

19th WARD Quarterly

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Streetscape Project Comes to 95th Street

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently completed engineering and designs plans for streetscape improvements to 95th Street between Western and Ashland Avenues. The design includes new sidewalks and curbs, ornamental lighting, benches, bike racks, flower planters and trees. ADA ramps at corners and other City and federally mandated improvements will also be included.

Funding is currently available to begin streetscape from Western Avenue to Leavitt Street. This section of the project is currently being prepared for bid, once contracts are awarded construction is expected in 2011. Alderman Rugai and the



95th Street Business Association will continue to pursue additional funds for the remainder of this project.

In addition to the streetscape improvements, construction will soon begin on new "Welcome to Beverly" signs installed in enhanced flower beds at the east and west entrances to the commercial district. This project is expected to be complete in early fall and was funded by a grant secured by Senator Ed Maloney through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Infrastructure improvements will enhance safety and appearance of the retail district while also increasing the economic potential

of 95th Street. Several years ago, improvement projects like these helped stimulate the commercial area along 103rd Street.



Pictured above is a rendering of the Welcome to Beverly signs that will be constructed on 95th Street at Charles Street and Claremont Avenue.



Ornamental streetlights that include a community identifier medallion.

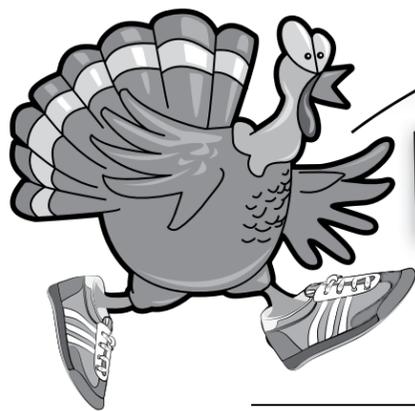
Register Today for the 2nd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot

Registration is now open for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk; this year's race will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2010 through the historic streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will again benefit the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation.

Register for the event online at www.the19thward.com for both the run and family walk. The run will be chip timed on a certified 5K course. The untimed family walk allows people to take part in the festivities even if they are not serious runners. Pre-registration is \$25 for an individual runner/walker or \$50 for the family walk. Please note, participants who register as a family will not be timed; if multiple family members wish to participate in the race with d-chip timing, they must register individually.

This year's Turkey Trot will include a pasta dinner on Friday, November 26, 2010 at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 111th Street. The dinner is open to any race participant for a nominal \$5 fee.

CARA members may run for a discounted \$20 pre-registration fee and \$25 on race day.



2ND ANNUAL
Beverly Hills Turkey Trot

THE PRIVATE BANK

5K RUN AND FAMILY WALK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2010

Runners will be divided by age and sex according to CARA recommended guidelines with awards given for each age group. All participants who pre-register will receive a t-shirt and gift bag.

Additionally, a post race party will be held at the Kellogg School field. The after party will feature booths from sponsors and local vendors as well as entertainment and the Mix 101.9 FM road crew.

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation would like to thank The Private Bank (formerly Founders Bank) for their generosity in serving as our

presenting sponsor for this event.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-0288.

ABOUT OUR BENEFICIARIES

The Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 organization to support research on pediatric brain tumors. Too many local families have struggled with various forms of childhood cancer. Maeve's Foundation has made significant contributions

to Children's Memorial Hospital, thus helping countless other families throughout Chicagoland.

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

Contributions

that count



Saint Xavier University is a proud resident of the 19th Ward. Serving as an economic, spiritual and cultural anchor, SXU demonstrates its commitment to the future of our neighboring communities in a variety of ways.

Providing a strong presence in the community

- More than 350 undergraduate and graduate students live in the 19th Ward.
- University events have drawn approximately 16,000 visitors annually.
- The SXU Community Connection Council provides a forum for the University and its neighbors to discuss programs and policies that might impact the community.
- The semi-annual Community Connections newsletter has a circulation of approximately 6,200 area residents.

Contributing to the health of the community

- Saint Xavier demonstrates a commitment to the health and well-being of the entire community by offering lowcost, professional primary health care to our neighboring areas through the University Health Center.
- The Ludden Speech and Language Clinic provides affordable diagnosis and treatment for clients with various communication disorders.

Offering free cultural events to the community and the public

- The SXU Voices and Visions Speaker Series, featuring prominent speakers such as former Secretaries of State Madeline K. Albright and General Colin Powell, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel, has drawn a combined total audience of more than 6,500.
- The Catholic Colloquium lecture series seeks to expand our understanding of the University's identity and responsibilities as a Catholic institution of higher learning.
- The Squeaky Weal Lecture Series promotes thoughtful consideration and civil discourse on issues of public concern, with a focus on the religious, moral and/or ethical implications of such issues for the common good.
- The art gallery hosts approximately 10 rotating exhibits each year, contributing to the University's positive cultural impact on the community.
- SXU's Annual Film Series is a popular program that offers free screenings of classic films and documentaries to the public.

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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

This fall there are a variety of events and programs for families in the Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood communities. In September, Nerf Football will begin for 3rd and 4th grades boy and girls. On October 3rd, the Beverly Area Planning Association will again host the History Mystery Bike Tour, and registration is currently open for the 2nd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk.

In this issue, you can find information on money saving energy rebates and tax credits, our new office location in Mt. Greenwood, and a free community shredding day being held this September. There are also updates on the many local park improvement projects happening in our community.

I have once again 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. Also, please remember that if you see a suspicious person or any activity that makes you uncomfortable, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

If you have any questions or would like information included in our next issue, please contact me at mattoshea@the19thward.com. To receive regular community updates, please visit our website at www.the19thward.com and sign up for our email distribution list.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. O'Shea
19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEAT 2212

First Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Avenue

BEAT 2213

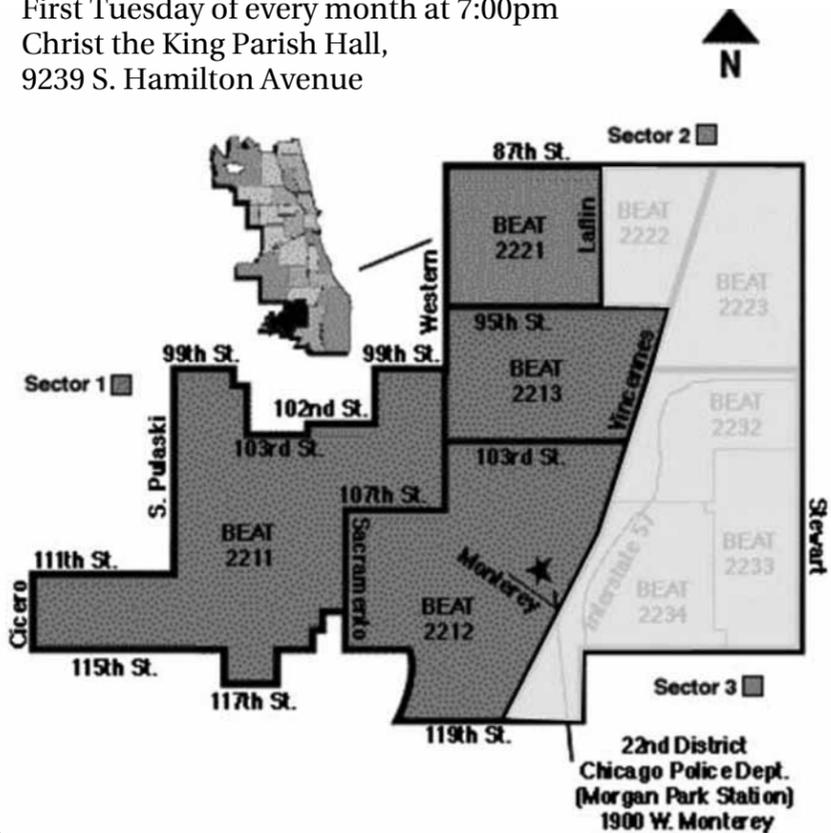
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

BEAT 2211

Third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm
Christ the King Parish Hall,
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Parks & Recreation

Kennedy Park Playground Nearly Complete

Construction on the new Kennedy Park Playground is nearly complete. The project was slightly delayed because of inclement weather and the labor strike, but crews are back at work and the project is expected to finish shortly. Currently, all of the play equipment, water features, and soft surface have been installed. Crews are now putting down sod and other landscaping pieces as well as a wrought iron fence around the perimeter of the play area.

A grand opening will be held at the park this September, please contact Matt O'Shea for more information at mattoshea@the19thward.com.



Blackwelder Park Playground

Despite a variety of project setbacks, many improvements have already begun at Blackwelder Park. The old playground has been fully demolished and crews are preparing the site for construction of the new playground. Wrought iron fencing has been installed along the South and East sides of the park and asphalt for the new walking path is currently being laid.

In the coming months, the basketball court will be refinished and a new color coat seal will be applied. New and enhanced lighting will also be installed. After some delays, the



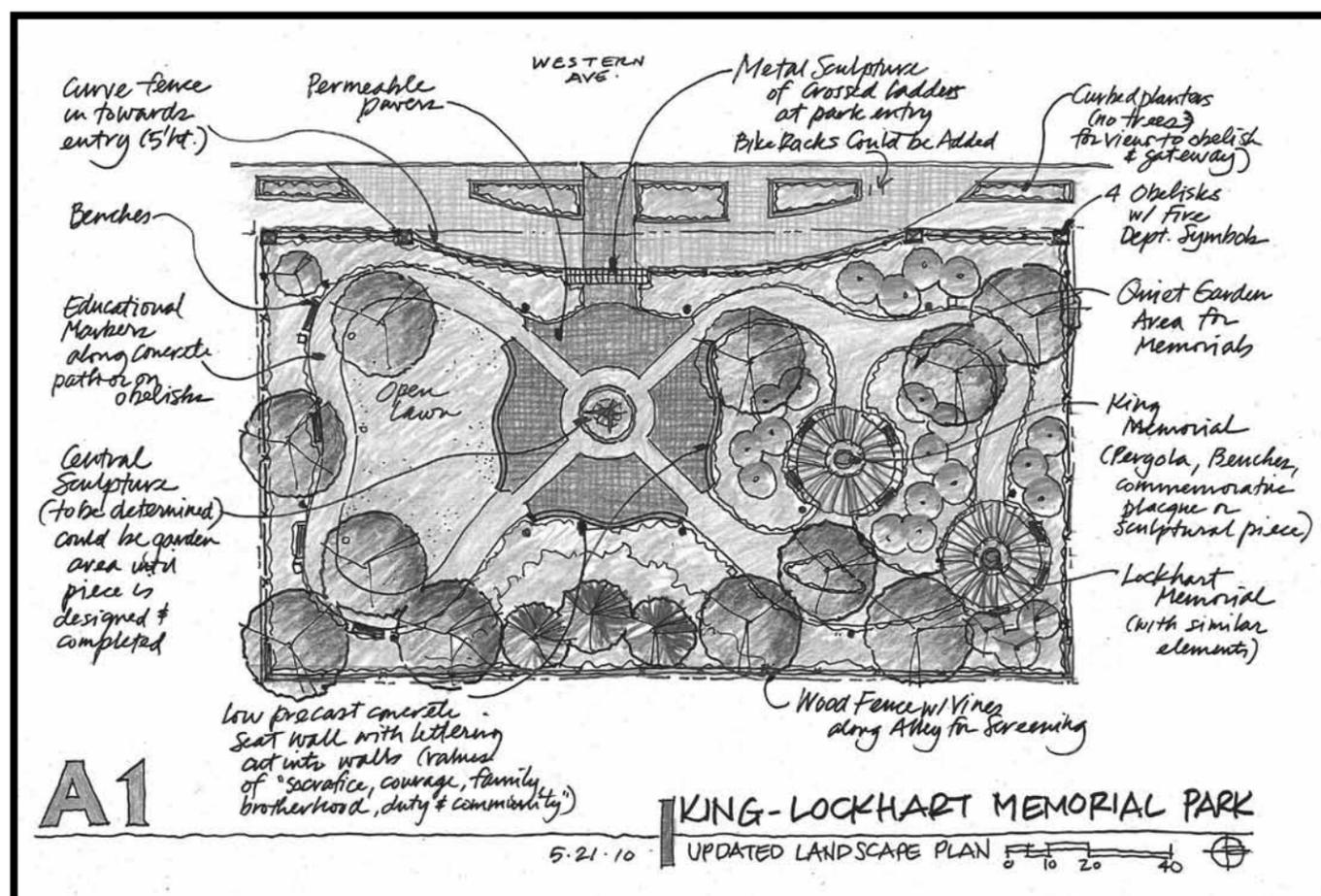
Chicago Park District now hopes to break ground on the new playground later this year with a 2011 completion date.

Plans Finalized for Park at 106th & Western

During the past several months a committee of local artists, landscape architects, civic leaders, active and retired firefighters, and CFD officers have been working on a concept for the Firefighters Memorial Park at 10611 S. Western Avenue.

The design will also include a yet to be determined central sculpture or artistic tribute. The design will also include a central sculpture or artistic tribute. Several artists and landscape architects submitted ideas for the park; the final rendering was designed based on feedback from the committee, and members of the King and Lockhart families.

Currently, this design is being reviewed by the Chicago Park District for a final cost estimate. Once the estimate is complete and construction drawings have been produced, the committee will meet again to discuss the next steps. If you would like more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com.



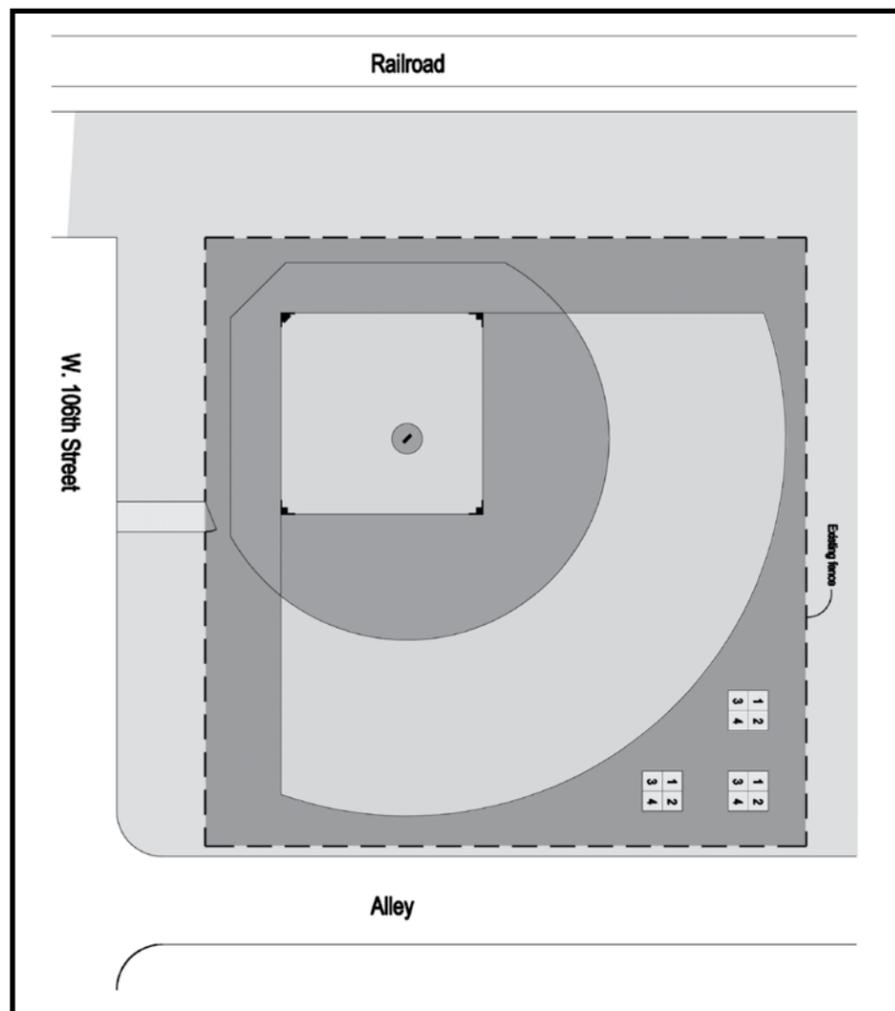
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Munroe Park Whiffle Ball Field

Work has begun on improvements to Munroe Park's tennis courts. The existing chain link fence was removed so that a bottom rail could be added. All fence posts and rails were cleaned, repaired and painted, and new vinyl clad chain link fabric was installed. All gates were repaired or replaced.

Additionally, all tennis posts and equipment has been removed and all drain tiles have been cleaned

out. In the coming weeks, the asphalt surface will be repaired and any cracks will be filled in. Once complete, the area will be painted and coated for whiffle ball games. Three new four square courts will also be painted inside the fence and a new ADA compliant ramp will be installed. If the weather cooperates, all work is expected to be complete by early fall.



16th Annual Y-Me Softball Tournament

On Saturday, August 28, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai will host the 16th Annual Y-Me Softball Tournament at Mt. Greenwood Park and St. Christina Fields. Since its inception women of all ages have participated in this tournament raising over \$450,000 for breast cancer charities. Last year, 54 teams participated with over 1,500 people in attendance.

This year, we are happy to announce that all proceeds from the Tournament will be going to

the American Cancer Society earmarked specifically for breast cancer research. Every donation brings us that much closer to finding a cure for this horrible and devastating disease. Together, we can find a cure.

Don't miss this year's tournament. If you are interested in organizing a team, or participating as a sponsor please contact Fran Hurley at Alderman Rugai's Mt. Greenwood Office at (773) 238-8776 or fhurley@cityofchicago.org.



Register Now for 19th Ward Nerf Football League

This fall, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the Chicago Park District will again sponsor the Nerf Football League at Beverly Park. League play will begin on Thursday, September 23, 2010 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons through the end of October. Participation is free and all players will receive a T-shirt jersey.

The league is open to third and fourth grade students who live in the 19th Ward. Registration is open now through September 14 online at www.the19thward.com. For more information or to volunteer, please call (773) 238-0288 or email mattoshea@the19thward.com.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

PROVIDED BY:

19th Ward
YOUTH FOUNDATION

Thursday, August 19, 2010
Crescent Park, 2230 W. 108th Pl.

TOY STORY

New Location for Mount Greenwood Service Office

Alderman Ginger Rugai, Senator Ed Maloney, and Committeeman Matt O'Shea recently announced the relocation of their Mount Greenwood Service Office. Effective Wednesday, September 1, 2010, the office will open at 3215 W. 111th Street, across from the new Walgreens' development. The Mt. Greenwood office will be open from 9:00am to 2:30pm.

Once open, residents may visit this new location for assistance with any City or State services. Staff from Alderman Rugai & Senator Maloney are on hand to provide any assis-



tance needed. As always, residents may still visit the 19th Ward's website at www.the19thward.com to request some of the most common neighborhood services.

To accommodate the new office opening, the existing office at 3017 W. 111th Street will close on Friday August 13, 2010. The office will reopen in its new location on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The phone number will remain (773) 238-8776. The service office at 10400 S. Western Ave will maintain regular office hours from 9:00am – 4:30pm during the transition period.

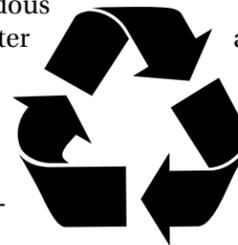
Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronic Equipment Collection

The Green Sanctuary Group of the Beverly Unitarian Church will host a household hazardous waste / computer and electronic waste collection on Saturday, November 7, 2010 from 8:30am-10:00am in the parking lot at 103rd and Seeley Avenue.

Household hazardous waste and non-computer electronics will be transported to Chicago's Household Chemical Disposal/Electronics Recycling Center on Goose Island that day.

The following items will be accepted, on the condition that they are properly sealed: antifreeze, used motor oil, old gasoline, OIL-BASED painted, paint thinners,

aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, drain cleaners, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury-fluorescent lamps and bulbs, car batteries, computer equipment, televisions and cell phones.



This is a service offered to area residents at no charge. Modest donations to help offset transportation costs are appreciated.

Water based paints, freon gas, incandescent bulbs, water soluble chalk, or bio-hazardous waste will not be accepted. For more information or questions regarding what will not be accepted please contact Eileen Klees at (773) 238-4221.

11 Year Sentence in Residential Burglary

A Chicago man who broke into a family's home in North Beverly last summer and stole their television set has been convicted of the crime and sentenced to 11 years in prison, according to the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

James Schisley, 28, of the 2000 block of West 66th Street, was convicted of the June 2009 burglary that occurred at a home in the 8900 block of South Claremont Avenue. On July 26, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Stanley Sacks imposed the 11-year sentence on Schisley, who has a criminal history that includes six prior convictions for burglary, drug possession and aggravated battery.

Chicago Police Officers from the 22nd District linked Schisley to the crime through fingerprint evidence, according to prosecutors.

State's Attorney Alvarez said that the active involvement of concerned community residents and court watchers who attended court proceedings, as well as the sentencing hearing, was important to the successful outcome of the case.

"This ruling is a victory not only for law enforcement but for the citizens of the community who seek and deserve justice when a crime of this nature occurs in their neigh-

borhood," Alvarez said. "This is an example of community-based prosecution at its finest."

Alvarez thanked the Chicago Police Department as well as Assistant State's Attorneys Susan Fleming and Maureen Renno for their work on the case.



"A New Direction" for Domestic Violence Victims

Community members are invited to attend a fund-raiser for the creation of A New Direction ("A.N.D."), a non-profit program of New Neighbors that will serve families suffering with domestic violence in the Beverly/Morgan Park community, hosted by The Music Station, at 1808 West 103rd Street, on October 16, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The effects of abuse – physical, financial, sexual, emotional – are devastating on families. And the cycle of abuse, when unbroken, is likely to repeat with the next generation. Children who witness violence in the home often grow up to be abusers or victims. Presently, there are no services available in

our community for families suffering the effects of domestic violence. The creation of A.N.D. aims to fill this gap by providing confidential counseling and legal advocacy to families in need. A.N.D. will provide the kind of comprehensive services that have shown to be effective in assisting individuals to eradicate violence in their homes and mitigate its impact on their families.

To join your friends and neighbors in attending this fundraiser or to make a donation to assist in the creation of A.N.D., please call or email Rita Ryan, Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional, at (773) 779-5949 or ritaryan500@gmail.com.

Tree Debris Pickup

Attention homeowners! This summer, many trees were damaged during rainstorms. Your patience is appreciated as city crews collect the tree debris from our streets. However, if you have not reported your debris to 3-1-1 or the ward office, it will not be collected. If you have tree debris in your parkway or alley and it has not been reported, please email the information to mattoshea@the19thward.com. Thank you!



Running Excels Specialty Store Opens on Western Ave.

Running Excels, a new running specialty store opened at 10328 S. Western Avenue on August 1, 2010. The store features high quality footwear, athletic apparel, accessories, and more. Operators also recently launched group walk/run sessions from the store. Any runners or walkers interested in participating can

meet at Running Excels on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6pm.

Running Excels is open Monday – Friday from 10am – 7pm, Saturdays from 10am – 6pm, and Sunday from 11am-5pm. For more information please visit www.runningexcels.com or excel@runningexcels.com.



Rebates & Tax Credits Available for Energy Efficient Products

It takes a lot of energy to heat your home. In today's tough economy, that can also mean a lot of money. Currently, there are a variety of programs available to help residents increase the energy efficiency of their homes and lower natural gas bills.

The Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program, funded by ratepayers of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, offers cash rebates to eligible customers for ENERGY STAR-qualified products. Rebates are available for energy efficient attic insulation, storage water heaters, and high efficiency gas furnaces and boilers. Rebates range from \$50 - \$750 per item and you can receive rebates on multiple items in one home. These rebates will end on October 31, 2010 or when funds are depleted so homeowners are encouraged to act now. To apply for the rebates, or to get more information, please visit www.chicagolandrebates.com.

In addition to the Natural Gas

Savings Program, the federal government also offers tax credits for the purchase of many energy efficient products for your home. Credits are available for many heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC) systems, insulation, roofs (metal or asphalt), non-solar water heaters, windows and doors. Through the

energy star tax credit program, homeowners receive a federal

tax credit of 30% of a products total cost up to \$1500 if purchased in 2010. For more information about this program, please visit www.energystar.gov/taxcredits.

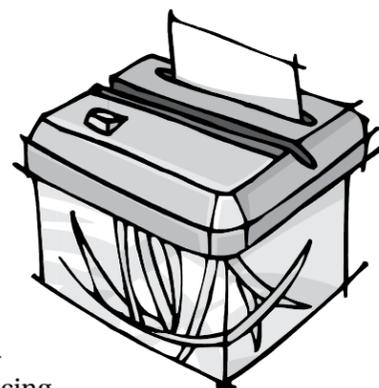
Please note that energy efficient attic insulation is eligible for both a cash rebate of up to \$750 through the Natural Gas Rebate program and a federal tax credit of up to \$1500 through the energy star program. By combining these programs homeowners can see a significant savings in the cost of attic insulation, which ultimately will have a major impact on heating bills this winter.

reducing the amount of waste in landfills.

19th Ward to Host Free Shredding Day

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai, Committeeman Matt O'Shea and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper shredding day for residents of the 19th Ward at the Saint Barnabas Parish Parking lot, 10121 S. Longwood Drive, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Residents can bring any old or unwanted papers to the school to be shredded and later recycled by Midway Document Destructions Mobile Shredding Truck. Document shredding is one of the most effective tools in preventing identity theft. Shredding documents also has positive environmental impacts; once shredded all paper is recycled, thereby



reducing the amount of waste in landfills.

All 19th Ward residents are invited to participate in this shredding day at the Saint Barnabas parking lot on September 18th. This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-8766 or mattoshea@the19thward.com.

Senior Citizen Halloween Party

On Tuesday October 26, 2010 Alderman Ginger Rugai and Committeeman Matt O'Shea will host the 19th Ward Senior Citizen Halloween Party at 115 Bourbon Street from 11:30am-2:30pm. The luncheon will include a fried chicken luncheon, Halloween themed des-

serts, and bingo with cash prizes.

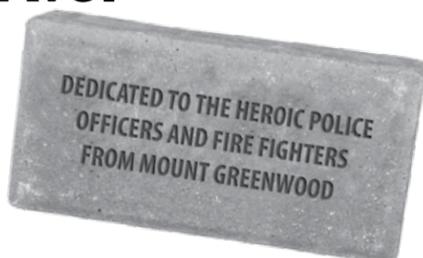
Admission is \$5 and reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Donna or Shirley at (773) 238-0288. Special thanks to 115 Bourbon Street for hosting this wonderful party.



111th & Kedzie Ave. "Lasting Legacy" Brick Campaign

Construction is underway at Mt. Greenwood's new signature corner at 111th and Kedzie Avenue. Once completed, the corner will welcome people into the Mount Greenwood Community with a beautifully landscaped gateway lined with inscribed brick pavers. This gateway will be dedicated to the heroic police officers and fire fighters from Mount Greenwood who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Additionally, personalized brick pavers will be sold to raise money for the Chicago Fire Department's Gold Badge Society and Chicago Police Department's Gold Star Society.



Bricks will be sold for \$75 and include space for three lines of inscription with up to 20 characters per line. These bricks are a great way to honor anyone who has left a lasting legacy in your life.

Order forms are available at the 19th Ward's new Mt. Greenwood Service Office, 3215 W. 111th Street, or online at www.the19thward.com. Bricks will be for sale until February 2, 2011. For further information, please contact Maureen Chausse at mchaussemk@wowway.com.



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Talent takes center stage at Smith Village

Break a leg! Not the usual greeting someone living at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community located in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, might want to hear. But since the formation of a new exciting drama group there, it's very appropriate.

Two Smith Village residents—Phil Carlin of Beverly Theatre Guild fame and Sig Erber, whose voice entertained many in the Beverly Hills University Club musicals—have been busy introducing a group of 18 of their fellow-residents to the wonderful world of theater.

With the success of Smith Village Players' first performance, a lively revue including sketch comedy, plans already are underway for an encore performance in September. "As part of this revue, Sig involves our audience by leading them in singing several popular favorites," said Carlin.

Most recently, Smith Village Players has taken its show on the road to Smith Crossing, a sister community located in Orland Park, where the performers met with rave reviews.

"Sig and I are delighted to join forces and to involve so many other talented people in our new all-resident troupe at Smith Village. Although we have never collaborated on stage, we certainly have admired each other's work. And we think it's fun to share the spotlight with sev-

eral members of Smith Village Players who say they're having the time of their life sharing their talents," said Carlin.

If you would like to invite the Smith Village Players perform for your church group or organization, please contact Amanda Senerchia, associate executive director and driving force behind this entertaining ensemble, at 773-474-7300.

About Smith Village

Smith Village residents find their vibrant lifestyle well suited to keeping active and engaged in the community. They enjoy options for flexible dining in a beautifully appointed main dining room and a busy Marketplace Café. In the same building, they have access to a myriad of activities and programs, spa/beauty salon and a fitness center with a full-time fitness specialist on staff.

Smith Village is one of the highly regarded Smith Senior Living communities in the southwestern region of metropolitan Chicago. The not-for-profit organization established its first community in 1924 on the site of Smith Village's new campus.

For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors thrive during their retirement, please call 773-474-7300 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.



19th Ward Seeks Election Judges

The 19th Ward is currently seeking area residents to serve as election judges in the upcoming November 2, 2010 General Election. The judges of election are the officials responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct polling places. In each precinct, the judges share in responsibilities, duties and authorities that include:

1. Opening the polling place and setting up voting equipment at 5 a.m. on Election Day;
2. Conducting a fair and impartial election in the precinct polling place and allowing voting from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
3. Tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting them to Election Central after the polls close at 7 p.m.

Judges of election are paid \$170 upon completion of training and service on Election Day.

Extra compensation is paid to judges who (1) pick up the election judge key envelope on either the Saturday or Sunday prior to Election Day; (2) allow the use of their cell phone by all judges within the polling place on Election Day; or (3) return the election materials to a re-

ceiving station on Election Night.

If you are interested in serving as a judge of election, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-0288.



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You are invited to join us for an informative presentation with Smith Senior Living CFO,
Deborah Hart along with a tour of our community, model apartments and luncheon.



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Beverly Fire Fighter Named Commissioner

On June 23, 2010 Mayor Daley appointed longtime Beverly resident Robert Hoff as Chicago Fire Department Commissioner.

Hoff, 54, is a 33-year veteran of the fire department and one of its most decorated members. Since 2008, he has served as First Deputy Commissioner.

"In addition to his bravery, he is an excellent administrator and a great leader, as he has shown as he moved up the ranks during his distinguished career," Daley said in a City Hall news conference.

"These qualities and this experience taken together make him the right person for this job," he said.

Hoff is a third-generation firefighter who has worked his way through the ranks. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1979, to captain in 1987, to battalion chief in 1989, to district chief in 2000 and to assistant fire commissioner in 2006.



He is one of just a few firefighters to win the department's highest award for bravery -- the Carter Harrison Award -- two times. In 1984, he suffered severe burns from an attic fire and spent 21 days in the burn unit.

His father, battalion chief Thomas Hoff, died at age 44 in the line of duty on February 14, 1962, during a building collapse. His grandfather and brother also were Chicago firefighters.

Hoff served as the Incident Commander for the fire department's deployment to New York post-9/11 and to New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina.

He has served as a University of Illinois field staff instructor since 1988, and has extensive training in structural collapse, fire safety and Haz-Mat response. Before he became a firefighter, he was an Emergency Medical Technician.

Emergency Mortgage Assistance Available to Homeowners

On June 10, 2010- Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law The Illinois Homeowner's Emergency Assistance Program, which would allow grants to be issued to eligible Illinois homeowners currently in foreclosure to help pay their mortgage bill. If eligible, applicants may receive grants of up to \$6,000 or the sum of 3 monthly mortgage payments on their property, whichever is less.

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In order to be eligible for the assistance, homeowners must be an Illinois resident with a household income less than 120% of the area median income. Homeowners must also live in a property that is in



foreclosure due to the homeowner's inability to make mortgage payments. In addition, homeowners must attend a counseling session from a HUD-certified housing counselor. The lender must also agree to halt the foreclosure and renegotiate the terms of the loan.

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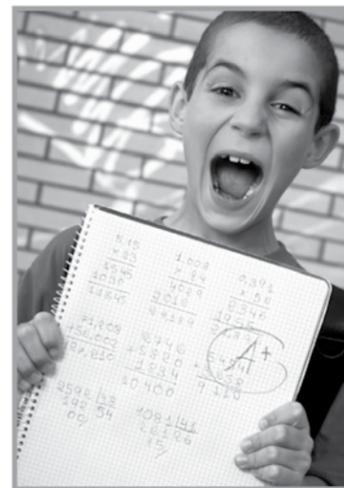
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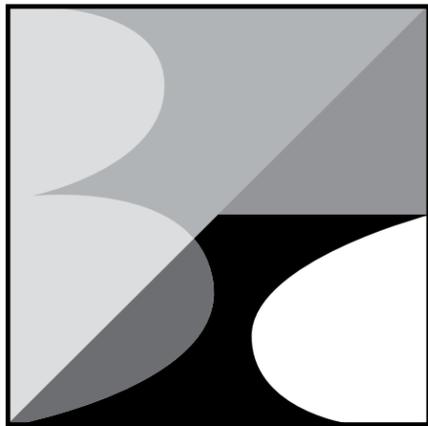
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Lee Rocker

Fri., Aug. 20, 8 p.m.

\$20 (\$18/BAC members)

Lee Rocker and The Stray Cats, helped reintroduce rockabilly to a new audience in the 1980s. Rocker's performances, embedded in roots music, continue to bring powerful, original songs, amazing musicianship, and passionate and vibrant vocal to the stage. And when Rocker and his band perform, they leave audiences begging for more.

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Fri., Aug. 27, 8 p.m.
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The top performers of Jamaica's reggae tradition, the Wailers have played to an estimated 24 million people across the globe. Their nucleus formed in 1969 with Bob Marley and pioneered roots rock reggae. With the group since the 1970s, Aston "Family Man" Barrett, widely regarded as one of the world's greatest bass players is the main axis of the current Wailers.

The Machine

Fri., Sept. 3, 8 p.m.
\$25 (\$23/BAC members)
America's top Pink Floyd show, performs a diverse mix of Pink Floyd's 16-album repertoire, complete with faithful renditions of popular hits and obscure gems. Stellar musicianship, dramatic lighting and video, and a playlist that covers entire albums as well as fan requests, creates an authentic Floydian experience.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Fri., Sept. 17, 8 p.m.
\$35 (\$32/BAC members)
The quintessential American band, this group's distinctive and powerful sound a unique musical hybrid – just think "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up." Original co-founder Kim Wilson still spearheads the group as it evolves into its newest incarnation.



Tim O'Malley's Super Fun Comedy Extravaganza II

Fri., Sept. 24, 8 p.m.
\$18 (\$15/BAC members)
After a hit show this summer, neighborhood comedian and former Second City player Tim O'Malley returns with another evening of hilarious comedy.

BACtoberfest

Sat., Sept. 25, 5 to 10 p.m.
Enjoy live music, German style food and beers, a bean-bag tournament and more.

Shemekia Copeland

Sat., Oct. 2, 8 p.m.
\$25 (\$23/BAC members)
Copeland's innovative blues music comes from deep within her soul and is influenced by the sounds of the Harlem streets where she grew up—street performers, gospel singers, radios, bands in local parks. This Grammy-nominated artist has headlined at the Chicago Blues Festival, shared the stage with Buddy Guy, BB King, John Mayer and other legends, and been compared to soul-drenched divas like Etta James and Koko Taylor.



Celebrating Queen

Sat., Oct. 16, 8 p.m.
\$27 (\$25/BAC members)
Recreates the Queen experience with two hours of the band's greatest hits, backed up by the Bohemian Rhapsody Band. Performing songs like Killer Queen, We Will Rock You, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, and Somebody to Love, Celebrating Queen's vocal talents flawlessly capture the late great Freddie Mercury's unique voice and range, and the band replicates Queen's intricate harmonies and instrumentals.

The Subdudes

Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
\$36 (\$33/BAC members)
The Subdudes draw most of their inspiration from the sounds of their native New Orleans, blending blues, gospel, funk, and R&B with their own harmony vocals and tambourine player.



Movies

BACinema

Movies every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
\$7 (\$5/BAC members)

Coming up:

"The Secret in Their Eyes", Aug. 18
"Ondine", Aug. 25.

School of the Arts

School of the Arts fall session begins the week of Sept. 7, offering nearly 125 fine arts classes in art, dance, music, theater/performance arts, writing and movement for toddlers through seniors. More than two dozen new classes and workshops have been added. Classes are taught at the BAC's state-of-the-art facility and BAC members always receive 10% the regular class cost. Schedules are available on the website.

For tickets, information and registration, contact the Beverly Arts Center at www.beverlyartcenter.org or 773-445-3838. Don't forget to sign up for emails so you can stay informed about new concerts, comedy, movies and more!



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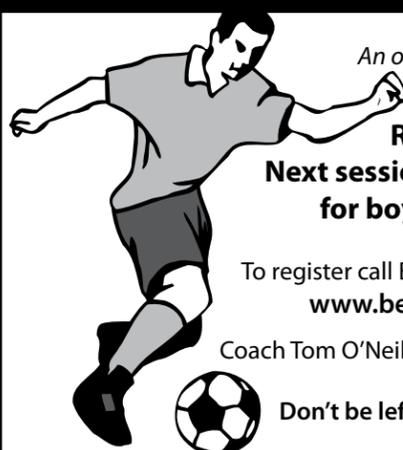
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Sheahan Named President of Special Olympics Chicago

SCC/Special Olympics Chicago announces it has appointed Morgan Park resident James "Skinny" Sheahan as President of the organization, effective immediately. Sheahan has served on the Board of Directors of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago for four years, most recently as Executive Vice President.

In his new role as President, Sheahan will be responsible for overseeing fundraising efforts, securing corporate sponsorships to support Special Olympics Chicago programs and events, as well as raise the overall profile of the organization, which was founded at Soldier Field in the city of Chicago in 1968.

"We are very excited to welcome Skinny and look forward to working with him to bring Special Olympics Chicago to the next level, by raising awareness of our wonderful athletes, programs and activities, that Special Olympics Chicago provides year-round," said Drew Burlak, former President and current Treasurer of SCC/SOC.

Sheahan has an extensive background in Chicago community relations and special event planning.

He spent eight years working in the community relations unit of the State Attorney's Office. Sheahan then moved to the city of Chicago and spent eight years in the Mayor's Office of Special Events, serving as its Director for five of those years. During that time, he worked closely



Special Olympics Chicago

with many city groups, organizations and agencies. He joined McCormick Place in 1998 as Assistant General Manager for ten years before becoming the Chief of

External Relations in 2009. He retired

from McCormick Place in May 2010.

"For years, Special Olympics Chicago has been unparalleled in providing its athletes and families the opportunity to take part in the best events and activities," said Sheahan. "I look forward to raising awareness of Special Olympics Chicago, and the tremendous good that this organization accomplishes, while getting the corporate community more involved in all that it does for its athletes, their families and the city of Chicago."

For more information please visit: www.sochicago.org

Local Athlete Wins Gold Medal at Special Olympics National Games!

Congratulations to Mount Greenwood Park athlete, Sean Hurley, who won a gold medal at the recent Special Olympics National Games held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sean competed in a level four stroke play competition on a nine hole course. He has competed in Special Olympics for 30 years and trains at Mount Greenwood Park. Hurley is a busy athlete as he competes in other sports including track and field, bowling, and power lifting. In 2001, Sean competed in alpine skiing at the Special Olympics World Games in Alaska and came home with two bronze medals. Hurley says that Special Olympics has given him the opportunity to travel to many places, meet wonderful athletes and make new friends. He is employed at St. Xavier University and in his spare time, Hurley enjoys having fun with his friends and family.



Alderman Ginger Rugai poses for a photo with Special Olympian Sean Hurley of Mt. Greenwood.

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9th Annual I Madonnari On September 18th

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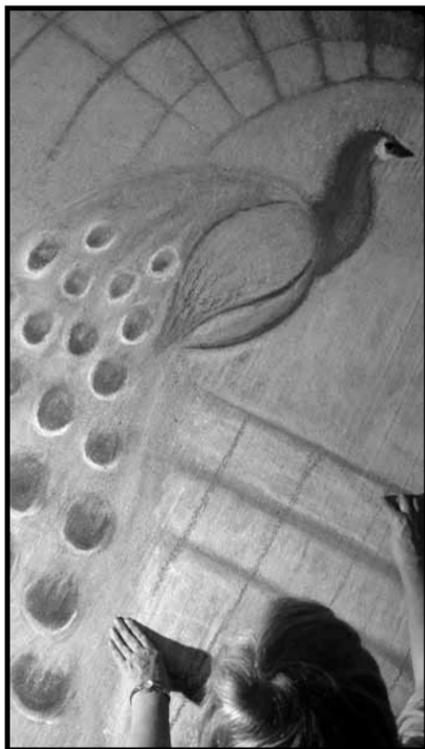
This popular community event features professional artists as they decorate the sidewalks around the school with brilliant chalk drawings. But amateur artists are also encouraged to display their creative side. Families and individuals may purchase and decorate a sidewalk square of their own for a small fee (includes chalks). Design an original image or recreate favorite paintings or photos, sports logos, even family portraits.

The festival also includes live music by the Smiley Tillmon Band, delicious food, an Italian cafe offering pastries and coffee, and an artisan tent with unique, handcrafted wares for sale.

The PTA invites businesses to sponsor this lively event. It's a great chance to promote the community and the arts, as well as support your

excellent local school. Your business will be listed on signage at the event as well as in thank you notices in the Villager, the Beverly Review, and the Sutherland weekly newsletter and web site. We thank you in advance for your support!

For more information call Donna Milord-Somerville at 773-233-7604; artisans interested in selling their wares call Karen Lux at 773-454-3523.



Back to School Celebration at Esmond School

On Friday, August 13, 2010 students at Esmond Elementary School Celebrated the beginning of a new school year with games, activities, a hot dog lunch, and treats. The 19th Ward Youth Foundation worked with managers at Walgreens and CVS to collect school supplies for the students. Above, Matt O'Shea and Principal Angela Tucker distribute the supplies to students.



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Yard Waste Recycling

The Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation recently shifted their collection of yard waste from weekly to every other week. It is now scheduled to take place during the same week that recyclables are collected.

The 19th ward produced more yard waste than any of the combined regional recycling clusters that include all or portions of several wards. Given the inordinately large amount of yard waste that we gen-

erate, it is possible that from time to time you might see yard waste in place for an extended period of time or workers other than your regular recycling crew come by and remove the accumulated yard waste.

Please continue to use your black cart with the green sticker for yard waste. Yard Waste may also be placed in paper or plastic bags (clear or translucent - preferred), next to your black cart on your Blue Cart recycling week.



Blue cart collection days for 2010 are during the following weeks:

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 August 30, 2010
 September 13, 2010
 September 27, 2010
 October 11, 2010
 October 25, 2010
 November 8, 2010
 November 22, 2010
 December 6, 2010
 December 20, 2010

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August 23, 2010
 September 6, 2010
 September 20, 2010
 October 4, 2010
 October 18, 2010
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 November 15, 2010
 November 29, 2010
 December 13, 2010
 December 27, 2010

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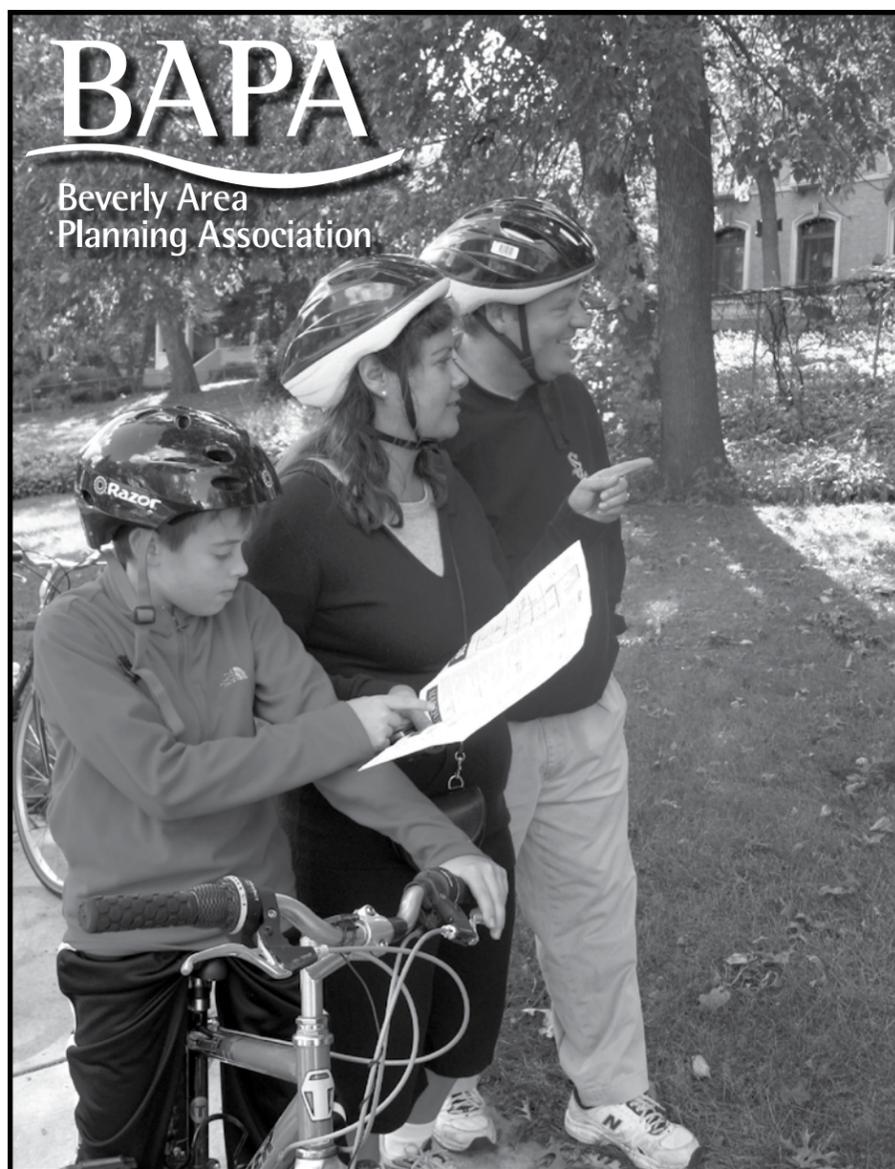
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BAPA History Mystery Bike Tour Returns With More Challenge, More Family Fun



What do you get when you combine the sleuthing skills of Sherlock Holmes with the history of Beverly/Morgan Park and the fun of a healthy family outing? The Beverly Area Planning Association's History Mystery Bike Tour, of course! The games will be afoot on Sunday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Ridge Historical Society, 10621 S. Seeley Ave., as the start/finish and festival location.

Advocate Medical Group/Advocate Health Centers is presenting sponsor of the event.

After a ten year retirement, BAPA reintroduced the History Mystery Bike Tour last fall on a small scale. It was welcomed back by many participants, who also shared their post-event feedback. Building on last year's success and the terrific comments by participant's this year's event will be bigger, better and more challenging.

Partnering this year with Ridge Historical Society the event will be centered in the Ridge Historic District and offer different levels of challenge: a mini-mystery for youngsters, a maxi-mystery for families and individuals who want to test their physical and mental abilities, and a geo-quiz for people who would like to use a GPS to find the

clue locations.

Just like in the past, the History Mystery Bike Tour entails biking throughout the community tracking down clues hidden in the architectural details on buildings or homes, or on historic markers and signs, then solving the overall history mystery puzzle.

"With cycling so popular and the history and architecture of the community so interesting, this is a terrific way to spend a fall day," said BAPA Executive Director Matt Walsh. "Families new to the event will be eager to join the crowd, pedaling throughout the neighborhood, learning about the community around every twist and turn, and spending the afternoon with their kids, experiencing how much fun history can be!"

This year food, beverages, children's activities and information from sponsors will also be available, adding to a festival atmosphere. Applications and more information will be available soon.

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Anderson appointed to military academy



Mount Carmel High School Class of 2010 graduate Nolan Anderson was recently appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Anderson is a graduate of St. Christina. He is the son of Ken and Sue, of Mount Greenwood and the brother of Ian, a junior at Mount Carmel.

Renowned as one of the world's premier leadership de-

velopment institutions, West Point prepares students for the U.S. Army where they are commissioned as second lieutenants upon graduation. Anderson is currently completing basic training at West Point and will soon begin his freshman year coursework at the prestigious school.

Students accepted to West Point must have outstanding records of academics and service, criteria that Anderson easily met. During his time at Mount Carmel, Anderson ranked 7th in his class of over 200 students with a 4.52 Grade Point Average and was named a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar, and an Illinois State Scholar.

He balanced these academic achievements with his many extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the student council, an officer for the Spanish and Invisible Children clubs, a captain of the Caravan Rugby team, and a four year member of the Caravan football team. He also volunteered for service organizations such as Catholic Charities, Special

Olympics and Dreams for Kids.

"I am extremely proud of Nolan," said John Stimler, Principal of Mount Carmel High School. "He set a difficult goal for himself and through relentless pursuit of academic excellence as well as unwavering dedication to his extra-curricular activities he was able to earn this coveted spot in West Point's freshman class."

Anderson is one of many local 2010 Mount Carmel graduates who will be studying at the nation's top universities this fall. Michael Husar and Jack Sherlock, of Beverly, will play football for the United States Airforce Academy and South Dakota State University, respectively. Valedictorian Andrew Tracy, of Beverly, who decided to attend Marquette University, heads into his freshman year with plenty of college credits already on his transcript. The top-ranked student recently learned that he earned a passing grade on all five Advanced Placement exams that he took this Spring, earning himself college credit for each of those courses.

Postage for Parcels

Postage for parcels is a small group of community residents working to send much needed supplies and letters to the brave and women who put their lives on the line each day for us overseas. They have been sending care packages to our troops for the past seven years. Each month over 100 boxes are sent out at a cost of \$12.95 each. This volume increases significantly during holiday seasons. To date, they have sent of 10,000 care packages to our troops.

As September 11th approaches, they are seeking donations to help defer the cost of care packages for their ever growing list of soldiers. To get involved or make a donation, please contact Jean Dansky at (773) 239-4982.



Beverly Resident New Principal at St. Rita

Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A, President of St. Rita, proudly announced the appointment of Mr. Brendan Conroy, a Beverly resident, as St. Rita's 16th Principal this past April. Mr. Conroy will began July 1st and is looking forward to the start of the school year.

"In the hiring of Mr. Conroy I am excited and confident that we have found a person that can continue advancing our Augustinian mission of excellence in all aspects of student life, especially academics," said Fr. McCarthy.

Mr. Conroy holds a B.A. in English from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in English from the University of Mississippi, and an M.A. in Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Foundations from Chicago State University.

Mr. Conroy came to St. Rita from Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School on Chicago's West Side, where he was the Principal since 2007. As the founding Principal of Christ the King, the first Catholic high school to open on Chicago's West Side in over 85 years, Mr. Conroy was responsible for all academic aspects of the school. He oversaw the hiring and supervising of all faculty and school volunteers, while also assisting in the design and move to a new 100,000 square foot building.



Prior to Christ the King, Mr. Conroy served at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago for 13 years. At St. Ignatius Mr. Conroy was an English Teacher, Chair of the English Department, Assistant Track Coach, Director of Recruiting and Admissions, and eventually an Assistant Principal for eight years.

"I am honored and very excited to accept this position for many reasons, including the strength, tradition and exceptional future prospects of St. Rita," said Mr. Conroy. "Under the leadership of Fr. Tom and Mrs. Deenihan, the school has earned a sterling reputation for excellence in academics, spirituality, and athletics. Most importantly there is an incredible family spirit and a dedication to the school's core values of Truth, Unity and Love."

Mr. Conroy resides in the Beverly neighborhood and is a parishioner of St. Barnabas with his wife Terry and their five children.



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Just three in one million families receive the devastating diagnosis that their child is affected by a rare heart condition known as dilated cardiomyopathy. This is the reality that Sara and Dan Ryan of the south side of Chicago are facing now as they fight for their infant daughter's life.

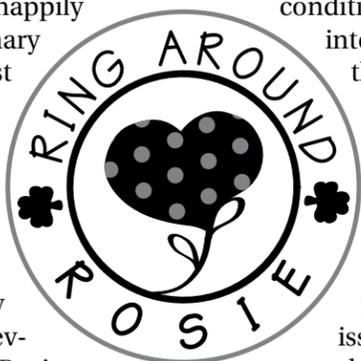
Sara and Dan happily welcomed Rosemary (Rosie) Ryan this past November. At only seven weeks old, Rosie was rushed to the emergency room as she was having difficulty breathing. The family soon learned the devastating news that Rosie suffers from dilated cardiomyopathy, which is a very severe and life-threatening heart condition. Rosie's little heart cannot be saved and she is currently waiting for a heart transplant. While she waits, she is being cared for by the staff at the world-renowned Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Rosie and her family have a long road ahead of them. Rosie's condition requires intense medical attention that will continue long after the actual heart transplant takes place.

Rosie's parents are committed to continuing the care for her when she returns home. The first year of recovery after the transplant will be crucial. With over a dozen different medications Rosie will need to take every day, it will be critical for the transplant team at Children's Memorial Hospital to monitor her condition and progress. This intense care will continue throughout Rosie's life.

The Ryan family will face medical and family expenses that are immeasurable as Rosie faces a lifetime battle with transplant-related health issues. On Sunday, September 19, 2010, family and friends are hosting Ring Around Rosie, a benefit aimed at offsetting these expenses. The benefit will be held from 1:00-6:00pm at 115 Bourbon Street; tickets are \$30 and include food, drink and live entertainment. For more information please visit www.RingAroundRosie.org.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated for Rosie's future. Please consider supporting Rosie and know that all donations will make a tremendous difference for this family.



Community Mourns Christopher Wheatley

Chicago Fire Fighters stop to salute Christopher Wheatley's funeral procession, led by a decorated Fire Truck down 103rd Street to Saint John Fisher Church. Over a thousand community members, Police Officers and Fire Fighters lined 103rd Street to pay their respects to Wheatley.



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Benefit Planned for Officer Densey Cole

On May 27, 2009, Chicago Police Officer Densey Cole II was responding to a burglary in progress call in the 22nd District. While en route, Officer Cole's vehicle was struck by another vehicle that had crossed the median. Officer Cole's head slammed against the roof of the SUV and that impact broke his neck. Shortly after the accident while he was still conscious, two offenders entered his marked police vehicle, moved him, and removed his sidearm and wallet. This movement exacerbated Cole's injuries. An offender was subsequently arrested and charged with disarming a police officer and robbery. Officer Cole was diagnosed a quadriplegic

and is currently rehabbing in the Chicago area.

Densey Cole's friends and family will be hosting a benefit to assist with the overburdening cost of medical bills, rehabilitation and necessary home renovation to accommodate his life as a quadriplegic and are asking for your help. "Standing Up With Densey" will be held on October 3, 2010 at 115 Bourbon Street from 2pm-7pm. Tickets are \$25 and include food, drinks, raffles, silent auction and live music.

Monetary Donations can be made at Archer Bank 3435 W. 111th Street. For more information, please visit www.denseycole.com.



26th Annual Fisherfest September 16th-19th

St. John Fisher Parish will be holding their 26th annual Fisherfest Friday, September 17th through Sunday, September 19th on the parish grounds at 10234 S. Washtenaw. The fest will run from 6:00pm to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Saturday and 1:00pm to 8:00pm on Sunday.

The centerpiece of Fisherfest is the raffle which carries a grand prize of \$30,000 to the winner. Tickets are \$100 each and only 1000 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the rectory at 773-445-6565. Portions of tickets are also available in \$25 increments. If interested, call the rectory and portions will be combined to complete a ticket.

Once again this year, Fisherfest will be offering "mega bracelets", which provide unlimited rides for the duration of the fest. Mega bracelet vouchers are \$40 each and are available on a presale basis only and are non-refundable, non-transferable and can be used only by one person. Sales of vouchers begins on Tuesday, August 17th and will continue until Thursday, September 16th at 8:00 pm. For a list of sales times and locations, call the rectory or visit the Fisherfest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Fisherfest.

A tasty variety of food will also be offered at Fisherfest this year. Local establishments providing culinary delights are Barraco's Pizza, Bo's Concessions, Calabria Imports, Frank's Chicago Shrimp and Taco Joe. Entertainment for fest goers of all ages will be abundant at Fisherfest this year. There will be children's games and entertainment both Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. On the main stage, live music will be provided all weekend by local bands. Acts scheduled to appear include Five Guys Named Moe, The Bolts, Echoes, Mudcats, 80's Enough, Baba Taga: The Paul Casey Group, The Outcast Jazz Band, and Girl Next Door. For dates and times, check the Fisherfest Facebook page.

Also, on Saturday night, there will be a beanbag tournament, entry is \$5. Sign up begins at 6:00 pm with the tournament scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

To receive more information on the many happenings of the 26th edition of Fisherfest, Friday, September 17th thru Sunday, September 19th, please contact the SJF rectory at 773-445-6565 or check the Fisherfest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Fisherfest.

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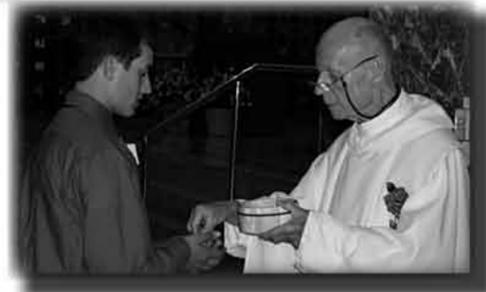
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YMCA Father and Daughter Princess Program

Father and Daughter YMCA Adventure Princess Program are a way to foster and build the understanding and companionship between fathers and daughters. Since the 'Y' Guide program began in 1926, it has helped thousands of children and parents build strong relationships. The program was developed to support parent's vital role as teacher, counselor, and friend to their children.

Are you looking to spend more time together? Are your daughters growing up faster and faster, and you feel that you are missing out? Are you looking for new ways to connect with each other? Then why not join the YMCA Adventure Princess Father and Daughter Program. We will be starting our new season in September and it runs until May of each year.

Our chapter of this organization encompasses families from Alsip, Beverly, Blue Island, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Morgan Park, Mount Greenwood and Oak Lawn

with over 115 families and 200 girls in the program. The ages of the daughters range from 5 to 15 years old.

The events and outings include: Bike 'n Hike, Pumpkin Hunt, theatre show, Roller Skating Party, Christmas Party, Father & Daughter Dance, Bowling, a day at a water park and a three day / two night camping trip to YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. Plus, each month, the individual groups meet for an arts and crafts night and to spend quality time together!

At the time in your daughter's life, they are at an age that can never be recaptured. Make plans to join our program and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Join the YMCA Adventure Father and Daughter Y-Princess Program and start having fun!

For more information visit: www.blackhawkprincess.com



Mayor Daley's Sidewalk Electronic Pick-Ups

Earlier this summer PC Rebuilders & Recyclers (PCRR) conducted a curbside pickup of electronic equipment. Through this pilot program, residents were able to dispose of their unwanted electronic items by setting them out in the parkway for pickup, or bringing them to a drop-off location. With seven wards participating in the pilot program PCRR collected 110,746 pounds of unwanted electronic items. More than half of that amount, 56,420 pounds, came from the 19th Ward alone.

While the participation in our community was astounding, the day did not run as smoothly as it could have. Despite numerous warnings about the commitment to recycling in our community, PCRR was woefully understaffed and completely unprepared for the turnout in our area. For future pickups, they are considering having two separate days, or dramatically increasing the workforce dedicated to the area. Many residents complained

that their blocks were missed by the trucks and pickups that were supposed to be completed on Saturday continued through Monday.

The patience and understanding of residents is appreciated as the system is improved for next year. Ultimately, these previously unused electronic items will be salvaged and recycled for use in classrooms throughout the city. Thanks to all who participated.



Tips for Avoiding Parking Tickets

The City of Chicago Department of Revenue has been regularly on the streets writing a wide variety of tickets for vehicles. Below, please see several tips for avoiding tickets.

Most restricted parking areas are clearly marked by signs or curb markings, like tow zones, residential permit parking, and fire hydrant violations. There are other restrictions, not necessarily indicated by signs that motorists are required to know. These violations include parking in a manner that impacts pedestrian safety, access for persons with disabilities, and traffic flow.

It is illegal to park on a sidewalk, parkway or crosswalk

While most motorists know this, some do not know that in a private driveway that requires a vehicle to drive over a public sidewalk you cannot park your vehicle in your driveway with its rear or front extending over the pedestrian sidewalk. This is illegal, in part, because your vehicle may be impeding the ability of a person in a wheelchair to travel without difficulty on the sidewalk. Further, pedestrians, including parents or caregivers with strollers, have the right to expect the public way to be fully clear of impediments like parked vehicles. Similarly, you cannot park with your wheels on the curb. Vehicles that park with two wheels on a curb can seriously damage the curb. Further, many residents consider this practice unsightly.

Improper Display of City Sticker

Most residents know they are required to display current city stickers on their vehicles. What may be

less widely known is that there are specific display requirements for city stickers. This means that many motorists will be required to remove expired stickers purchased in previous years. City law requires that your city sticker be placed on the inside of your vehicle on the lower right hand side of your windshield.

Parking a Vehicle for the Sole Purpose of Displaying the Vehicle for Sale, to make repairs, or to Sell Merchandise

You may not park your vehicle for the sole purpose of displaying it for sale, to make repairs or to sell merchandise. These restrictions promote quality of life, and the residential look to a community. Many residents feel that vehicles parked on the public way for these purposes are unsightly.

Parking In An Alley

While many motorists know that you are not allowed to park in an alley because traffic flow may be obstructed, some are unaware that this includes parking in front of a garage. You cannot park your car in front of your garage because this can obstruct traffic flow and obstruct the ability of other motorists to maneuver in and out of their garages.

Wrong Direction or 12 Inches from the Curb

This parking restriction is actually a combination of two restrictions. It is illegal to park in the direction opposite to traffic flow. For example, most motorists are aware that a one way street requires you to park in the required direction of traffic. A



lesser known restriction is that you are still required to park your vehicle in the direction of traffic on a street that allows traffic in two directions. This restriction promotes the correct flow of traffic.

You cannot park your vehicle more than 12 inches from a curb. This restriction is designed to encourage the free flow of traffic by ensuring that vehicles are not impeded by parked vehicles that are too far out into the roadway. Vehicles sticking out too far into the roadway also have a higher likelihood of being hit or scraped by passing vehicles.

Parking Outside Diagonal Markings

Chicago does have some parking spots that are marked by diagonal lines. You must park within these lines so that other motorists can park in spaces next to yours without difficulty.

Snow Route:

2 Inches of Snow or More

Snow routes are designated with signage by the City on streets with significant traffic flow. It is necessary for snow plows from the Department of Streets and Sanitation to have access to plow and remove snow from streets with significant traffic. The ability for the City to quickly remove snow from heavily traveled streets benefits all motorists and promotes safety and the free flow of traffic. If you are unsure about how much snow has fallen, err on the side of caution and park on a street without these posted restrictions.

Non-Compliant License Plates

State law requires most vehicles to affix front and back license plates to the vehicles at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground. For example, you can be issued a ticket if you are displaying your license plate in your windshield.

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