

New Businesses Coming Soon!

CAPSULE 9915 S. Walden Parkway

Beverly's newest boutique, Capsule Chicago, will be celebrating their grand opening on Friday, September 8th. CAPSULE will carry women's apparel, accessories, jewelry and a small selection of specialty items. They will be offering styling services, such as closet consulting and personal shopping. The name "CAPSULE" comes from the term "capsule wardrobe" – an edited collection of clothes made out of versatile and complimentary pieces that don't go out of fashion. The owner, Maura Donnellan Conine, is a Beverly native and style enthusiast who has spent the last decade guiding women to build more edited and effortless wardrobes. Capsule will be a wonderful addition to the growing 99th and Walden corridor.

Capsule, taking over the Sweet Freaks space, will be featuring a new layout and patrons can expect elevated customer service. "The majority of my retail experience is from working as a Stylist at Nordstrom,

where I learned the importance of getting to know your customer's needs and lifestyle as the best way to serve them," said owner Maura Conine.

"I'm thrilled to open my boutique in the neighborhood I call home. After over a decade in the retail industry, I'm overjoyed to make my dream a reality," said Conine. "I've assembled my favorite lines, including Just Female, Joe's Jeans, BlankNYC and Three Dots, among many others. I've been able to sprinkle in ethically-made and handmade brands like Soko Jewelry, Primecut bags, and Chicago's Lina Lulu Paperie, all to be shopped in once place," she continued.

The Chicago boutique, Capsule, will be located at 9915 S. Walden Parkway. The hours of operation will be Monday (by appointment), Tuesday - Friday 10:00am - 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm and closed Sunday.



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FIREWATER SALOON & RESTAURANT 3908 W. 111th Street

Firewater Saloon, a well-known country music bar/restaurant in Edison Park has signed a contract to purchase TR's Pub, at 3908 W. 111th St., in Mount Greenwood. Firewater previously planned to open at 11060 S. Western Ave. in the old Leona's Restaurant space. The availability of parking, the layout, and ability to purchase rather than lease the property at TR's contributed to the change in plans. The space will require some renovation, which will be completed in late 2017. Firewater is excited to become a part of the 19th Ward

community.

In coordination with Alderman O'Shea and the 19th Ward office, Firewater has been working to fill the old Leona's location.

They have located a chef who is interested in bringing a full service Mexican-American restaurant to Beverly.

That project is currently in development; more details will be shared when they become available.

A hiring fair will be held in the coming months for anyone interested in working as a bartender, cook, server, hostess or security at either location.

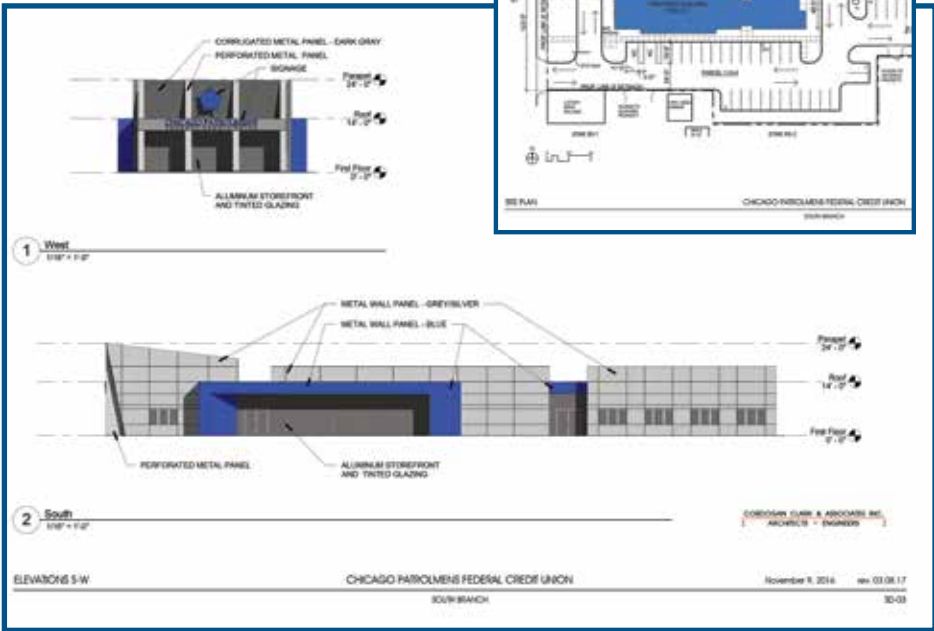


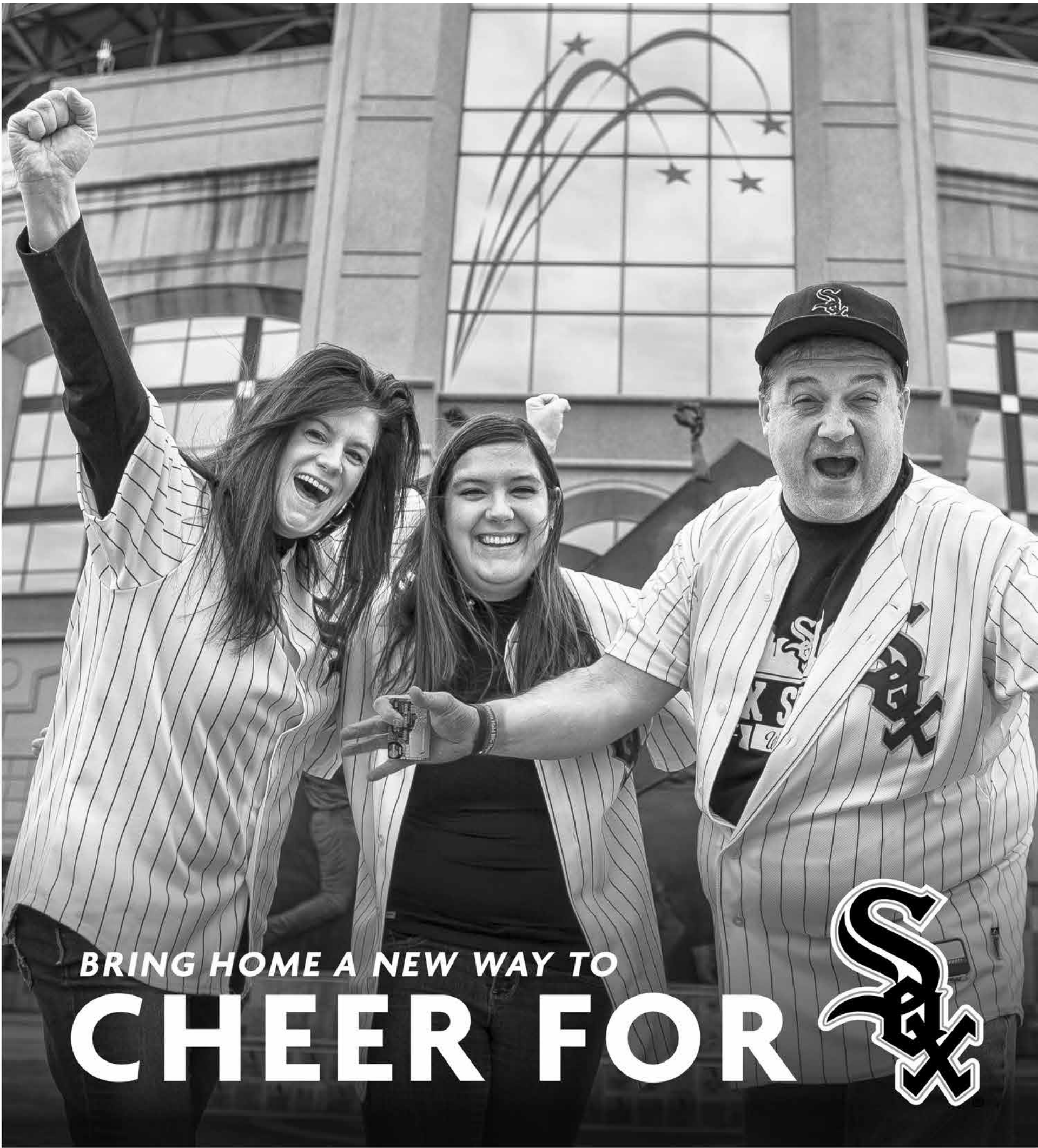
CHICAGO PATROLMEN'S FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 10339 S. Pulaski Road

Saint Xavier University recently sold their building at 10339 S. Pulaski Rd. to the Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union intends to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a 7,000 square foot branch that includes a drive through and 48 parking spots. The design for this project has been finalized and a timeline is currently being created. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

The Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union serves police of-

ficers of all ranks, as well as police family members. They also serve the financial needs of full time Chicago Police Department personnel and employees of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. They currently have over 33,000 members and assets in excess of \$380 million.





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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

As parents prepare for the start of a new school year, there are a number of interesting opportunities for people of all ages available in our community. Currently, registration is open for fall programming at the Morgan Park Sports Center. If you have not had the chance to check out this great facility, I'd encourage you to stop in soon.

This fall, a number of popular community events will be back, including the Beverly Art Walk, Pumpkin Patch at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K. Also in this issue, please find information on a variety of upcoming community meetings including our annual Mt. Greenwood Town Hall meeting, property tax appeal seminar, and free paper shredding. Hopefully you can take advantage of these services.

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

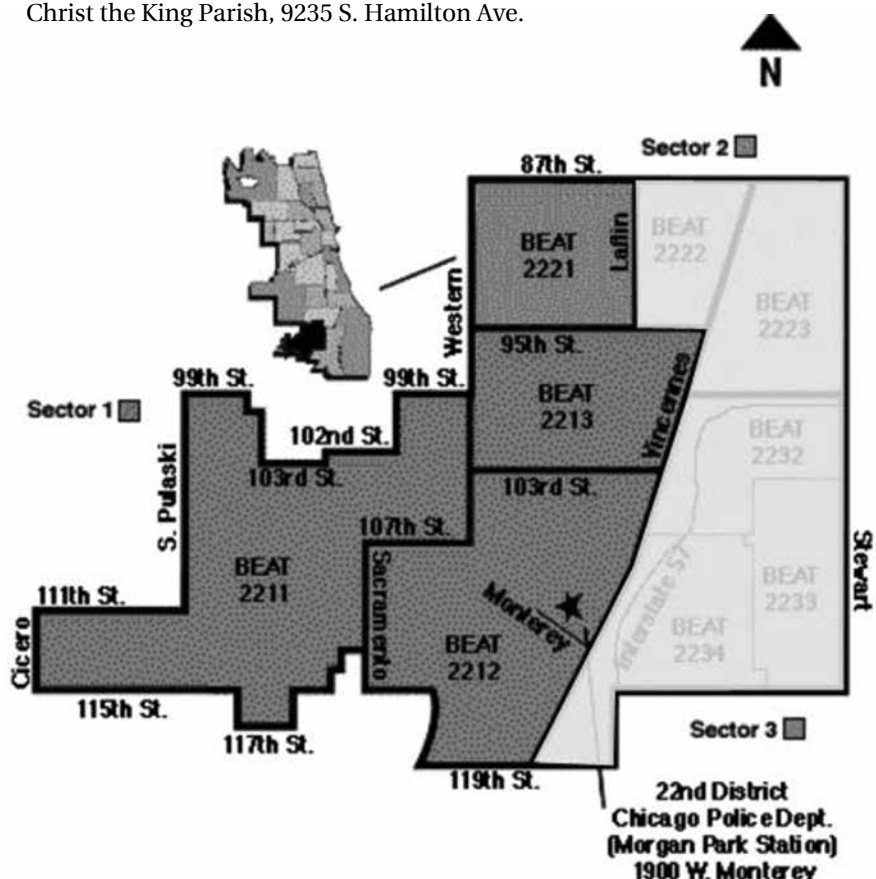
First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, May, June, August, October, December
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

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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**A publication for families of Beverly,
Morgan Park, and Mt. Greenwood**
Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman

Beverly / Morgan Park Service Office

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(773) 672-5133 (fax)
colleen@the19thward.com

Mount Greenwood Service Office

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Chicago, IL 60655
(773) 238-8776 (phone)
(773) 672-5130 (fax)

City Hall Office

121 N. LaSalle St., Room 200
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 744-3072
www.the19thward.com

Appeal Your Property Taxes - 9/25

The Cook County Board of Review is now accepting property tax appeal applications for homeowners in our area for 2017 taxes (payable in 2018). The appeal paperwork is very simple and can result in significant savings. There is no fee involved for applicants and appealing cannot increase current assessments.

Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers Jr., Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham and Representative Fran Hurley will co-host an appeal assistance night on Monday, September 25th at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, at 6:30pm. Staff from the Board of Review will be available to help residents complete appeal paperwork and address any questions or concerns. All homeowners are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please bring your tax bill or property index number to complete the paperwork. If you are not able to attend, you can also file an appeal online at <http://www.cook-countyboardofreview.com/>.

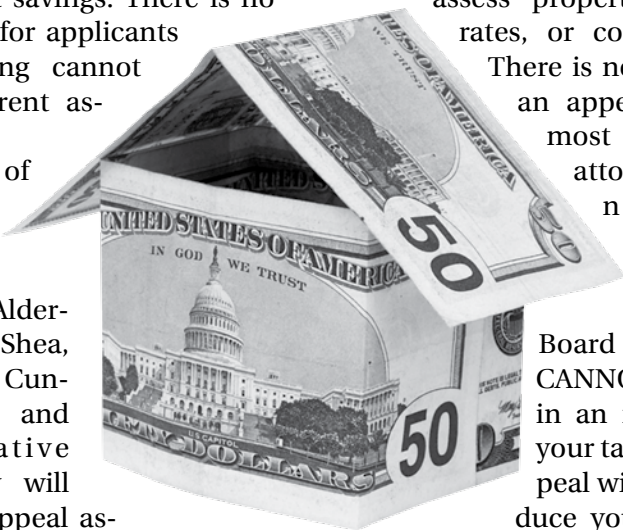
If you have any questions, contact Colleen White in Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or colleen@the19thward.com.

The Board of Review does not assess property, set tax rates, or collect taxes.

There is no fee to file an appeal, and in most cases an attorney is not necessary.

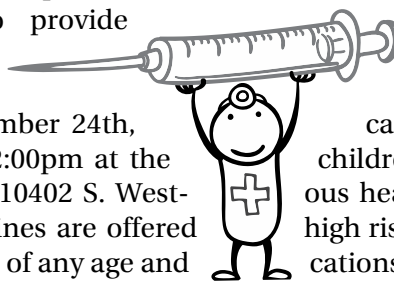
Filing an appeal with the Board of Review CANNOT result in an increase in your taxes; the appeal will either reduce your taxes or leave them at the current level.

Board of Review complaint forms can be obtained at the office of Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr. in the Cook County Building located at 118 N. Clark St., Room 601. They may also be found and filed on the Board of Review website at: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. For further information about appealing property taxes, contact Commissioner Rogers' office at (312) 603-5540. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm.



Free Flu Shots - 9/24

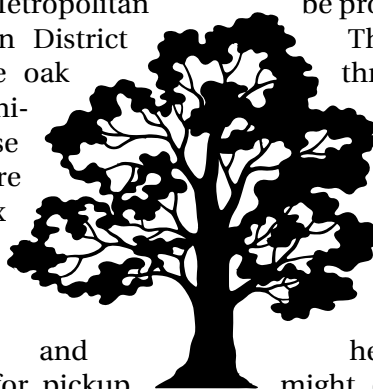
Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley will partner with the Chicago Department of Public Health to provide free influenza immunizations on Sunday, September 24th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Ave. Flu vaccines are offered at no cost to adults of any age and children over six months old. No appointment is necessary and vaccinations are provided on a first come, first served basis.



Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness. The most serious cases can result in hospitalization or even death in extreme cases. Senior citizens, children and those with serious health conditions are at a high risk of serious flu complications. Getting an annual flu shot is the best way to prevent the illness. For more information, please contact (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org.

Free Oak Saplings

This Fall, Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District are providing free oak saplings to all Chicagoans. These saplings, which are approximately six to ten inches tall, can be reserved online at www.the19thward.com, and will be available for pickup on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the 95th Street Farmers Market (95th & Longwood Drive.) from 10:00am-12:00pm. Instructions for planting and care will also be provided.



The tree population throughout the City has been decimated by emerald ash borer infestations and extreme weather. Oak trees help provide an energy saving green canopy for our community and help absorb rainwater that might otherwise flow into our sewer system and possibly flood residential basements. A medium size oak tree can absorb up to 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year.

19th WARD MT. GREENWOOD TOWN HALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

7:00 P.M.

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR
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Please join us for a discussion of community events. Representatives from various government agencies will also be present to address any concerns or questions you may have.

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19TH WARD DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Please note, this event is for document shredding only.
We will not have electronics recycling available.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2017

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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This service is provided free of charge, but is open to 19th Ward residents only. Documents are shredded on site.

Only documents that are loose can be shredded; please remove any staples or binders before you arrive.

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CPS Begins Work at Mount Greenwood & Esmond

Earlier this year, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Alderman Matt O'Shea announced a forty million dollar investment at Mount Greenwood and Esmond Elementary Schools. Site preparation is currently underway at both locations. Any resident interested in working on one of these jobs is invited to a community hiring fair on Monday, August 21, 2017 from 10:00am-2:00pm in the Music Demonstration Room at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St.



An overview of both projects, provided by the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC), can be found below. The PBC expects the annexes to be completed in January of 2019.

Mount Greenwood Elementary School Annex & Renovations:

A new, two-story annex to the existing two-story school will be constructed to alleviate overcrowding. The annex will include thirteen standard classrooms, one science room, two offices, storage, bathrooms, utility rooms, an elevator and building support space. The project will also include a new parking lot, storm water management infrastructure, and a new outdoor playground. Work within the school building will include the conversion of two existing classrooms for expanded lunchroom capacity.



Esmond Elementary School Annex & Renovations:

A new, two-story annex to the existing two-story school will replace a deteriorating stand-alone modular building. The annex will include a classroom, computer classroom, science classroom, art room with storage, library, dining room, hybrid kitchen and server, administrative office, bathrooms, building storage, an elevator and building support space. The project will also include renovated parking lots, load area, refuse enclosure, storm water management infrastructure, a new outdoor playground, community garden, and a turf field.



New Location for Mount Greenwood Service Office

The Mount Greenwood Service Office operated by Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley has moved to 3207 W. 111th Street, just a few doors east of our previous location.

Residents can visit this office Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm to receive assistance with any state or city government service. The Mount Greenwood Service Office can be reached by phone at (773) 238-8776.

Run Under the Oaks 5K - 9/23

Please join us for the Inaugural Run Under the Oaks 5K at Mount Greenwood Park on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00am. Runners and walkers will travel throughout Mount Greenwood Park, wind through the campus of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and finish through the park for a post-race celebration. Registration is \$30 per person or \$35 on race day. To sign up now, please visit www.mgcba.org.

Sponsorships and volunteers opportunities are still available. This is a great option for students looking for service hours! For more information please call (773) 881-0622 or mgcba2013@gmail.com.

Come out and enjoy a fun filled fall run in our community. Proceeds will support neighborhood beautification efforts of the Mount Greenwood Community and Business Association and 95th Street Business Association. Special thanks to our major sponsors: Little Company of Mary Hospital, Altria, Chicago Park District, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Chicago Pulse and South Side Tent Rental.

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor

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2018**** Roof & Porch Repair Program

A grant program for income-eligible Chicago homeowners to make repairs on their roofs or porches. Interested parties must register in a lottery for a chance to apply for the funds.

ONE-DAY LOTTERY REGISTRATION
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017
online at www.cityofchicago.org/roofandporch or call 311

The lottery drawing will take place in late October at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Results will be posted online the following week.

For more information
312-744-3653
www.cityofchicago.org/dpd
dpd@cityofchicago.org

MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME (2017)	
Size of Household	80% Area Median Income
1 person	\$44,250
2 people	\$50,600
3 people	\$56,900
4 people	\$63,200
5 people	\$68,300
6 people	\$73,350

Check Out the 95th Street Farmers Market this Fall



Have you visited the 95th Street Farmers’ Market this year? If not, there is still time! The 95th Street Farmers Market operates every Sunday from 7:00am – 1:00pm in the commuter parking lot at 95th & Longwood Drive through Sunday, October 29, 2017.

Each week, the market features live music from 10am-12pm, with special guests and activities in the community tent. In the coming weeks, patrons can look forward to:

August 20th: The Beverly Branch Children’s Librarian with activities and free face painting in the community tent, and music from the Beverly All Stars.

August 27th: The Beverly Branch Children’s Librarian with activities in the community tent, and music from Joel Barr.

September 3rd: Free face painting, and music from Dave Waterman.

September 10th: The Beverly Area Arts Alliance in the community tent, and music from Mark Taylor.

September 17th: The Vanderpoel Improvement Association, and free face painting in the community tent, and music from the Beverly All Stars.

September 24th: Straight From the Go in the community tent, and music from Joel Barr.



Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk. This year’s race will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 through the beautiful tree lined streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation.

Please visit www.the19thward.com to register today! The Beverly Hills Turkey Trot will be chip timed on a certified 5K route. If you aren’t a runner, but would like to enjoy the day, the untimed family walk is perfect for you. Please note, participants who register through the family walk will not be timed; if multiple members of the same family want to participate in the event and be timed, individual registrations are required.

A \$5 discount is available to all CARA members. Runners will be divided by age and sex according to CARA guidelines with awards given for each age group. All participants will receive a t-shirt and gift bag; please note, only one gift bag will be provided per family walk registration.

Additionally, an after party and post-race pancake breakfast will be held in the Christ the King School gymnasium sponsored by the Original Pancake House-Beverly. The after party will feature booths from sponsors and local organizations as well as entertainment. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tristan Angus at Tristan@the19thward.com.

ABOUT OUR BENEFICIARIES

Since its inception in 6 years ago, the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation’s goal has

been to fund the most innovative research focusing on the hardest to treat tumors. For the last two years JMPBTF has partners Lurie Children’s Hospital on a Project that is truly one of a kind. The Research centers around the most exciting discovery in brain tumor research in 40 years. Lurie has put together a multidisciplinary team of doctors who’s focus is understanding the hardest to treat tumors. This team

is the best in the world and we have assembled them in our own backyard! The project is hoping to go to clinical trial by the end of 2017. Because of events like the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot and many others, they have been able to fund over 1.2 million dollars in life changing research. Together we can bring hope to young people diagnosed with brain tumors.

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that hosts and supports a wide variety of safe, healthy, educational children’s programs for families in the Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood communities. All programs are made available at little to no cost to participants and are intended to help young people make new friends and stay active in the community.



Responsible Pet Ownership

*Co-hosted by Alderman Matt O’Shea,
State Senator Bill Cunningham,
State Representative Fran Hurley and
Chicago Animal Care and Control*

**Saturday, September 9, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
3857 W. 111th Street**

Featuring a Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic by the City of Chicago Animal Care & Control

Open to City of Chicago residents. All pets over 4 months of age MUST have current rabies vaccination and a current dog license or will be required to purchase one at the time of clinic (proof needed). All dogs MUST be on a leash or in a carrier; an cats MUST be in a carrier. Pets requiring muzzles MUST be muzzled at the event. You Must be able to handle your pet around other animals.

CASH ONLY, please bring exact change.

Fees: \$7 for DA2PPL and FVRP vaccinations, \$15 for Rabies vaccination, \$15 for Micro-chipping \$5 for Dog Registration (neutered dog) or \$50 (un-neutered dog).



Special Olympics Happy Hour 9/27

19th Ward Alderman Matt O’Shea will host a happy hour to benefit Special Olympics Chicago at Franconello Italian Restaurant on their rooftop patio located at 10222 S. Western Avenue on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5 to 8 PM. Alderman O’Shea is running the marathon to benefit

the Special Olympics Chicago and all tips and donations from the event will go to the organization. The fundraiser will feature guest bartenders, including the alderman, Illinois State Representative Fran Hurley, former Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan and Skinny Sheahan, raffle prizes, and free appetizers.



**Special Olympics
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Chicago Irish Immigrant Support to begin new Senior Program in the 19th Ward

Chicago Irish Immigrant Support is a not-for-profit immigration and social services provider that works with the Irish and Irish American communities of the greater Chicago area and beyond. Established in 1998 to serve the needs of newly arriving, younger Irish immigrants, the organization now offers a wide variety of services for seniors. From its base at the Irish American Heritage Centre on the North West side of the city, Chicago Irish Immigrant Support runs drop in groups for seniors which offer a friendly social setting for older people to gather while also providing some interesting educational and cultural programs. CIIS is delighted to at last be able to provide programming to seniors on the southwest side of the city – an area long thought of as being one of the most Irish in all of Chicago. CIIS is partnering with the Mt Greenwood Public Library to host the monthly **Irish Cultural Hour**. With musical performances and cultural programs CIIS hopes to create a great place for



senior to gather to enjoy one another's company and celebrate Irish culture and heritage. All are welcome to join us and there is no fee for attending. If you'd like to learn more about these events or any of Chicago Irish Immigrant Support's other legal or social programs please call our office on 773-282-8445, email us at info@irishchicago.org , or visit our website at www.irishchicago.org.

All events take place at the
Mt. Greenwood Public Library
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Friday 29th September @ 10am
Music from native Southsider
Ray Gavin

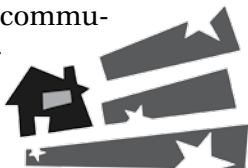
Friday 27th October @10am
Presentation on the
ancient Irish Book of Kells

Friday 1st December @10am
Traditional Irish Music
with a Holiday Twist

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Just 4 Heroes is a nationally recognized program that provides financial assistance to community heroes when buying or selling a home. Anytime you purchase a home through the Just 4 Heroes program, your agent will return 25% of his or her commission back to you as a thank you for your public service. In addition, all Just 4 Heroes realtors have a network of lenders, attorneys, home inspectors and other

professionals who offer credits and discounts to local heroes. This money saving offer is available to all first responders, firefighters, police officers, military (active, retired or reserve), health care workers and teachers. There are no forms to fill out or red tape, and you can receive the savings with every transaction. To locate a Just 4 Heroes agent near you, please visit www.just4heroes.com or call (844) 462-HERO.



50th ANNIVERSARY
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Please join us at our community street festival on Sunday, September 10 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Walden Parkway. The family event will include food vendors, jumpy house, face painter, live entertainment, school tours and more!

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Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1 Treats Chicago Educators Fairly

Over the spring legislative session, one of the biggest topics of discussion was how to treat Chicago teachers the way we treat teachers at the 849 other school districts across the state.

Currently, state law requires Chicago to pay for their own teacher's pensions through local tax levies and then pay for downstate teacher pensions through the state income tax. This is both unfair to Chicago taxpayers and unfair to Chicago teachers due to the pension

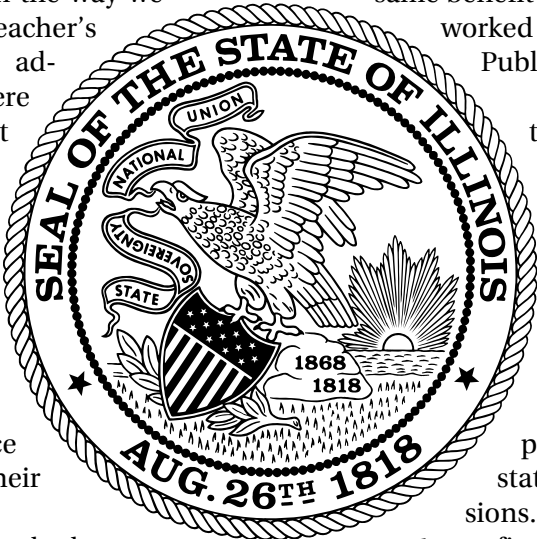


shortfall being faced by the city.

Both Governor Rauner and Democrats have agreed that the lack of parity on the way we treat Chicago teacher's needed to be addressed. We were able to do that by passing Senate Bill 1 which primarily reforms our education funding system to ensure all students have an chance to succeed in their schools.

But we also had to address the way teacher's retirement is treated in Chicago. That is why we required that the state cover the costs of Chicago's normal costs for teacher pensions. Normal cost covers the pensions being earned by current employees in the current year.

For decades, downstate schools have not had to worry about covering the normal costs of their pen-



sions because the state said they would cover that cost for them. But the state had not provided that same benefit to teachers who worked for Chicago Public Schools.

It is unfair to ask Chicago teachers and taxpayers to not only pay for their own pension program, but then also ask them to cover a portion of downstate teacher pensions. In Senate Bill 1, we fixed that problem by saying the state would provide roughly \$221 million per year for normal pension costs of Chicago Public Schools.

Now the governor has vetoed Senate Bill 1 which is the first significant reform of how we fund schools in decades. This has not only put funding for schools in question, but also put the fair treatment of Chicago teachers in question as well.

Hurley Backs Local Business and Consumers

State Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, is working to invest in local businesses by supporting two pieces of legislation that will require Illinois state agencies to buy domestic products when purchasing goods.

Hurley is sponsoring House Bill 138, which provides that purchasing state agencies shall promote the purchase of, and give preference to, articles, materials, and supplies that have been manufactured in Illinois specifically. If the needed product is not manufactured in Illinois, state agencies are required to purchase products made in the United States.

Hurley is also a sponsor of House Bill 137 which mandates that state agencies buy American made products when purchasing goods. Purchased goods must be made up of more than 50 percent American or Illinoisan components. Certain



restrictions are included for items such as pharmaceutical drugs or when the price or quality does not meet the standards sought.

"Shopping locally has a profound effect on local economies. Local businesses employ hard-working people throughout the community, and we should be helping these businesses create jobs," Hurley said. "This legislation allows for small and medium sized businesses to flourish by investing in our communities."

Hurley wants to ensure that tax dollars are being spent within the state as much as possible. House Bill 137 and House Bill 138 have passed out of State Government Administration committee, and are currently on third reading in the House for consideration.

"When we invest in Illinois businesses, our state's economy will improve because employers will have the opportunity to create more jobs," Hurley said. "Business owners should not be required to compete with companies outside of the country, and instead should be given the appropriate support to thrive."

Prioritizing Consumers

In continuation of her efforts to protect consumers, Hurley is sponsoring legislation that requires cable television providers to notify customers when their promotional prices expire. "Currently, cable tele-

vision providers are not required to inform customers when their promotional contracts expire," said Hurley. "This bill will promote more transparency and awareness for consumers."

Hurley is the Chief House Sponsor of House Bill 4040, which will provide customers with notice of the expiration of promotional rates and prices set for a specified period of time. Hurley's measure will ensure that customers are aware of when their current contract is expiring, and allow the customer to find a new promotion or another carrier if they choose.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by Senator Cunningham & Representative Hurley

- Saturday, August 19**
Worth Shredding Event
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- Saturday, September 9**
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Dunkin' Donuts
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8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, September 11**
After Office Hours
Mt. Greenwood
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 15**
Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
District Office
10400 S. Western Ave., Chicago
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, September 16**
Shredding Event
Orland Hills Public Work Dept.
16533 S. 94th Ave., Orland Hills
9:00 a.m. - Noon
**2 box limit*
- Saturday, September 23**
Fishing Derby at Lake Katherine
7402 Lake Katherine Dr., Palos Heights
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday, September 26**
Sportsman Event
Worth Village Hall
7112 W 111th St., Worth
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 9**
After Office Hours
10400 S. Western Ave, Chicago
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 12**
Hiring Event
Orland Park Civic Center
14750 S Ravinia Ave, Orland Park
Veteran only, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
General Public, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14**
Coffee Shop Half Marathon
8:00 a.m. - Dunkin Donuts
1465 W. 95th St., Chicago
8:40 a.m. - Starbucks
1933 W. 103rd St., Chicago
9:20 a.m. - Starbucks
3243 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park
10:00 a.m. - Dunkin Donuts
11843 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip
10:40 a.m. - Starbucks
7202 W. 119th St., Palos Heights
11:20 a.m. - Dunkin Donuts
13029 S. La Grange Rd., Palos Park
12:00 p.m. - Blissful Banana Cafe
15447 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park
12:40 p.m. - Starbuck's inside Jewel
9350 W 159th St., Orland Hills
1:20 p.m. - Dunkin Donuts
11309 W. 143rd St., Orland Park
2:00 p.m. - Starbucks
14209 S. La Grange Rd., Orland Park
2:40 p.m. - Dunkin Donuts
6707 W. 111th St., Worth
3:20 p.m. - Dunkin Donuts
10401 S. Western Ave., Chicago
4:00 p.m. - Horse Thief Hollow
10426 S. Western Ave., Chicago

High School Admissions 101:

A Seminar for Parents of 6th – 8th Graders

Attention parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders: Now it the time to start your search for the right high school. The Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA), Chicago School GPS, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Beverly Arts Center will host High School Admissions 101, a seminar designed to help guide parents through the high school selection process on Tues., Aug. 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St.

Beverly/Morgan Park families have a lot of choices when it comes to high school. How can you make sure the school you choose is the right fit for your student?

Grace Lee Sawin of Chicago School GPS will demystify the Chicago high school admissions process and help parents navigate the public and private school search journey. Sawin will explain the new GoCPS application process for Chicago Public high schools, provide an overview of the private school admissions process, give guidelines for how to choose a school

that is a good fit for your child, explain criteria for various public and private high school programs, offer tips on navigating open houses and high school shadow days, and more.

Chicago School GPS was founded by three Chicago moms who believe that the culture, opportunities and unique setting of Chicago makes it ideal for families, and that academically challenging, emotionally nourishing and culturally diverse options for education are available. Chicago School GPS understands that the search for the right high school can seem overwhelming. Their research covers neighborhood public schools, selective enrollment, magnets, charters, parochial and private schools.

Space is limited and reservations are appreciated; adults only please. Light refreshments will be served. Information and reservations at Eventbrite.com, search Public and Private High School Admissions 101.



Beverly Art Walk Returns - 10/7

The fourth annual Beverly Art Walk will be on Saturday, October 7th, Noon-7:00pm. The Art Walk will feature work by more than 200 talented artists and makers in 55 venues, as well as artist demonstrations, children's activities, public art, coffee, craft beer, and complimentary trolleys. Free live music performances, from blues to folk, jazz to rock & roll, will be showcased throughout the day. Local artists will also open their home studios for an insight into their artistic process, inspirations, and work. The Beverly Art Walk is a free, family-friendly event and attracts more than 6,000 visitors each year.

The Beverly Art Walk is orga-

nized by the Beverly Area Arts Alliance, a volunteer-run 501c3 not for profit organization, who relies on the support and participation of residents and the business com-

munity. This year, they are excited to welcome some of the neighborhood's newest small businesses, including Open Outcry, Marlo Hair Salon, Capsule, and B-Sides Coffee + Tea, in addition to returning venues and pop-up galleries. Artists from the Chicagoland area, as well as surrounding states, will display work ranging from

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Park Improvements Coming to 19th Ward

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Park District are excited to announce a series of improvements coming to local parks.

The Chicago Park District (CPD), Chicago's 19th Ward and the Chicago Blackhawks have partnered to build a street hockey rink at Kennedy Park (11320 S. Western Ave.) in Chicago's West Morgan Park neighborhood. Construction will soon begin on the project that will feature a SportCourt surface, creating year-round accessibility. The rink is expected to open in fall, roughly three months before the opening of the highly anticipated, 125,000-square-foot community ice arena, located two blocks south of the United Center. The street hockey rink is funded by the Chicago Blackhawks through the National Hockey League's Industry Growth Fund (IGF) as part of an initiative to further develop youth hockey. Combined with the community ice arena, this project has the Blackhawks quickly approaching well-over \$75 million of community contributions. As part of the project, a portion of the park will be improved to accommodate the rink, which will measure 80' x 175'.

At Maggie Cosme Park, the three dated and underutilized tennis courts are being completely redone. Once complete, the courts will be same caliber as the recently

improved tennis courts at Ridge Park. This project is currently out to bid with an expected budget of approximately \$75,000. Work is expected to begin in late 2017 and we look forward to increased usage of the newly refinished courts.

Over the past year, the Chicago Park District invested \$300,000 to improve the field at 117th & Oakley Ave. The scope of work included stripping the old grass and removing unsuitable materials, installing and grading new topsoil to provide a level playing field with positive drainage, and seeding with new athletic field turf grass seed. We have also top dressed with bio solids to fertilize the new grass. The field has been fenced off to allow the new turf to become established. The fence will be removed next month to allow for fall sports programming. For permitting and scheduling information, please contact Jennifer Cronin, the supervisor at Kennedy Park, at (312) 747-6198.

The Park district will also be completely resurfacing the walking path at Mount Greenwood Park and replacing the roof at Ridge Park. Both projects are currently out to bid, the walking path is expected to be completed in 2017. No formal timeline has been announced for the roof project at Ridge Park.



Public Art Planned for 99th & Walden Parkway



Chicago artist Davis McCarty has been selected to create a piece of public art in the 19th Ward through the City of Chicago's 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Project. McCarty's project "Quantum Me" will be installed at 99th & Walden Parkway and unveiled this October. A preliminary rendering of the piece will be on display at the 19th Ward Office; all residents are invited to view work and offer written feedback through the artist now through August 31st.

"Quantum Me" is an inspirational light bending sculpture that engages the public with iridescent colors. As the sun rises light gleams off the dichroic plexiglass casting vibrant shadows of purple, green, and amber hues across the ground at Beverly's 99th Street Metra Station. Dichromatic plexiglass is a space-age technology originally developed by NASA that has astonishing properties. The material changes color based on the location of the spectator. Participants can observe the sculpture changing color by simply walking to a new vantage point. "Quantum Me's" bright hues and kaleidoscopic effect represent the vibrant and diverse makeup of Bev-

erly's citizens. "I hope people will have a moment of joy and wonder as they pass by," says creator Davis McCarty "Life gets serious, this sculpture helps remind us of the sense of discovery and excitement we felt as children exploring the world."

There is advanced science behind the design of this sculpture. Depending on the position of the spectator each may see a different color at the same time, this represents how sub atomic particles behave. "It's a little like Schrodinger's cat, by observing matter behaving in two states simultaneously we are getting a glimpse behind the wizard's curtain into the inner workings of the universe."

More information about the artist can be found at www.DavisMcCarty.com. This project is funded by the City of Chicago's 50x50 Neighborhood Arts Initiative, which is providing up to \$1 million for new public art projects. Local participation in this initiative has been spearheaded by the Beverly Area Arts Alliance. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given generously of their time to ensure the success of this endeavor.



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Midway Fly Away 5K in Support of Special Olympics Chicago - 9/17

The 5th Annual Midway Fly Away 5K Run & Walk lands at Midway International Airport on Sunday, September 17th, offering runners, walkers and families an incredible race experience. Offering breathtaking views of the city skyline, and an up close and personal look at the jumbo jets taking off and landing, the Midway Fly Away 5K Run and Walk takes place on the airfield of Midway International Airport and is open to all ages and fitness levels. This event benefits the 7500 athletes of Special Olympics Chicago.

Registration is now open by visiting www.sochicago.org in advance of the event. Race participation is \$40 for adults, and \$20 for children 16 & under; The Midway Miler, open to kids 10 and under, is \$15 per child. On-site registration will be available for \$50 for adults.

Registered participants will receive a souvenir race t-shirt, post-race refreshments and free parking in the Midway Airport Economy Parking lot, located across the street from the Southwest Airlines Hangar, at 5050 W. 55th Street.

A variety of pre-race activi-

ties, including raffles with amazing prizes, as well as a myriad of family activities such as face painting, balloon animals, and much more, will take place at the event hangar on the airfield.

New this year, cash prizes will be awarded to the overall top three male and female participants. The Midway runner, the person who places in the middle of the race, will also win Southwest Airlines tickets. Those who raise more than \$250 will automatically be entered to win two round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States that Southwest Airlines flies – with no restrictions or blackout dates. First place male and female winners will also be awarded a prize package. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place male and female winners in a variety of age groups. All registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

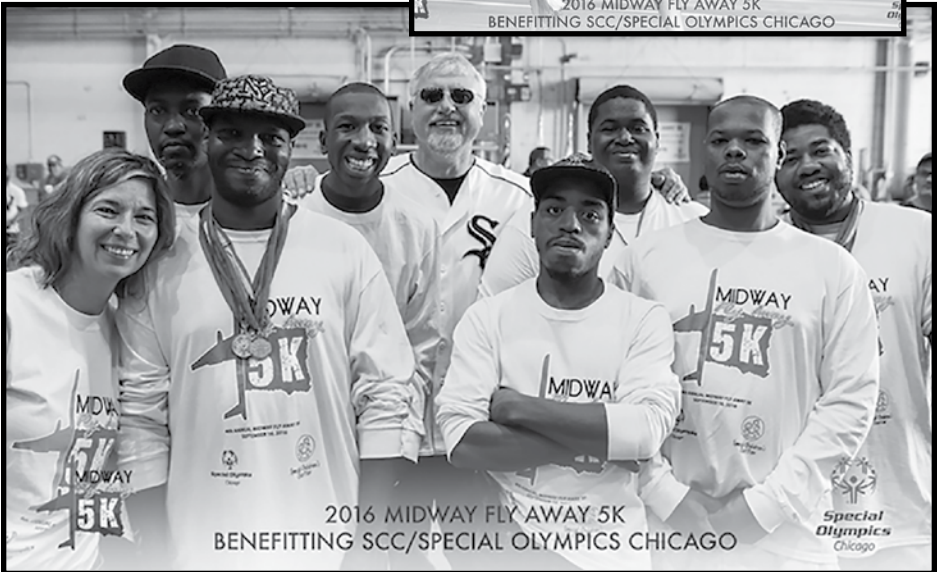
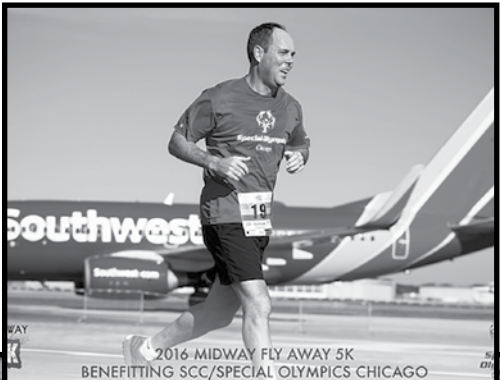
Doors to the Southwest Airlines hangar will open at 8:00am. The Southwest Airlines Hangar is located at 5035 W. 55th Street at Midway International Airport. Upon arriv-

al, participants will be shuttled to the event hangar on the airfield. All participants are required to bring a photo id for check-in, and must arrive prior to 8:30am. Shuttle service will end promptly at 8:30 am. No backpacks/bags will be allowed on the course, however, there will be gear check available the day of the race. No “wheels”, including strollers, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, inline skates, will be allowed on the airfield.

Special Olympics was born in Chicago at Soldier Field on July 20, 1968. The Chicago program is now the largest in the State of Illinois. Today, there are more than

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Saint Xavier University Cougar 5K Run/Walk - 9/30

The cougar community will be on the prowl again through the streets of Evergreen Park during Saint Xavier University's (SXU) 17th Annual Cougar 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 30th. The race is a South Side trademark, and it attracts new participants as well as the returning running enthusiasts. It is a tradition grounded in spirit, and a benefit to the whole community. The Cougar 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9:00am on the SXU campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street. Runners and walkers will navigate the neighborhood and conclude on campus.

Pre-registration is \$35 for runners/walkers; faculty, staff, alumni and students can register for \$30. There is a family rate for up to three people from the same immediate family, each additional member is \$25. Anyone who registers the day of the race will have to pay \$40, and the family rate option will not be available. Registration can be completed online at www.sxu.edu, keyword: cougar 5K.

Each participant will get a long sleeve performance moisture wicking t-shirt. Shirts are 100% polyester and feel like cotton. Stop into the Shannon Center after August 15th to try on sizes.

The presenting sponsor for this

event is Meijer. Axion is the sponsor of the prize money that is awarded to the top three runners in men's and women's categories. First place winners receive \$150 each; those who come in second are given \$100 each; and the third place participants get \$50 each. If contestants break a record, they will receive a \$100 award from Axion. The current record for women is 18:34, and 15:21 for men.

The Cougar 5K is also one of six courses that are part of the "I Run Evergreen Park" Challenge for 2017. People who participate in at least three will receive a medal, a certificate and a \$10 Jimmy Johns gift card.

After the race, there will be activities such as massages, free blood pressure checks, face painting, an inflatable slide, balloons and Champ, the Cougar mascot. There will also be free refreshments from the following sponsors: Country House, Jimmy Johns, Barraco's, Mariano's, Calabria, KIND Bar and Aquafina. Participants can also receive tickets to the Homecoming football game at 1:00pm, and watch SXU take on Taylor University.

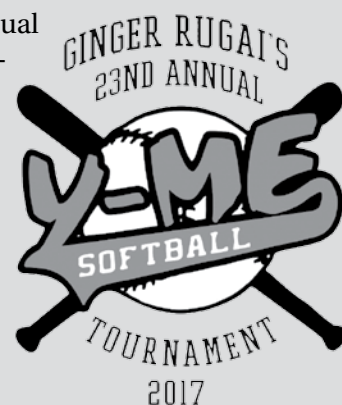
For more information, please call the Cougar 5K hotline at 773-298-3592.



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celebrate this very special milestone.

Beverly Montessori School first opened in September 1967 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on South Oakley Avenue. It was the first Montessori-based school in Beverly and had an initial enrollment of 50 children. The school was founded as a not-for-profit educational organization by the Barry, Burke, Coffey, Foley and Geary families—caring and engaged neighborhood couples who believed in providing a different kind of preschool education for children in the Beverly area.

Beverly Montessori's first Head

of School Stase Vaisvila

worked closely with the five families to ground the school in the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, which itself was rooted in a deep respect for the child and the adult to be. In only two years, the reputation of Beverly Montessori School and its talented staff had grown so substantially that the school purchased its current home at its present site at 9916 S. Walden Parkway.

Over the last 50 years, Beverly Montessori School has educated over 2,600 children in the Beverly area. The school and its educators have dedicated themselves to igniting a love of learning in each of the students that have passed through its doors. The school truly lives the authentic Montessori philosophy, believing that every child needs freedom to act on their surroundings to develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually. All the compassionate and dedicated teachers at Beverly Montessori are Montessori Certified in Early Childhood Education and the staff has a wide range of backgrounds,



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SXU School of Nursing Receives Over \$880K to Assist Underserved Communities

The Saint Xavier University School of Nursing (SON) has been awarded a grant through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). SXU's Assistant Professor of Nursing Laura Tucco, Ph.D., secured the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) grant for a two-year period, which began July 1, 2017 and runs through June 30, 2019.

During the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic semesters, the grant will cover the cost of 15 family nurse practitioner (FNP) students each year. The total of the grant is \$887,467. A project will go along with the grant, which will involve a partnership with a group of Franciscan Specialty Physicians, who provide care to underserved communities, which is consistent with the SXU Mercy mission.

"Specialty Physicians of Illinois, LLC, is pleased to partner with Saint Xavier and provide a training site for family nurse practitioner students," said Franciscan Specialty Physicians of Illinois, LLC Human Resources Manager Rai Barney. "Our advanced practice providers understand the vital role of preceptors and are eager to aid in the clinical and professional development of

our community's future nurse practitioners."

Dr. Tucco, who is leading the project, must identify, select and maintain 15 dedicated FNP students for each year, work closely with the students who report to her, and encourage the continuation of a relationship with Franciscan Specialty Physicians. The pupils who receive the award will be those with a strong commitment and passion for aiding medically underserved communities.

"Receipt of the ANEW grant provides funding to support the clinical education of family nurse practitioner (FNP) students in academic-practice partnerships with clinical facilities where students will care for the medically underserved," said Tucco. "Caring for the medically underserved is consistent with the Mercy mission of Saint Xavier University. The grant provides much needed funding to FNP students allowing them to focus on their studies and prepare for future careers as primary health care providers."

Since 2014, SXU's SON has obtained close to \$2 million in awards for FNP education. The ANEW grant is now the third consecutive program to bring necessary funding for the students.

"We are very proud and excited

to have received a two-year ANEW grant from HRSA," said SXU President Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D. "Receipt of this highly-competitive award showcases not only the hard-working efforts of our Nursing faculty, but our dedication and commitment to academic excellence. The knowledge and experiences our FNP students will receive through these clinical partnerships will be vital to their future professional success."

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number T94HP30915. This information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any endorsements be inferred by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.



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For more information, please contact Rep. Burke's constituent service office at 708-425-0571 or kburke@kellyburkerep36.org.

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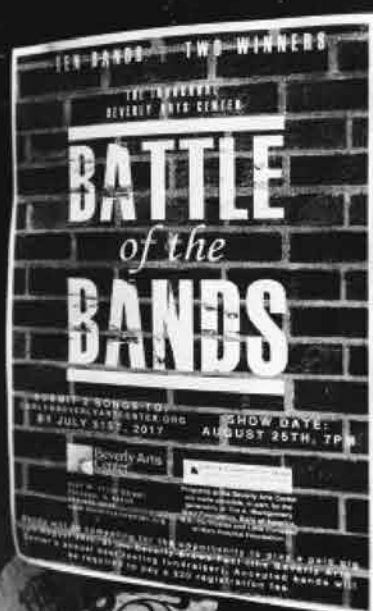
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Smith Village invites young readers for book club discussion

Smith Village is home to about 275 older adults, and for many years the life plan community located at 2320 W. 113th Place has welcomed younger generations as participants in the lives of its residents.

The Smith Village Women's Book Club offers a prime example. It meets at 11 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month. Recently, the book club opted to include a couple of youngsters to discuss its July selection, *The One and Only Ivan*, a children's book by Katherine Applegate. The fictional tale was inspired by the true story of a Silverback gorilla taken from the wild and forced to live in a shopping mall for 30 years. He eventually was placed with the Atlanta Zoo.

To break the ice for the discussion, which took place in Smith Village's Independent Living library, the group asked Finn McGee, 9, a fourth grader at St. Cajetan, to read a few quiz questions for everyone to answer.

"What treat did Stella (the elephant in the story) and Ivan like to eat?" McGee asked.

After a pause, someone answered, "Yogurt covered raisins."

The next question concerned a dog in the story. "What was Bob's favorite place to sleep?" McGee asked.

"Ivan's stomach," someone answered.

McGee smiled, seeming to appreciate the response.

All the while, McGee's grandmother Pat McQuillan, also smiled with pride.

Karen Jellema, human resources director for Smith Senior Living, typically leads the book club discussions and contacts libraries to secure enough book copies in advance to allow ample time for reading each month's selection. The club's choices usually range from literature to a variety of history-inspired books including historical fiction and biographies of historical figures. "We occasionally read children's books," said Jellema. "And we thought, 'What better way discuss children's literature than to invite children to join our discussion?'"

Jellema also brought fresh-baked cookies and lemonade to the group's gathering.

When Jellema asked the group the original names for Ivan the gorilla and his sister, Maddie Genis, 11, a 5th grader from Frankfort, answered, "Ivan came from a set of twins. He was called 'Mud' because

he liked to draw on his mother's back with mud. His sister was called 'Tag' because she liked to play tag."

"You have a good memory," quipped Carol O'Neill, a retired school teacher and Smith Village resident. "That's because you're young!"

O'Neill also once participated in a book club discussion of *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio with students from St. John Fisher School.

Other questions yielded comments about man's efforts to better understand and show greater respect for fellow creatures including the Silverback gorillas and the elephants portrayed in the book. The group also viewed a brief documentary featuring the real Ivan as well as interviews with mall owners and

zoo biologists who knew him.

"Inviting children and young adults to participate in activities with Smith Village residents is a hallmark of our community," said Marti Jatis, executive director of Smith Village. "We provide a welcoming place for our residents' families and friends. We support intergenerational activities to encourage Smith Village residents to remain young at heart and be in tune with younger generations."

Smith Village has fostered warm relationships with area schools. Many students perform in holiday concerts and assemblies. High school students play beanbags with the residents' winning team. Several also earn community service credits for volunteer efforts.

About Smith Village

Smith Village, 2320 W. 113th Place, is sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924. The life plan community provides spacious residences and engaging programs for independent living, as well as assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Smith Village also offers short-term rehabilitation services for residents and others requiring assistance after surgery or a medical incident. For more information, call 773-474-7300 or visit SmithVillage.org.



Mandie Genis, seated left, and Finn McGee, seated right, spend a Thursday morning discussing the children's book, *The One and Only Ivan*, with Smith Village Women's Book Club members: Celeste Walsh, left, Carol O'Neill, Norma Heeren and Pat McQuillan, right. Book club members not pictured also participated in the discussion.

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