weekly, just as it is for permanent residents.

According to Marti Jatis, Smith Village's executive director, "Our Trial Stay program includes the opportunity to benefit from services and amenities enjoyed by all independent living residents. We think it's a great way for people to experience all we have to offer, including onsite entertainment, craft and horticulture workshops, field trips including transportation, and delicious, healthy meals prepared by our executive chef. We encourage Trial Stay residents to entertain their family and friends in our private dining rooms, and make use of the library, craft room and meeting spaces. Many choose to attend religious services offered onsite every week."

With a doctor's okay, temporary residents can participate in the fitness program. Smith Village's wellness center, completed in April, includes a salon, spa, workout room and space for exercise classes. Coming soon to Smith Village is an onsite movie theater featuring surround sound.

In April, after paying her entrance fee for permanent residency, Ward moved her furniture and belongings into her permanent one-bedroom apartment plus den, which offers a pleasing third-floor view of a courtyard. "After my hus-

band passed away, my son and daughter didn't want me living alone," said Ward, whose husband, Walter, was a retired Chicago Police lieutenant. "Everybody was so nice here, I just decided to stay."

Ward is proud of her new place. She selected paint colors for the walls—seafoam green, robin's egg blue and peach/pink—and new flooring and carpeting. "They really did a great job painting," she said. Ward had her furniture reupholstered to match her new décor palette.

She especially enjoys her spacious den. It's flooded with natural light, which allows her to pursue variety of creative interests—sewing and needlepoint; painting with watercolors, oils and acrylics; making leaded glass works of art and jewelry, and working with leather. She's already set up her sewing machine and fabric storage rack. She's also created a couple of watercolor paintings since moving in.

As a young woman, Ward worked for four years as a secretary in a doctor's office. She later devoted her life to raising her son, Patrick, who lives in Mt. Greenwood, and her daughter, Michelle, now a dietitian at Little Company of Mary Hospital and resident of Evergreen Park. Ward has three grandchildren, Fiona, Tricia and Sean.

Smith Village is a hub of intergenerational activity, attracting young volunteers and singing groups from nearby schools. The Marketplace Café attracts many families for Saturday lunch. There's

also an onsite game room featuring bumper pool and other game setups for young visitors.

For a glimpse of scheduled activities at Smith Village, please visit www.SmithVillage.org and click Resident Resources at the very top of the homepage. To find out more about Smith Village's Trial Stay program, call Meghan Luce at 773-966-0163.



Smith Village resident Jacquie Ward shows off a water color painting she created in the den of her new apartment. Photo by Smith Village

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