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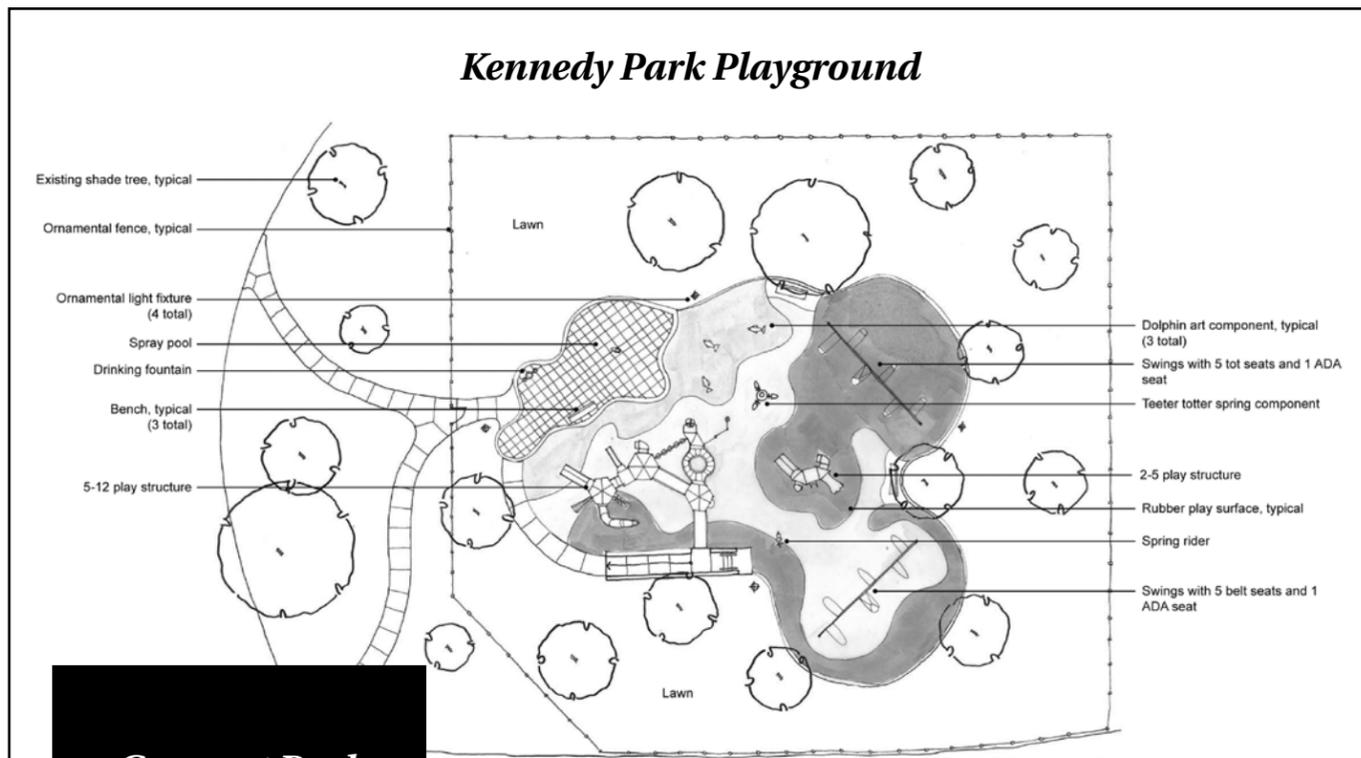
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Chicago Park District partners with elected officials to provide major improvements

This year, in partnership with Alderman Ginger Rugai, Senator Ed Maloney, Representative Kevin Joyce and Representative Monique Davis, the Chicago Park District has made substantial investments in parks in the 19th Ward.

In addition to the new Mount Greenwood Park playground, Kennedy, Crescent, and Blackwelder Parks have already or will receive important capital improvements in 2009 and 2010. At Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Avenue, a new playground will be completed next spring. Currently in design, the new playground will feature a soft surface, equipment suited for a variety of age ranges, spray pool mister, swings, and special animal sculptures for climbing. The Park District recently completed a major renovation of Kennedy Park's pool, including replacement of the liner, gutters, deck, and plumbing. Kennedy is also slated for bathroom improvements as part of the Park District's ADA accessibility improvements program.

At Crescent Park, 2230 W. 108th Place, a new baseball field with back-stop now hosts Little League play. To celebrate the improvements, the Crescent Park Civic Association will host an outdoor screening of *The Sandlot* on Thursday, August 20th, at dusk. The playground project at Crescent Park is under construction and will be completed next month. A ribbon cutting for the playground is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 11am. The ribbon cutting is open to the public and all residents are encouraged to come



**Crescent Park
Grand Opening
Sept. 19, 2009
11:00 a.m.**

out to enjoy the new playground.

Recently, McKiernan Park also received a new playground including a new artificial turf play surface – the first playground surface of its kind in the City. In 2010, thanks to the efforts of the Alderman to secure financing, Blackwelder Park will undergo a series of renovation projects that include fencing, paving, and a new playground.



19th Ward brings nerf football league back for Fall 2009

Area 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls invited to participate

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the Chicago Park District will again sponsor the Nerf Football



League originated by former Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan. The league will be held at Beverly Park on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. League play will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2009; participation is free and all players will receive a t-shirt jersey.

Last year, after a one-season hiatus, a group of volunteers from the 19th Ward Youth Foundation decided to bring Nerf Football back to Beverly Park. "Last year's league drew over three hundred players and thirty parent volunteers," said volunteer Jackie Long. With such a tremendous response, organizers look forward to the upcoming season.

"Our program focuses on getting the kids out of the house and into the park," said league coordinator Mike Mahoney. "We try to show the kids as much about good sportsmanship as we do about football. We teach the kids the fundamentals of football and about being part of a team. They get the opportunity to get some exercise and make new friends," he added.

The league is open to third and fourth grade students who live in the 19th Ward and will be run entirely from Beverly Park. "Over the years, thousands of local kids played Mike Sheahan football," said Mahoney. "I am glad we are able to continue a program that has been so great for

this community."

This year, organizers will work to recruit more volunteers to ensure the success of the program. "Like any community program, without support from parents, this cannot succeed," said Long.

Registration is open now through September 14 online at www.the19thward.com, or in person on September 14 at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave. from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-0288 or email matthewoshea@wowway.com.

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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

I am excited to bring you the first issue of the 19th Ward Quarterly, a new community newspaper published by the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. It is my hope that this paper will be an informative tool for residents of Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood.

We live in a multi-generational community, home to a diverse group of people. This newspaper will showcase not only our neighborhood, but also the many activities and destinations that make it unique. The mission of the youth foundation is to host and promote safe, healthy, educational activities for our children; therefore, specific attention will be given to offerings for young people. We will also feature information on senior citizen programs, local residents, families, and business owners.

In our Back to School issue I have included information about our Nerf Football League, Movies in the Park, and other fall offerings that may be of interest to your children. You will also find information on cost-saving environmental initiatives recently announced by Alderman Ginger Rugai, as well as an update on commercial and recreational development in our area.

Finally, I have included a map of our community indicating police beats, and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. These meetings give us the opportunity to become acquainted with the officers who patrol our streets on a daily basis. Our police officers are some of the hardest working men and women in Chicago; working closely with them will help keep this neighborhood safe.

If you have any questions, or have information you would like included in our next issue, please contact me at matthewoshea@wowway.com. Also, to receive regular community updates, please 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

BEAT 2212

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

BEAT 2213

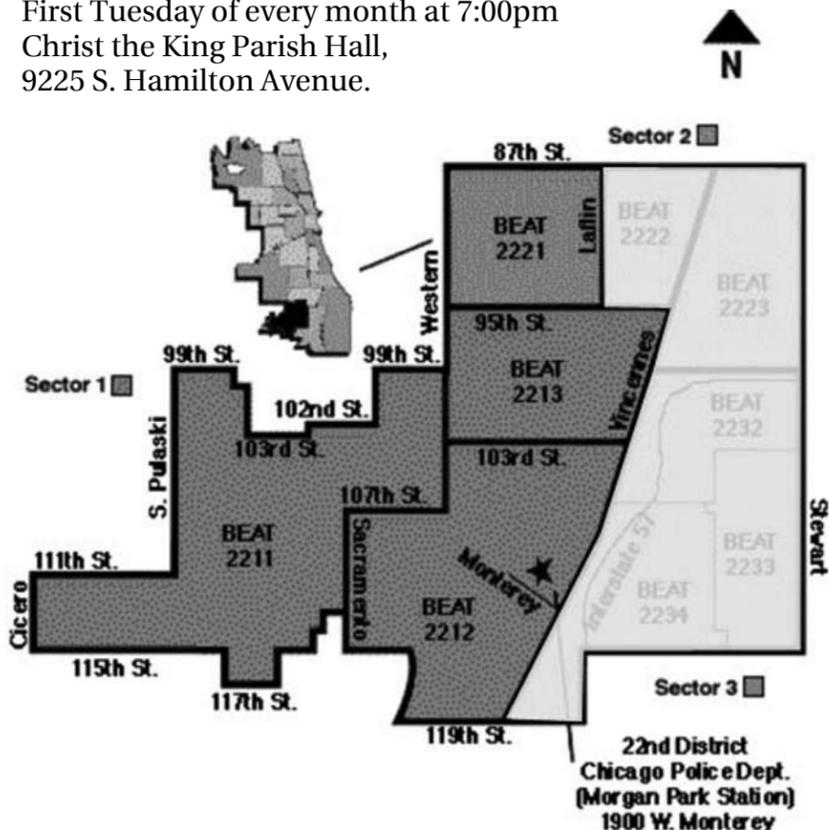
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

BEAT 2211

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

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Residents can begin saving in the RecycleBank

Mayor Richard M. Daley and 19th Ward Alderman Virginia Rugai recently announced a partnership with RecycleBank, a company that rewards households for recycling and other positive environmental behaviors. This program is designed to incentivize additional recycling participation and complement the City's transition to the Blue Cart recycling program which is already in place in more than 241,000 households in Chicago.

"The City of Chicago has set many goals in order to be one of the greenest U.S. cities, and increasing recycling is a very important part of our strategy. If successful, our partnership with RecycleBank will both increase our recycling rates and lower our waste output," said Mayor Daley. "It is my hope that this program will contribute to making Chicago an even more environmentally friendly city."

Under the program, households are encouraged to recycle actively and in greater quantities because they stand to receive rewards based on the amount of recyclables that each family generates. RecycleBank provides technology that measures the amount of recycled materials collected from each participating City of Chicago Blue Cart and then converts that amount into RecycleBank Points that can be redeemed for re-

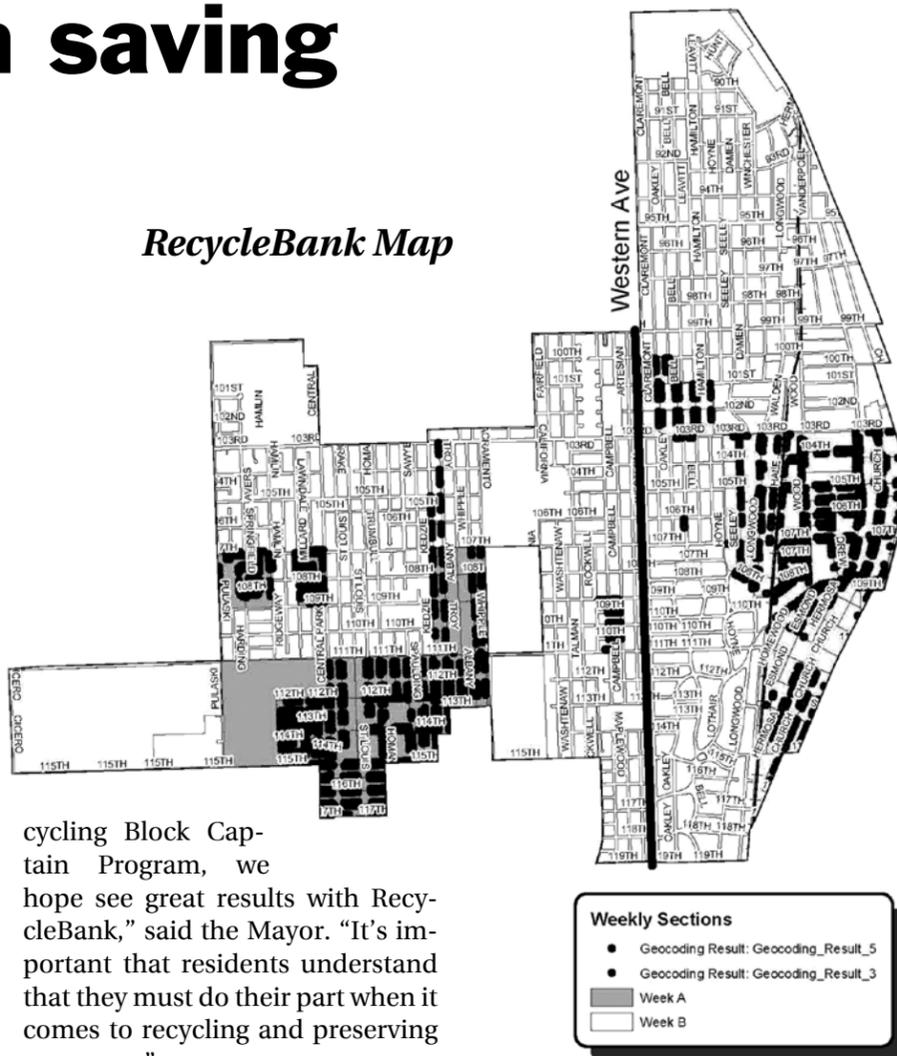
wards such as gift cards, groceries, and products at more than 1,900 local and national reward partners.

RecycleBank Partners include national retailers such as Kraft Foods, Amazon.com, Bed Bath & Beyond and CVS/pharmacy, as well as local favorites--County Fair, Leona's, Carson Pirie Scott, Jungle Gym, and Sheffner's Jewelry. There is also an option to donate RecycleBank Points to local school environmental programs and non-profit organizations.

5,000 households in the 19th Ward will participate in a field test of the RecycleBank rewards program. Each Blue Cart in the pilot area will be retrofitted with an ID tag that matches the Blue Cart to the household address and account number and tracks recycling activity. Upon activating the account with RecycleBank, either online or by phone, the household will begin to earn RecycleBank Points. Upon activation, Leona's will provide every household in the program a \$5 gift card for their restaurants.

On average, members can earn hundreds of dollars in reward value each year through their recycling efforts. If this field test goes as planned, the next step will be to roll out fully to all households in the 19th Ward. "Through education, community outreach, and the use of our Re-

RecycleBank Map



cycling Block Captain Program, we hope see great results with RecycleBank," said the Mayor. "It's important that residents understand that they must do their part when it comes to recycling and preserving resources."

"RecycleBank continues to demonstrate that when financial incentives are aligned, people will make the better environmental choice," said Ron Gonen, CEO of RecycleBank. "We look forward to working with Mayor Daley, the local business community, local community and environmental organizations, and households to achieve Chicago's environmental goals."

Active RecycleBank members can redeem their RecycleBank Points online at www.RecycleBank.com, where they can also learn about their personal environmental footprint through recycling. Residents can also access their account information by calling the toll free RecycleBank Customer Care Center, 1(888)727-2978.

Save money with MeterSave Program

During these difficult economic times, the Chicago Department of Water Management is offering the MeterSave program in the 19th Ward, enabling residents to reduce water bills and conserve water through the installation of water meters in their homes.

"There's this myth out there that your water bill rises when you have a meter," said Water Management Commissioner John Spatz. "In fact, we expect that most people who get meters will save anywhere from 17% to 33% (\$100 on average) with the installation of a meter," Spatz added.

Water charges in non-metered homes are tied to factors such as building size, lot size and the number of plumbing fixtures. However, metered homes are billed according to actual water usage. This means that with minimal effort, participating homeowners can save money on their water bills. Because customers with metered homes pay only for the water they use, they can save money, conserve water, and at the same time protect Lake Michigan.

Through this program, the Department of Water Management will, at no cost to residents, install water meters with automatic reading technology in homes. This technology transmits meter readings to

the Department of Water Management without the need for in-home readings.

"Anyone with a smaller household or who adopts a few conservation practices is going to save money," Spatz said.

Once a meter is installed, water bills will be based on actual water usage; most residents will see an immediate decrease in their water bills. The Department of Water Management also has a list of helpful tips on how to reduce water usage and decrease your bill even more.

Through the pilot program, homeowners will receive a seven-year guarantee that their water charges will not be higher than what they would have been if the meter had not been installed. Meters help us become more aware of how we use water. Small changes in daily practices can easily save water and money.

Participants in the program are also being offered items to help use water more efficiently, including conservation kits for indoor or outdoor use, rain barrels, and special electronic refrigerator magnets to give read outs on daily water usage.

To volunteer for this program, please contact the 19th Ward Office at (773) 238-8766 or visit www.metersave.org.

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Neighbors come out for Movies in the Park



Tiffany Lynch with son Colin and Mt. Greenwood Park Advisory Council Member Jess Malone enjoy *Shrek 2* in the Park.

This summer, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the Chicago Park District have worked with local community groups to host a variety of outdoor movies at locations throughout our neighborhood. The films, which have become increasingly popular with residents, provide a safe, enjoyable activity for young families in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood.

The first film was shown at McKiernan Park to highlight the newly built playground. Park supervisor Sara Bush organized the event, and over three hundred neighbors came out to enjoy the summer evening. "It drew lots of people from the community, even families whose kids are already grown," said attendee Nancy Cranston.

Since then, civic groups have hosted movies at Kellogg School as well as Beverly, Munroe, and Mount Greenwood Parks.

On Thursday, August 20, the Crescent Park Civic Association will screen *The Sandlot* at dusk in

Crescent Park (2230 W. 108th Pl). "There is nothing better than relaxing in the outdoors and watching a great movie with family, friends and neighbors. Perfect entertainment!" said Noelle Rubino, president of the Crescent Park Civic Association.

Smith Village will host a showing of *Some Like It Hot* on their Village Green on Thursday, August 27. The entrance to the Village Green is just east of Western Avenue off 112th Place.

The outdoor movies are made possible through the generous support of local sponsors. This year's movie sponsors are ComEd, Little Company of Mary Hospital, Saint Xavier University, Chicago Park District, State Senator Ed Maloney, 19th Ward Democratic Organization, Alderman Ginger Rugai, and State Representative Kevin Joyce.

If your Civic Association is interested in hosting a movie night at your local park, please contact Matt O'Shea at matthewoshea@wowway.com.

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Thursday, August 20, 2009
The Sandlot at Crescent Park

Thursday, August 27, 2009
Some Like it Hot at Smith Village

Community enjoys farm stand at Chicago Ag

The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHSAS), Chicago's only functioning farm, will operate its farm stand Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. this fall.

All available items are grown or produced on site. Customers can choose from a wide variety of fresh, delicious, healthy produce, including eggs, onions, kohlrabi, varieties of squash, green and yellow zucchini, cucumbers, zucchini bread, pesto from organically grown basil, aloe vera, exotic plants, dog treats, and flower pots. Blue spruce trees, home-grown tomatoes and peppers, honey (which is produced and processed from the school's beehive operation), cabbage, broccoli and okra are also available.

CHSAS sweet corn has long been a favorite of residents and this year's crop is expected to be the best yet. The entire Midwest corn crop was planted late in the season due to excessive rain, but the wait was worth it. Melons and a variety of winter squash are also available.

In early October, the farm stand will offer pumpkins, Indian corn, gourds, decorative broom corn and sorghum. Organizers expect another successful year at the farm stand which has received strong support from the local community in the past.

The farm stand produce is made possible through the hard work of CHSAS students. During the sum-



Recent graduates Brian Castro and Stacy Coglianesse, with 19th Ward Committeeman Matt O'Shea and CHSAS Principal Bill Hook at the Eli's Cheesecake summer Farmers Market.

mer CHSAS hosted Youth Ready Chicago activities that provide hands-on education in the agricultural sciences. Through this program, students learn about various

aspects of the agricultural industry which encompasses a variety of careers. The tasks are many, but the students take pride in their work.

In animal care at the farm, students are responsible for feeding hogs, goats, sheep, horses and cattle as well as daily stall cleanings. In the chicken coup they collect eggs to sell at the farm stand and area farmers markets.

In the aquaculture program, students feed the fish and perform maintenance on different tanks holding tropical and freshwater fish. Tilapia raised at the school is sold to several local restaurants.

Basil is harvested in the conservatory and is processed into pesto to be sold at the farm stand and at the farmers market at Eli's Cheesecake Factory, a major supporter of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

In the market garden, Youth Ready Chicago student workers weed and irrigate tomatoes, okra, squash, watermelon, zucchini, cab-

bage, broccoli, peppers, gourds, broom corn, sorghum, cucumbers, kohlrabi, Indian corn and cauliflower. They also maintain the corn and pumpkin fields. Students have learned that due to recent flooding, corn yields will be down 10 percent nationally.

The raised-bed gardens will produce onions, garlic, raspberries, blackberries, red currant, black currant, asparagus, horseradish, and blue spruce. The program also teaches the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment (bobcat, tractors, mowers, plows) for preparation of grounds and the upcoming golf course.

The annual CHSAS Fall Festival will include youth activities, hayrides and pumpkin picking. Excitement is growing on the campus for the completion of the 3-hole student-constructed golf course, expected to open in late September.

To find out more about the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, please call (773) 535-2500.



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The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHSAS) will be hosting a 7th and 8th grade girls basketball tournament for students in the 19th Ward. 8th Grade girls will play on September 12th and 13th, and 7th grade girls on September 19th and 20th. All games will be played in the high school Gym (3900 W 111th St) using IHSA rules and IHSA officials. The tournament will be both fun and competitive.

Any 7th or 8th grade A team coached or athletic directors interested in participating should contact Ed McNulty at (773) 881-1770, (773) 779-5232 or edwinmcnulty@yahoo.com.

Terraco Project to break ground this Fall

Camiros Plan

In 1997, Alderman Ginger Rugai worked with the Department of Planning and Development and an urban planning consultant to complete the 111th St. / Kedzie Ave. Business District Improvement Plan. These efforts culminated in the Camiros plan, a blueprint for improved commercial development along the 111th Street corridor.

The Camiros plan recommended a community gateway that included a corner green focal point for the business district and Mt. Greenwood community to be located at the northwest corner of 111th St. and Kedzie Ave. In 2002, Terraco, Inc., a real estate development company, began formulating a specific development project for the site and began assembling property and formulating a specific development plan.

Land Acquisition

Over the next few years, additional properties, including three homes on Sawyer Ave. and commercial properties on both Kedzie Ave. and 111th St. were purchased by Terraco to create a site large enough to accommodate a new modern Walgreen's store, additional retail space that would front on Kedzie, parking spaces and a corner green plaza, consistent with the Camiros plan. To create this site however, Terraco also needed to assemble land from the City of Chicago: specifically, the City-owned parking lot at 111th and Sawyer Ave., the alleys between Kedzie and Sawyer Avenues, and a section of Sawyer Ave. itself.

As Terraco began the lengthy land acquisition process, their architects worked with Alderman Rugai and the 19th Ward Design Review committee to finalize the design for what will become Mount Greenwood's "Signature Corner."

An application to "vacate" (the process by which the City transfers public rights of way) the alleys and the section of Sawyer necessary to complete the site assembly was filed by the developer in 2006 with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT). Through the vacation process, with approval from CDOT, commercial development applicants are allowed to acquire rights of way after agreeing to compensate the City for the full fair market real estate value of the property in addition to any utility relocation and/or termination costs. A formal application to purchase the City-owned parking lot was first submitted by the developer to the then-Department of Planning and Development (DPD) (now, the Department of Community Development (DCD) in 2006 as well.

Unfortunately, between mid-2006 and mid-2007, the developer and CDOT were unable to agree on an ultimate valuation of the real estate value of the to-be-vacated rights of way (Sawyer and the alleys.) During this time DPD investigated various scenarios for reimbursing the developer for certain infrastructure costs through the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program to help overcome the financial gap the project presented.



City Provides Assistance

In late 2007, the developer submitted a full TIF application for the project. Ultimately, the terms of the \$10.9 Million project, including negotiating the sale of the City-owned parking lot and providing approximately 14% of the project cost in TIF assistance over several years was approved by the City's Community Development Commission in February, 2008. Subsequently, in April, 2008 the project's zoning was approved through the Chicago Plan Commission and the full City Council in May, 2008. By November, 2008 the full project itself was approved by the Chicago City Council.

Finally, in March 2009, the vacation of the street and alley was also approved in a separate ordinance by the Chicago City Council, placing the real estate value of the to-be-vacated alleys and Sawyer Ave. at \$585,000, to be paid by the developer within six months.

Economic Delays

Unfortunately, in 2009, the national economy has worsened considerably and lending standards for

all types of real estate development projects have tightened as well. In July, 2009, the developer requested a modification to the terms of the agreement authorized by the City in 2008. As of August 2009, DCD, working very closely with the developer, the Chicago Department of Law and Alderman Rugai is planning to reintroduce, on an expedited basis, modified terms to the original redevelopment agreement between the developer and the City which will satisfy the developer's lender in this new, stricter lending environment. In a nutshell, DCD is expected to provide the same amount of TIF assistance but will provide more of it in an "upfront" basis, at closing, instead of over time.

Additionally, the developer is proposing to substantially rehabilitate the existing commercial building that fronts on Kedzie Ave., which will complement the planned new-construction Walgreen's and the "signature corner."

As of this writing, project construction drawings are complete and the developers expect to break ground this fall.



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It's back to school time, which means it is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that your child is screened for conditions that could negatively impact their academic success. One such condition is hearing loss. Per the American Speech Language Hearing Association, 14.9% of US children have at least a mild hearing loss. If left untreated, these children will have difficulties in speech-language development, classroom settings and academics.

While all children born in Illinois are screened for hearing loss at birth, many hearing losses emerge as the child ages. These hearing losses can be due to a variety of factors, such as genetic abnormalities, noise exposure, medications, certain illnesses and injuries, and chronic ear infections. As a result, if your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, your child may have a hearing loss and/or medical condition that should be evaluated:

- Your child does not consistently respond to sounds or loud noises around him/her.
- Your child's speech seems to be delayed or harder to understand than their same aged peers.
- Your child turns up electronic equipment (radio, TV, CD player, etc.) to louder levels than normal
- Your child does not follow directions
- Your child often says "Huh?"
- Your child does not respond when you call their name

It is recommended that you discuss your concerns with your pediatrician and/or ear, nose and throat specialist and have your hearing tested by an audiologist. To locate an audiologist near you, please visit the American Academy of Audiology website at www.audiology.org.

2016 CEO Pat Ryan addresses residents



An Olympic video presentation played in the background as over one hundred residents filed in to Saint Xavier University's McGuire Hall to hear Pat Ryan, chairman and CEO of Chicago's 2016 Bid Committee, discuss the proposed 2016 Summer Games.

Alderman Ginger Rugai invited Ryan out so residents could hear about the bid directly from the Olympic Committee. "There is so much information and misinformation out there about the Olympics. Statements have been made by supporters and opponents, but I think it is important to ask questions of the people who truly have factual answers," said Rugai.

Ryan has overseen the bid process since its inception and will continue as chair if Chicago is selected when the International Olympic Committee meets on October 2, 2009 in Copenhagen. Having already beat out all other potential U.S. host cities, Chicago now competes with Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, and Tokyo.

Observing that "seven years from now will be Day 14 of the Games," Ryan began by expressing confidence that Chicago will be chosen over the other finalists, and that hosting the games "will truly transform our city." According to Ryan, the Summer Olympics will generate \$22.5 billion in economic development in Illinois over an 11-year period, more than half of which will be in Chicago. That is the equivalent of 315,000 full-time jobs and \$7 billion in wages for one year.

At the meeting, Ryan and members of the bid committee outlined the complicated financing of both the games and the bid process, explaining that both endeavors are financed privately. Despite the City's \$500 million guarantee, Ryan is confident that taxpayers are not at risk because the 2016 budget includes a \$450 million rainy-day fund. Additionally, the State of Illinois has pledged \$250 million, and \$1 billion in private insurance has been purchased to protect taxpayers.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, appearing on video, said that there was "no downside" to having the games in her city. Atlanta has seen increased employment, visibility, improved business and education, and continues to enjoy rising international tourism.

Once the 2016 bid is approved, Chicago will also experience increased tourism with \$1 billion generated in tax revenues from visitors and increased conventions over the next ten years. Citing other U. S. games that have created surpluses for the host cities, as well as an ongoing benefit from new facilities and programs, Ryan reminded the crowd that Chicago still benefits from hosting the 1893 World's Fair.

Substantial funds from the federal government will also be made available to improve roads and light rail and to provide security. In June, the Obama administration created a permanent office in the White House to promote the games and youth sport across the country.

Chicago 2016 has signed a legally binding agreement (available at www.chicago2016.org) which guarantees that related business growth must be designated for 10% women-owned and 30% minority-

owned businesses.

World Sport Chicago, a privately funded sister organization, will be the living legacy of Chicago 2016. This organization, which promotes Olympic and Paralympic sports to the youth of Chicago, has already introduced 30,000 children to sport programs and elite competition, 4,000 of whom live in the 19th Ward. Young people involved in sports generally do better in school and become more productive citizens.

Eight local foundations have established the 2016 Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods with an initial contribution of \$4 million, and a commitment of up to \$10 million, to bolster efforts and ensure long-term benefits for Chicago's workforce and neighborhoods.

Ryan and the other speakers stressed that this is an historic opportunity for Chicago and that the small risk is far outweighed by the benefits. There is no better way to invest in our city than to raise our international profile for a viewing audience of four billion people.

Former Beverly resident and wheel chair basketball coach Frank Burns spoke briefly about his experiences coaching a gold medal winning point guard in 1988. The Paralympics, the second largest athletic event in the world, will begin ten days after the Olympics. Burns also illustrated the value of sports in the global arena citing Nelson Mandela's use of the World Rugby Championship to unite South Africa behind a world athletic event.

Beth White, who oversees sports venues and operations for Chicago 2016, was the manager of the main media center for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. As a resident of that city, she experienced the benefits firsthand and more importantly, saw that taxes did not increase as a result of those games. White explained that many of the games will be held in existing venues and at park district facilities. Tom Villanova, president of the Cook County Building Trades Council, expressed his support for the bid because of the increased employment that will be a bi-product of the Olympics. Some locals in the CBTC are currently experiencing 30% unemployment. After extensive study and deliberation, the CBTC decided

to commit \$500 million of pension funds in order to support the

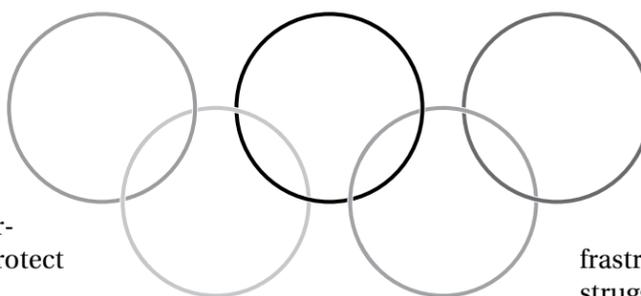
2016 effort.

Organized Labor has provided crucial support for the Olympic Committee reminding skeptical residents that the Games are a strong economic engine that will spark job creation and infrastructure improvements in the struggling economy.



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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.
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Seniors share stories and make memories



Gerri Porto and her grandson Joe Reilly mark her graduation from the Smith Village senior FITNESS program.

When Gerri Porto's grandson Joe Reilly of Michigan comes to visit, they enjoy sharing a typical day. On a recent trip, he arrived for breakfast, attended a fitness class with her and went to church services at Smith Village. "He's always amazed at how much I have going on!" says Porto.

Smith Village experts, residents offer ideas about intergenerational communications

Chicago's Beverly, Mt. Greenwood and Morgan Park neighborhoods are communities that multiple generations of the same families call home. Grandparents live down the block from their children and grandchildren. Aunts, uncles and cousins are often close by. Yet, even with proximity, sometimes communication between generations can be a challenge.

"Even in close families, we sometimes get so caught up in the flurry of day-to-day activity that we forget to slow down and enjoy memorable conversations," says Kevin McGee, executive director of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community at 2320 West 113th Place. "When our residents move into Smith Village, they no longer have to worry about making meals or caring for a house and lawn. Many find themselves with more free time. And, families tell us that they have more time to talk when they visit because they aren't overwhelmed by helping with household projects."

Even when families find the time, sometimes finding common ground between the generations isn't easy. "A little creativity and planning go a long way towards bridging the generation gap," says Sarah Jewett, director of life enrichment for Smith Village.

Jewett suggests taking advantage of Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 13, which was created to help celebrate the special role of grandparents across the country, as a way to focus on intergenerational communication. Grandparents' Day, in fact, has inspired experts and residents at Smith Village to share some tips on building bridges between generations.

Share Favorite Toys

"Toys are universal. Even while kids today love computer games, toys like blocks, scooters, bikes, books and dolls remain very popular," says

Jewett. Toys are a great way to find common interests and honor family traditions and heritage as well.

"But because our seniors are increasingly computer savvy, they can encourage their grandchildren to share their favorite computer game or Web site. In fact, their grandchildren may feel a sense of satisfaction in teaching a grandparent to play a new computer game, while the grandparent will find great amusement in learning the game and playing along with their younger counterpart. In turn, grandparents also can share memories of their own favorite childhood toys," she explains.

To celebrate Grandparents' Day, for example, grandchildren and grandparents can spend time playing with some of the youngsters' current favorites, and talking about the special toys and hobbies from when the grandparents' were young.

"Some of our residents express pleasure when finding a toy or game they can share with their grandchildren, anticipating the joy it will bring and the moments they will share together," adds Jewett.

Make History Personal

Many events that children study in school—World War II, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement—occurred during their grandparents' lifetime. Asking questions about the personal impact of these events on the lives of their grandparents can add to a child's understanding of history. Such conversations also can evoke memories for grandparents, and inspire lively discussions.

Use Photos to Spark Memories

Do you have box of photos and mementoes from time spent in the military? A wedding album that you haven't pulled out in years? Newspaper clippings about your high school football team? Sharing photos, mementoes and memories from special

times in your life is a great way to spark old memories and create new ones that become special to children and grandchildren.

Enjoy Projects Together

An afternoon spent cooking a favorite dinner with grandma or learning to play cards with grandpa is often the time that becomes a cherished memory. "Activities don't need to be elaborate to be special," says Jewett. "Teaching a young person about an activity that you really love or that is special to your culture can be very important. Although grandkids may not have the perspective or language skills to show their appreciation immediately, they will remember the special moments."

Even Big Families Need Quiet Times

Often family events involve big crowds, lively dinners and pleasant chaos, and that can be great fun. But to really get to know grandchildren, Jewett recommends planning quiet times as well. "If you have 10 grandchildren, it can be tough to find one-on-one time with each of them, but it is very rewarding when you do," she says. "Taking the time to listen to their personal interests and dreams is easier on a quiet day."

Embrace Technology

When grandparents and grandchildren live far apart, using new technology can improve communication. Twitter is currently the fastest growing ways for generations to keep in touch. Facebook, a social networking site, is a way for grandparents to stay connected with children and grandchildren. While giving a recent computer lesson, Jewett helped a resident see pictures from her granddaughter's study abroad program and then send an email commenting on them.

Webcams are great for younger children because grandparents can see youngsters in real time and enjoy watching them grow before their eyes, according to Jewett. The children also feel more connected when they can see grandma and grandpa, rather than just hear the voice on the phone.

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 offers spacious one- and two-bedroom Independent Living apartments with a host of services and amenities, including a comprehensive healthcare package. Additionally, on the same campus there are Assisted Living, Alzheimer's and Memory Support programs and residences, as well as Skilled Nursing Care services and accommodation



Eleanor Barrett, a Beverly resident more than 30, regards every day a special holiday when her grandkids visit.

Trimming the tree at Smith Village with her grandchildren Abby and Andrew of Naperville is one of the many ways Eleanor Barrett continues to celebrate holidays and create new memories with her family.

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.



Lila Helme, her grandchildren Robby and Katie Helme celebrated Halloween at a costume party for families residents hosted at Smith Village.

"Celebrating holiday traditions are important for our family's continuity," says Lila Helme, who was originally from Chicago's Garfield Ridge area. Her grandchildren live in Oak Lawn and love visiting her at Smith Village. She says that continuing their holiday traditions—the major ones as well as the just plain fun ones like Halloween—in her new home is a great benefit to her as well as to Robby and Katie.

Di Novo Family celebrates 10 Years on Bourbon Street

115 Bourbon Street has become one of the most popular destinations on the south side. The 40,000-square-foot family entertainment complex owned and operated by the DiNovo Family celebrated its ten year anniversary on August 2, 2009.

Through hosting a variety of benefits and family events, 115 Bourbon Street has become well known for its local involvement and generosity. In their ten years of business, the DiNovos have become one of the community's best neighbors.

"The Di Novo family has been extremely generous to many causes and families in this neighborhood" said Skinny Sheahan who has organized several events at Bourbon Street. "Theresa O'Rourke and the staff there always go the extra mile to make a benefit successful," he added.

Last November, the 115 Bourbon Street family suffered a great loss with the passing of Anthony "Pop's" Di Novo. Moving forward, his family launched the Anthony "Pops" Di Novo Foundation to support charitable endeavors in the name of their late father.

This October, friends and family look forward to a 10 year anniversary party that will include world class entertainment in celebration of the many great events at 115 Bourbon Street.

Having recently expanded their catering menu, 115 Bourbon Street has become a popular choice for retirement, graduation, communion, or other special occasions. Upcoming events include a Bears vs. Packers tailgate party on September 13th and a live broadcast of ESPN2's "Mike and Mike Show" on September 18th.



Nick, Pop's and Vince DiNovo, owners of 115 Bourbon Street.

2009 legislative wrap up

Amidst the well-publicized budget difficulties in Springfield, local legislators were able to advance bills and support projects with a major impact on local residents. Below, please find a synopsis of some of the more significant accomplishments of Senator Ed Maloney, Representatives Kevin Joyce, Monique Davis, and James Brosnahan.

The most visible efforts of these legislators is seen in our local parks. All four legislators fought hard to

secure funding for local playground improvements. As a result of their efforts, residents will enjoy new playgrounds at Crescent and Kennedy Parks, as well as Esmond and Vanderpoel Schools.

Helping Young People With Credit

Difficulty in the job market has forced many recent college graduates and young professionals to default on student loans. As Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Senator Ed Maloney passed legislation allowing the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to restructure these loans and create a more manageable payment plan for debtors. These efforts will create a sharp decline in the number of students defaulting on their student loans. Through this legislation, ISAC can also help many Illinois residents continue on a path of credit rebuilding and in the process, open up the student loan system for more potential students in the future.

Representative Kevin Joyce and Senator Ed Maloney also passed the Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009 which prohibits marketing companies from offering gifts on campuses to students who complete credit applications. The measure also requires any Illinois institutions of higher education that market credit cards to students under 21 to offer classes on financial education.

Helping Teachers and Nurses in Illinois

Working with Representative Joyce, Senator Maloney passed a measure allowing teachers and administrators to establish up to two years of option pension credit for service in private schools. With the state of the economy and increased cost of living, this important piece of legislation helps teachers work towards their pension goals.

The severe shortage of nurses in Illinois has created huge staffing problems for hospitals across the state. To address this growing problem, Senator Maloney and Representative Brosnahan passed a bill providing financial incentives to nurses who commit to working in Illinois after graduation. Nurses who agree to work for two years in Illinois for every one year of scholarship received from the State are eligible for assistance.

Protecting Those with Special Needs

Senator Maloney sponsored legislation creating the Illinois Premise Alert Program (IPAP), a database designed to identify special needs disabled persons in a crisis situation. In the event of an emergency, the IPAP database will help public safety officials determine where special needs and disabled people are located in order to serve them better. Registration in the IPAP database is completely voluntary and includes employment, educational, and residential information. To register, individuals or family members must contact local law enforcement agencies or dire departments.



Senator Ed Maloney



Representative Kevin Joyce



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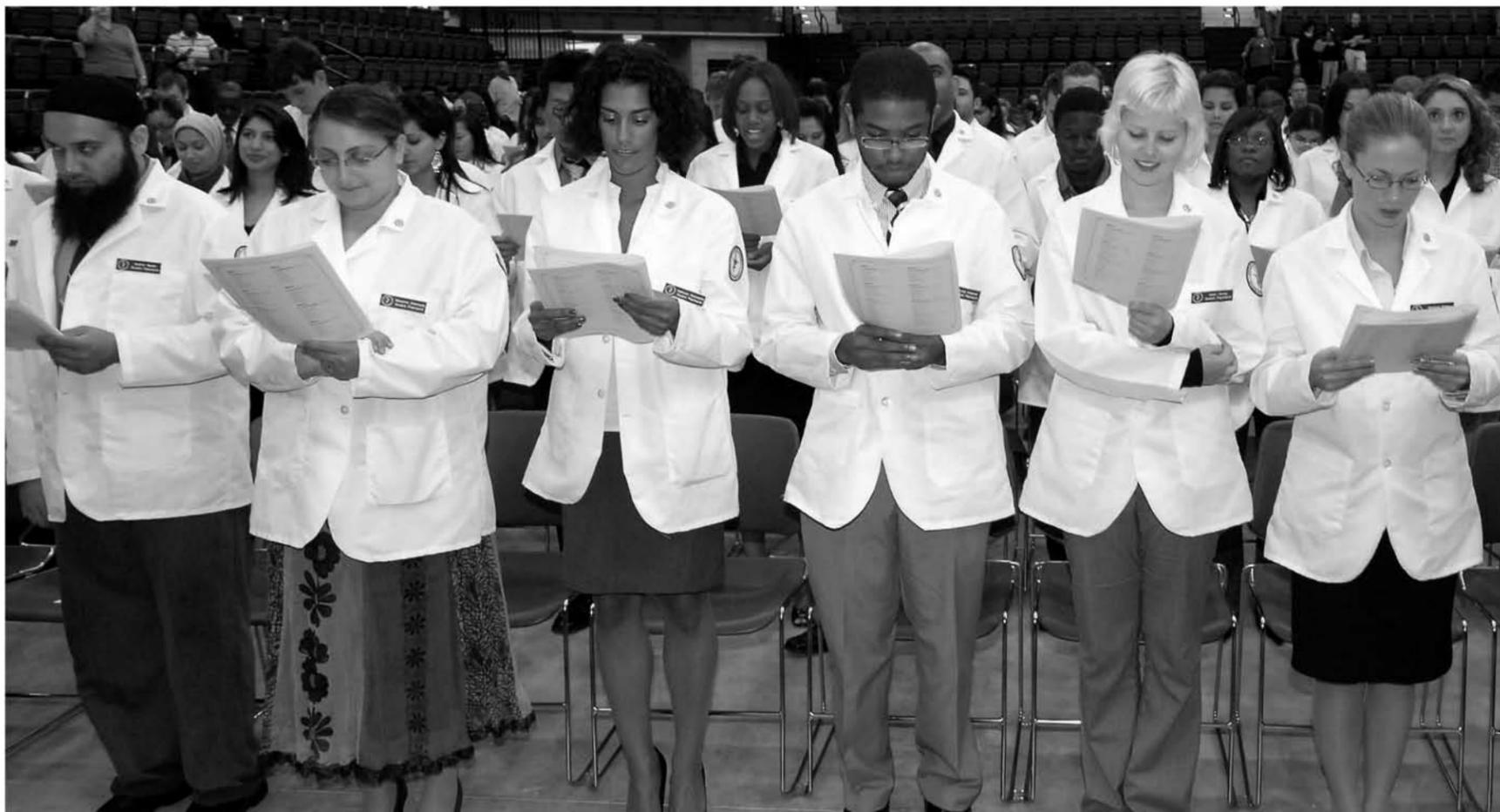


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Beverly Arts Center Calendar

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Cool Jazz in the Courtyard

Mondays, through Aug. 31, 7-9pm
Free!

The Pat Noland Group featuring Patrick Noland (piano and guitar), Pete Vancura (bass) and Rusty Jones (drums) plays jazz every Monday. Bring picnic baskets and blankets or chairs. (Refreshments available for purchase. In case of rain, concerts will move indoors.)

Chicago Kids Company

Live Children's Theater

"The Princess & the Pea"

10:30am performances

Selected days through Aug. 21

"The Tortoise & The Hare"

10:30am performances

selected days Oct. 23 - Nov. 25

\$10/Group rates available

Summer Wine Tasting

Thursday, Aug. 20, 7pm

\$10 (21 & Over)

Wine, cheese and jazz by the Sam Sinclair Trio. Hosted by the BAC Young Adult Board.

Acoustic Network and The Hurtin Kind

Saturday, Aug. 22, 8pm

\$20/\$18 BAC Members

Sam Sinclair Trio

Jazz in the Courtyard

Thursday, Sept. 3 and 17, 7pm

Free!

The Second City's

"Rod Blagojevich Superstar"

Friday, Sept. 18 & Saturday, Sept. 19

8pm, \$25/\$22 BAC Members

One of The Second City's most popular shows – and sold out at the BAC for its two performances in February -- "Rod Blagojevich Superstar!" is a hilarious take on the antics of Illinois' ex-governor but newest author, staged as a 1970s style rock opera. In this irreverent send up of "Jesus Christ Superstar," Rod and Patti Blagojevich play the leads with a band of apostles that include Roland Burris, Patrick Fitzgerald, Dick Mell and Lisa Madigan. Called a "must see" by the Chicago Tribune and "savvy throughout" by the Chicago Sun-Times, this is your last chance to this outrageous musical parody on stage at the BAC! (Recommended for mature audiences.)

Dickey Betts and the Great Southern

Thursday, Oct. 1, 8pm

\$45/\$38 BAC Members

Dickey Betts, a founding member of the Allman Brothers Band, one of the most distinctive voices in music today and one of the most influential guitar players of all time!

2nd Annual BACtoberfest

Saturday, Oct. 3, 4-9pm

Suggested donation: \$5

Live music by the Northside Southpaws & accordion stylings of Mike Ellis. Activities, featured German beer and food available for purchase.

Into the Night with Gershwin

Sunday, Oct. 11, 8pm

\$18/\$15 BAC Members

American pianist Thomas Pandolfi excels at reviving the core repertoire for the golden age of piano. "Into the Night" features Gershwin's Concerto in F, song medley improvisation, and Rhapsody in Blue.

Haunted Illusions

Friday, Oct. 16, 8pm

Adults: \$25/\$22 BAC Members

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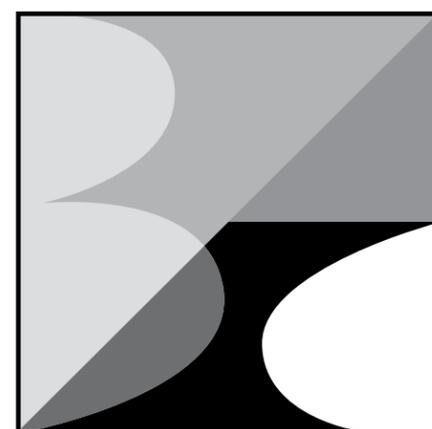
Treat your family to an evening of mind blowing magic and comedy that gets the whole audience into the act! You'll be amazed as the master illusionist David Caserta has people levitating, disappearing and reappearing right before your eyes. You will witness never before seen illusions that have been created just for this show. What better way to celebrate the Halloween season than with an incredible night of magic, comedy and audience participation that gets all the ghosts, goblins, and ghouls in the act!

Dueling Pianos

Friday, Oct. 23, 8pm

\$20/\$18 BAC Members

After rave reviews and 2 sold out performances at BAC, Dan Gillogly and Ted Oliver return to rock the house with great piano, audience participation, sing-a-longs and more.



BACinema

"Happy Medium" ("Zloty Srodek")

Polish with English subtitles

Not Rated. 104 min.

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 7:30pm

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"Easy Virtue"

PG-13. 97 min.

Wednesday., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

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Meet Your Neighbors...

Anthony Papaleo of the St. Vitus Improv Workshop

Director Tony Papaleo has been a Beverly neighbor for 26 years. Three and a half years ago, he opened Daily Grind coffee shop at the 95th Street Metra Station and has been serving commuters ever since. Tony spent 10 years performing in Chicago night clubs and colleges across the country with two different improvisational comedy groups, The St. Vitus Dancers and The Original Comedy Rangers. As a member of the Players Workshop of The Second City, Tony performed for two years in The Second City Children's Theatre on the main stage, as well as the old Forum Theatre and Candlelight Playhouse. The Rangers were the "house group" at Zanie's on Wells Street when it first opened, while also traveling west to perform at famous venues such as The Comedy Store in Los Angeles and The Ice House in Pasadena.

Tony has partnered with his friends from The Players Workshop to create a new, not-for-profit organization called The St. Vitus Theatre Workshop. Since April of this year they have been conducting classes in the art of improvisation, recently graduating their first group of players at a performance on August 8, 2009. The St. Vitus Theatre is dedicated to honoring the spirit of Chicago-style improvisation and con-



tinuing its legacy.

"Improvisation as we know it today, with its tradition of social commentary and creative play, really has its roots in Chicago. It was there that Viola Spolin taught improv games to non-English speaking immigrants at Jane Addams Hull House as a way of helping them to communicate and assimilate into our society. So there is a tradition of inclusiveness, of diversity, and democratic action," said Tony.

Spolin taught these theater games to her son, Paul Sills, and her assistant, Josephine Forsberg, who eventually began the Compass Players along with several other now-famous people (Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Roger Bowen, Severn Darden, David Shepherd, and Shelly Berman).

"This style of improvisational acting and comedy was incubated

by the Compass Players around the campus of The University of Chicago in the mid 1950's. They would perform their own scenarios developed in rehearsal, but completely unscripted in front of the patrons of a couple of bars in Hyde Park" said Papaleo.

Although the St. Vitus Improv Workshop celebrated the end of its first session with a Graduation Show on August 8th at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse, the next Workshop session is scheduled to begin September 17th, at the CK Parish Center, 9247 S. Hoyne.

Anyone Can Play

The emphasis is on the fun, freeing aspect of improv, and teaching workshop students that they can enhance their writing and performing skills. In the tradition of the original Players Workshop, there

are no auditions. "That's a big key to the success of this type of workshop. Everyone works, everyone gets a chance," said Tony.

Tony performed in improv groups in one form or another, in clubs, colleges, TV and radio for 15 years, and has over a decade of experience "training the trainers" for various software and communications companies.

The Future of South Side Improv

"We have two near-term goals in addition to getting people into the Workshop to play," said Tony. "One, is to secure a permanent home for a local improvisational theatre here in Beverly, hopefully along the 95th St. business strip. We're looking at a couple of properties right now."

"Number two is very exciting: we are in talks now to participate in the fiftieth anniversary celebration of founding of The Second City this December. We'll have the opportunity to promote the workshop and celebrate the roots of the art form as well."

Sign up now to reserve a place for yourself or your kids 16 and older. Call Tony Papaleo for details, 773-750-3857, or send an email to stvitusimprov@gmail.com.

Lynette Aune of Jungle Gym

As a mother of two young children, seven year old Luke and four year old Fiona, Lynette Aune noticed a lack of quality children's programs for the youngest members of our community. To fill that void for families in the Beverly/Morgan Park/Mt. Greenwood neighborhoods, Lynette opened Jungle Gym in October of 2006 at 2760 W. 111th Street. In August 2008 Jungle Gym was licensed by DCFS and now offers Gym-N-Learn, Chicago's first fitness-based preschool program, as well as Tumblebear Gymnastics,

Dance & Cheer, private parties, camps, and more. New this fall, Jungle Gym is adding special-needs classes to the schedule and is proud to be working with these wonderful children and their families.

Being both a business owner and mother is challenging, but Aune feels that the need for quality programs makes this challenge more than worth the effort. She has maintained her focus to provide our community with educational and innovative classes to help children find the fun in exercise and to help

combat childhood obesity. Unfortunately, many schools are eliminating both physical education and recess from their curricula. The statistics regarding this health risk are staggering:

- Scientists estimate that due to complications related to childhood obesity, today's youngsters could be the first generation to live fewer years than their parents.
- The direct medical costs of obesity total about \$147 billion annually, almost twice the amount since the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) first considered

costs in 1998 and more than \$50 billion more than is spent fighting cancer each year, according to a study funded by the CDC Foundation and released earlier this month.

For these reasons, Lynette Aune will continue her efforts to provide high-quality childcare that includes active play. She believes that it is vitally important to engage and educate children regarding the importance of physical fitness so that they will develop the necessary habits to stay fit and healthy.



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But that's not where this story of putting the "family" in family practice ends.

Dr. David Baptist and his wife Judy Baptist have spent the last decade or so seeing three of their sons, Ben, Brian and Joseph, through college and then dental school at David's alma mater, the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. The boys did brilliantly, and in May David had the honor of hooding his three sons at graduation when they became Doctors of Dental Surgery.

Dr. Brian Baptist received his undergraduate degree from Augustana College (Rock Island), and his masters from Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville) where he was involved in cell research and taught anatomy classes. In dental school, he excelled at restorative and pediatric dentistry. He served as the student representative of the Chicago Dental Society, including a term as academic chapter president. Before deciding to join Baptist

Family Dental, Brian served an externship with Indian Health Service, providing health care to the Inupiaq people of Alaska.

Dr. Benjamin Baptist graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. During that time he held a two-year research assistantship with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Ben also did an externship with the Indian Health Service in Alaska, providing dental care to native Alaskans on the North Slope. At the U of I College of Dentistry, Ben was a teaching assistant for pediatric dentistry and implant dentistry courses. He returned to the school after graduation as a clinical instructor.

Dr. Joseph Baptist is pursuing a four year Oral Surgery Residency at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood.

Of course, David has set a terrific example for his sons. After receiving his DDS, he served for a time as a clinical instructor at the U of I College of Dentistry, and he has remained committed to staying at the forefront of dentistry, consistently attending educational programs. He currently serves as the Chair of the Mentorship Program sponsored by the Chicago Dental Society, a program that fosters relationships between experienced dentists and dental students. He continues his relationship with the College of



Dr. David B. Baptist with his sons Benjamin (from left), Brian and Joseph at their recent graduation from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. Benjamin and Brian have joined their dad in the practice of general dentistry at Baptist Family Dental, and Joseph is pursuing a specialty in oral surgery.

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Alderman Rugai's Y-Me? Why Anyone? softball tournament

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man Rugai, a Breast Cancer survivor, is a former national president of this organization.

Currently, the Duchossois Family Foundation, whose roots are in Beverly, is matching any donations made to American Cancer Society through August 31, 2009. To take advantage of this generous offer, the tournament committee is directing the proceeds from this year's tournament to the American Cancer Society. With this change, also comes a new tournament theme "Y-Me—Why Anyone?." This one-time change enables donations to have a stronger impact and benefit a broader spectrum of cancer research. As everyone knows, cancer is an insidious disease that takes many forms. Next year, the focus will again be on raising funds specifically to find a cure for Breast Cancer research.

"Cancer is a horrible disease and there are so many kinds of it, and we all have been touched by it in one way or another. So we say for our 15th year. Y-Me? Why anyone?" said Tournament Coordinator Kathy O'Shea.

The highlight of the tournament is a survivor's game, through which Alderman Rugai and other cancer survivors participate in the tournament. While in the past, this game has been specifically for Breast Cancer survivors, in keeping with this year's theme Rugai is inviting women survivors of any form of cancer to participate in this game.

For information about sponsorship, registration, donations, or playing in the survivor's game, please go to our Website www.y-mesoftball.com. Also, you may direct e-mails to y-mesoftball@gmail.com or call Kathy O'Shea at 773-779-0172 or Fran Hurley at 773-238-8776. All are invited to come out on August 29th to enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon and support in a great cause.



Beverly native appointed Water Rec. Commissioner

Governor Pat Quinn recently announced the appointment of former Beverly resident and Mother McAuley High School graduate Mariyana Spyropoulos to the Board of Commissioners at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. As a commissioner, Spyropoulos will be deeply involved in creating and maintaining policies affecting flooding, storm water management, rivers, and conservation.

A member of the Sierra Club, Spyropoulos received her J.D. from John Marshall Law School and served as a criminal prosecutor before opening her own law firm. She also has a Master's degree in business from Loyola University.



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- 1.5 miles of resurfacing on Pulaski Road from 103rd Street to 115th Street to be completed in October 2009.
- 2 miles of resurfacing on 103rd Street from Western Avenue to Pulaski Road to be completed in November 2009.
- 1.2 miles of resurfacing on 111th Street from Monterey Avenue to Sacramento Avenue to be completed in Spring 2010.

If you have any questions about these projects, please contact Alderman Rugai's Office at (773) 238-8766 or vrugai@cityofchicago.org.



FREE
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This fall, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Chicago Park District will once again sponsor a nerf football league at Beverly Park for 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls living in the 19th Ward. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning on September 22, 2009. Participation is free and all players will receive a t-shirt.

If you are looking for a fall activity for your 3rd or 4th grade student that is fun, healthy, and educational, register for nerf football today!

Register online now through September 14, 2009 at www.the19thward.com or in person on Monday, September 14, 2009 at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Volunteers, coaches and referees are still needed.

For more information call (773) 238-0288, visit www.the19thward.com, or email matthewoshea@wowway.com.

Beverly Bank & Trust Company goes green

Beverly Bank & Trust Company, a subsidiary of Wintrust Financial Corporation, is taking steps to make the community greener.

With a growing threat of identity theft, the bank hosted its third annual document shredding day in April 2009. This service assists neighbors in maintaining privacy and encourages recycling. This year, over 16,165 pounds of documents were shredded and recycled. This equates to saving 137 trees; 56,578 gallons of water; 33,138 kilowatts of energy; and 40.4 cubic yards of landfill.

The Bank has also setup a deposit box in their foyer to collect old and broken crayons, cell phones, chargers, and batteries. All of these items are then properly recycled. Additionally, the bank offers a free green grocery bag to any customers who enroll in their automatic, paperless bill payment system.

Beverly Bank and Trust is a true neighborhood bank. Through their local management, they tailor products and promotions to meet the needs of area consumers. The bank sets its own rates on sight and

deposits are invested back into the neighborhood in the form of business and residential loans.

To help families with the burden of college tuition, the bank recently established a \$2500 college scholarship opportunity. This year's scholarship was awarded to Morgan Messerle of Beverly, who will be attending Saint Xavier University in the fall.

Showing genuine dedication to the community, they proudly support many causes and events that are of special importance to residents. Beverly Bank and Trust has been an active sponsor of the Breast Cancer Walk, the Ridge Run, March for Babies, BAPA Home Tour, Garden Walk, Play for Maeve, Beverly Cycling Classic and countless other community events.

This fall, customers and employees look forward to Beverly Bank's Fall Festival in the bank parking lot on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The whole neighborhood is invited for hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda, activities for the kids, and several great giveaways.

COMMUNITY ALERT

The Chicago Department of Revenue is out in force throughout the City writing tickets for code violations. Many residents have received tickets for a variety of violations including:

- Failure to move cars during street sweeping hours
- No or improperly displayed city or residential parking sticker
- No residential truck parking sticker
- Parking the wrong direction on a street
- Expired or missing license plates
- Parking at an expired meter

Also, please remember, if you hire someone to remove a tree on your property, that individual is responsible for removing the tree debris. If that person leaves the debris for the City to remove THE HOMEOWNER will receive a ticket.

Many residents were unaware that any of these items were punishable with tickets. Please be aware that Ticket Officers are on the street and looking for violations.

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Catholic Youth Ministry Center at Morgan Park High School celebrates 30th anniversary



In 1977, members of the Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood communities gathered to brainstorm on how best the community could support Morgan Park High School. Through this grassroots effort that included local church leaders, elected officials, parents, educators, and community leaders, the Catholic Youth Ministry Center was born.

The Catholic Youth Ministry Center at Morgan Park High School is a unique youth program based on the concept of the Newman Centers on many college campuses. The Ministry Center is the only program of its kind associated with a Chicago Public High School. Through the tremendous efforts of these dedicated volunteers, a building was purchased. A former doctor's office and home, the building is across the street from Morgan Park High School at 1825 West Monterey. Many renovations were needed to create usable space for programs and the grassroots committee, many of whom were now officially the Catholic Youth Ministry Center Board of Directors, oversaw the work. Community members donated furniture and spent countless hours painting, wallpapering and decorating the building. Dedication was held on September 30, 1979.

Community resident, Peggy Goddard, has worked at the Ministry Center since 1980 and is currently the director. She says, "We

are so proud and grateful to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Our programs have given young people an opportunity to explore new interests, meet new friends, and have fun in a safe and secure environment. Throughout our thirty year history, thousands of young people have participated in our programs. I hope that many alumni will join us in celebrating this Anniversary and take the opportunity to visit the Center where some of their high school memories were made."

Over the years, the Ministry Center has become an integral part of the Morgan Park High School community. Each school day an average of 75 young people utilize the facilities for lunch and after school activities. We provide a "home away from home" for the young people and by forming positive relationships with them, involve them in leadership training, educational workshops, community service and social events. "Simply put, we sow the seed and hope that it takes root," explains Goddard. "It is heartwarming when a young person stops by, years after graduation, and it is clear that the seed has blossomed. That's when we know we have made a difference."

The Center will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on Sunday, September 13th with a reception hosted by the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club at the Center (1825 West Monterey). The cost is \$15 per person. The Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood communities have always generously donated to the Center and we are most appreciative of their support. It is because of their generosity that we have been able to continue to enrich the lives of young people for thirty years.

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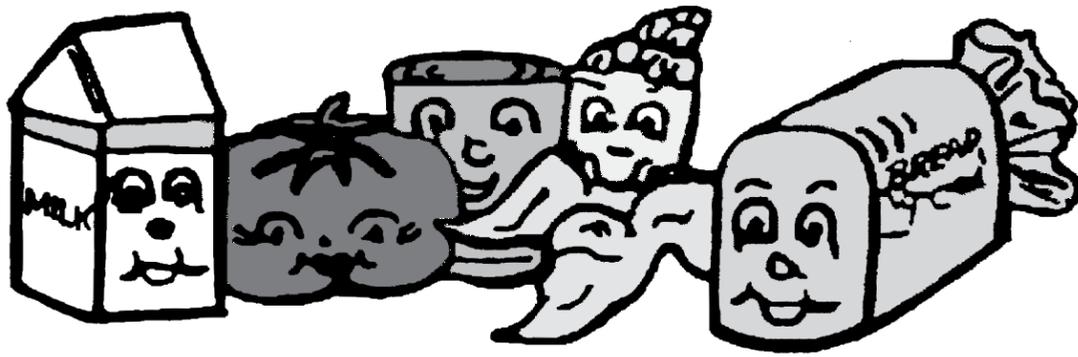


Families Enjoy Play For Maeve

On Saturday, August 1, 2009 hundreds of families gathered in Beverly Park to celebrate the life of 26 month old Maeve McNicholas at the 5th annual Play For Maeve Family Picnic. Children enjoyed arts and crafts, inflatables, games, and a summer barbeque. All proceeds benefit Maeve's Foundation, a charitable organization working to combat childhood brain tumors.

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