

19th WARD Quarterly

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Matthew J. O'Shea

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Board of Education "Keller School will not be relocated"

Dear Neighbor:

Recent years have seen a sharp increase in enrollment at many local public elementary schools. This increase has caused overcrowding problems at Mount Greenwood and Cassell Schools. A variety of proposals have been made to ease this overcrowding. While no long term plan has been reached, I want to take this opportunity to distribute some factual information, and dispel the many, many rumors that surround this issue.

The ideal long term solution to this problem is the expansion of the Cassell School Campus. The Board of Education has told me that the cost of an annex alone would be a minimum of \$10 million.

The Chicago Board of Education advanced an alternative plan to address the overcrowding that included relocating Keller School. When this plan was announced, Representative Kevin Joyce, Senator Ed Maloney and I attended a meeting with several hundred parents to oppose this plan. With one voice our

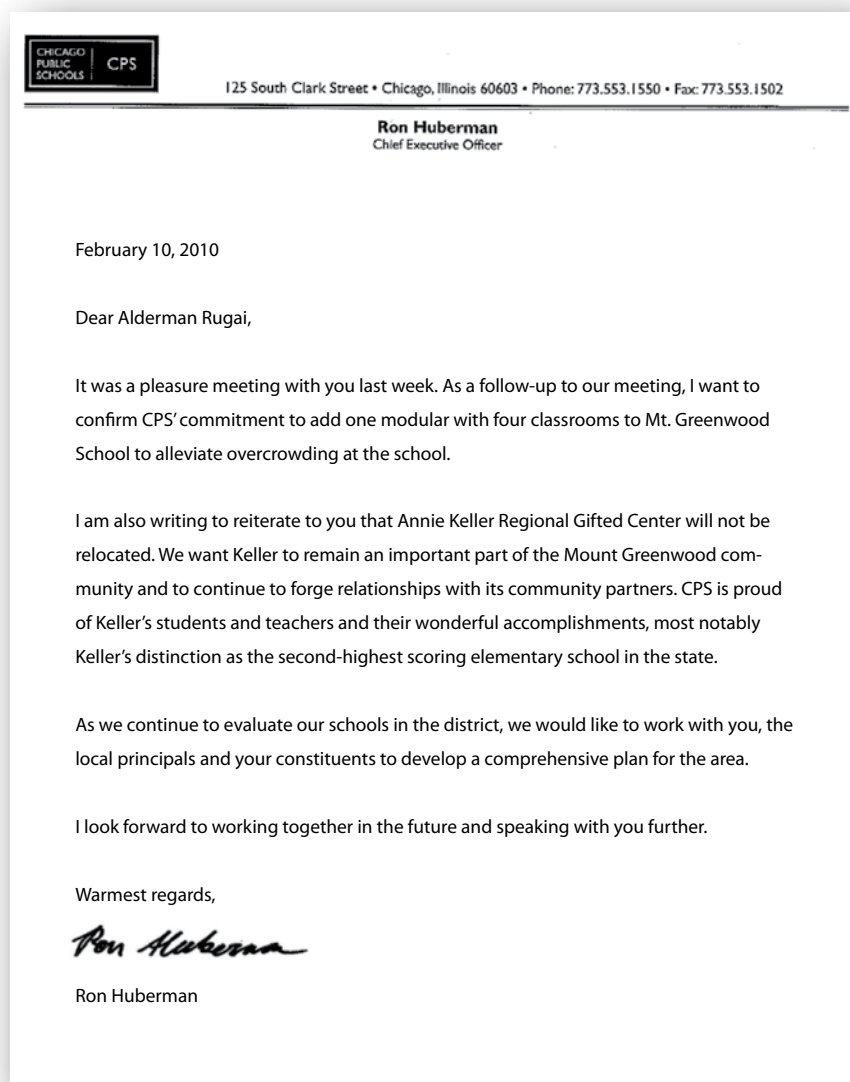
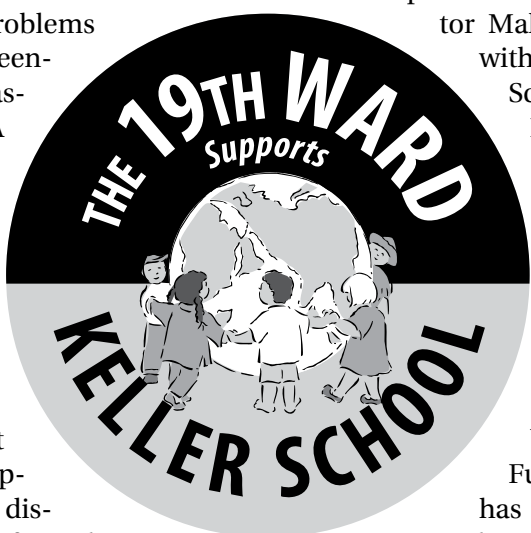
community told the Board of Education that relocating Keller School is not an option.

As a follow up to this meeting, Representative Joyce, Senator Maloney and I met with Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman and other administrators from the Board of Education and have received assurances that Keller School will not be relocated.

Furthermore, CPS has agreed to work with us and local principals to develop a comprehensive plan for our public schools that can address not only overcrowding but other education issues including assistance for special needs students.

In the short term, Huberman has pledged one modular unit, which includes four classrooms, to Mount Greenwood School to help alleviate some of their problems. This is, admittedly, a band-aid that does not solve our problems, but rather gives us the time necessary to determine how best to address the overcrowding and other concerns at our schools.

In the coming weeks, I will be



working closely with Representative Joyce, Senator Maloney, the Board of Education, parents and principals to develop goals and priorities for our schools. I will work to keep you informed of our progress. Most importantly, I want to make sure that everyone knows that Keller

School is not going anywhere, and that temporary relief is coming to Mount Greenwood as we work towards a more permanent solution.

Sincerely,
Virginia A. Rugai

19th Ward Family Ice Skating Party

February 21st at Mt. Greenwood Park Ice Rink

Has the snow and cold kept your kids inside this month? The 19th Ward Youth Foundation invites you and your children to enjoy the winter weather with an afternoon of ice skating at the Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th St., on Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 2:00-5:00pm.

Last year over two hundred people came out for the party and this year we are hoping for an even larg-



er attendance. All ages are welcome. Admission is \$1 per person and includes skate rental, hot chocolate and refreshments. We hope you and your family can join us and get some fresh air and exercise.

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Dear Neighbor,

It has been a very busy winter in the 19th Ward. We jump started the holiday season with our inaugural Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk. The response for our first year was overwhelming and at the end of the day we had raised over \$20,000 for local charities. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event so successful. Later, in December, over nine hundred local kids enjoyed our 3rd Annual Children's Film Festival at the Beverly Arts Center.


Next weekend, all area families are invited to join us for our Family Ice Skating Party at Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink. In the following months, we will be offering many more family themed events to give our children activities that are healthy and fun.

In this issue, we have included information on some great new neighborhood businesses. As always, we encourage everyone to shop locally and support the many business owners who work hard to make ends meet in this challenging economy. You will also find very helpful informa-

tion regarding property tax relief, and a state program to help homeowners purchase energy efficient appliances.

Finally, we have included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings. These meetings give us the opportunity to become acquainted with the police officers who patrol our streets on a daily basis. The Chicago Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe.

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

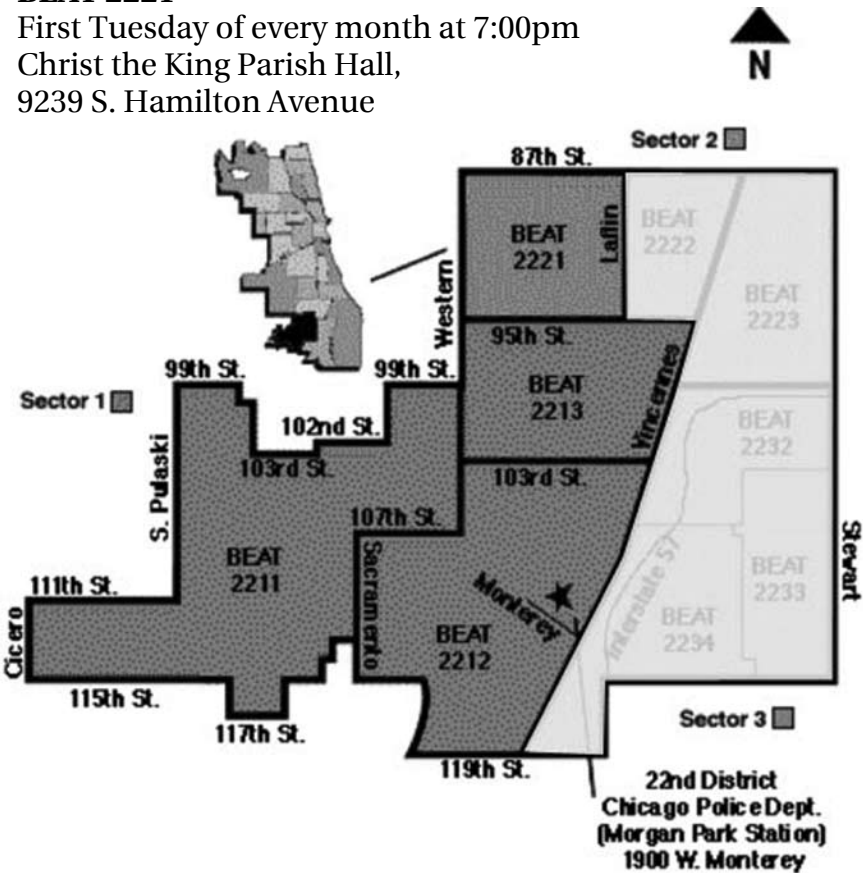
CAPS Meeting Calendar

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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During these tough times, we are doing all we can to protect Chicago's working and middle-class families, our seniors and all other residents. New higher city property taxes are the last thing we should be asking homeowners to pay next year. Homeowners need property tax relief, and they need it now.

That is why we worked together to pass the City of Chicago's Property Tax Relief Program.

It is meant to provide relief between \$25 and \$200 to City homeowners hit hardest by increases to their 2008 property tax bill for their primary residence. This program is needed largely because of the phase-out of the state law that put a 7% cap on the annual increase in the taxable value of home property, and because of the drop this year's exemption under that law went to \$20,000 from \$26,000.

The amount of relief you might receive is based on a combination of income level and property tax increase. The lower your income, and the higher your property tax increase, the more relief you will be eligible for. Please apply early as funding for this program is limited.

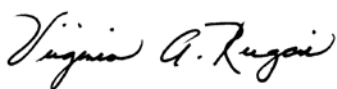
Please visit www.the19thward.com and click on the City of Chicago Property Tax Relief icon to find an application, instructions, and other tools to help you participate in this program.

Chicago's working families are the heart and soul of our city. We hope the Property Tax Relief Program will provide you with some assistance during these tough times.

Sincerely,



Mayor Richard M. Daley



Alderman Virginia A. Rugai

Delivering What Southside Moms-To-Be Have Been Craving

When it comes to fashion-forward maternity apparel, Chicago's newest maternity boutique, belle up maternity, is second to none, and best of all: it's right in our backyard! By opening its doors in early December in the heart of Mt. Greenwood, belle up (pronounced "belly up") proudly planted its flag as the only independently-owned and operated maternity boutique on Chicago's Southside.

The first task, said belle up's owners—a Beverly husband-wife duo with two young children—was to create a space where vibrant, sophisticated moms-to-be wanted to shop. And create they did! In fact, in a matter of months, they transformed a storefront that had most recently been home to a dog bakery into a boutique that rivals any on the Magnificent Mile and that has, literally, stopped traffic on 111th Street on more than one occasion.

Just as important to the owners as the look-and-feel of the space, however, was the quality of the apparel and services the boutique would offer. So, belle up's team set out to fill the boutique with a well-balanced mix of classic and edgy, designer maternity apparel that would appeal to the ever-growing number of professional moms-to-be, as well as the work-at-home-moms—with a particular eye toward pieces that their clients could wear during pregnancy and beyond. According to belle up's Manager and Buyer, Carlynn Dockery, "the key is to select pieces that are comfortable, flattering to many body types, and that closely resemble pre-pregnancy styles."

belle up features veteran maternity designers, like Olian, Maternal America, Japanese Weekend and Glamourmom, alongside up-and-coming designers such as Ripe, Hatch and Zula Maternity.



You will also find a variety of diaper bags and other gear, accessories and baby items.

However, belle up is about more than just fashion. While the owners admit that their primary focus is retail, as members of the Beverly/Mt. Greenwood community, they admit feeling a larger obligation to be

consultation services twice a month. Additional wellness, fitness and social mom-centered events are coming soon.

The belle up team is looking forward to Spring 2010. "We have a fantastic spring collection coming that we look forward to showcasing during our Grand Opening weekend," says Dockery. She's tight-lipped about specifics for the weekend (March 26-28), but says it will definitely include a can't-miss fashion show and party.

belle up is located at 3440 W. 111th Street. Visit the boutique Monday-Friday from 11 am to 7 pm, Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, or Sunday from noon to 5 pm, or shop online at www.belleup.com. By combining designer maternity apparel with an approachable atmosphere and unparalleled customer service, belle up is undoubtedly just what fashion-conscious Southside moms-to-be have been craving!



a source of information, education and support for Southside moms-to-be. Thus, for example, belle up has teamed with a local registered nurse to offer free, in-store lactation



Joyce Urges Participation in New Rebate Program

State Representative Kevin Joyce & the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are pleased to announce the Illinois ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program to help residents purchase energy efficient appliances.

This program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provides incentives for Illinois consumers to replace older appliances with specific residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, water heaters, and HVAC equipment. The new appliances must be purchased in Illinois through participating retail stores or contractors.

Illinois' program includes two phases:

- Starting January 31, 2010, consumers can get point of purchase rebates on qualifying heating and cooling equipment through participating HVAC contractors and



water heaters at participating retailers as long as funding lasts.

- Point of purchase rebates on ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners will be available for items purchased from participating retailers during April 16 – 25, 2010.

To find a list of participating retailers and contractors, please visit www.helpgreenillinois.org or contact the Illinois Retail Merchants Association at (312) 726-4600.



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Senator Maloney Hosts 5th Annual Indoor Triathlon

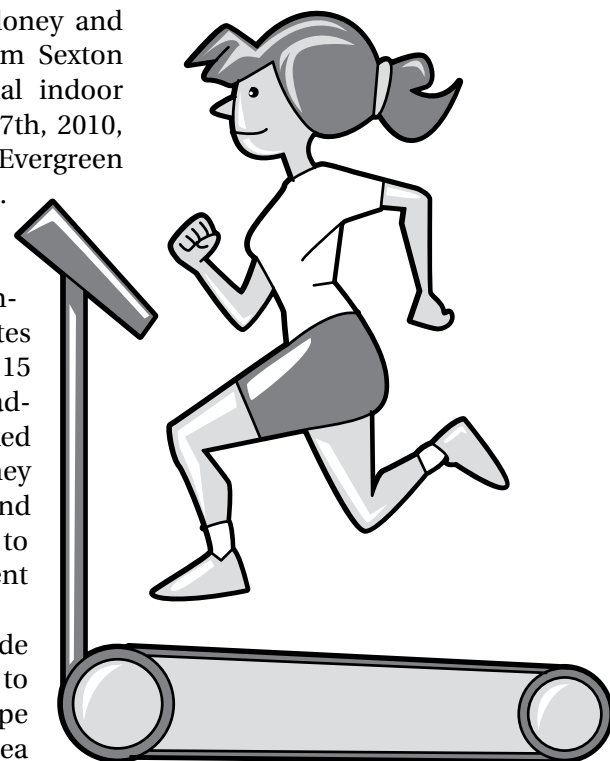
State Senator Ed Maloney and Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton will host the fifth annual indoor triathlon Sunday, March 7th, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Evergreen Park High School, 9901 S. Kedzie Ave.

Each participant will compete in 15 minutes swimming, 15 minutes on a stationary bike and 15 minutes running on a treadmill. Participants are ranked based on the distance they travel in each category and awards are distributed to the top finishers in different age groups.

"Many people made New Year's resolutions to get in better physical shape and this event gives area residents something to train for and an opportunity to test their endurance without having to wait until the weather gets nicer," said Senator Ed Maloney, a veteran triathlete himself.

Proceeds support SERVE, Special Education Resources Valuing Everyone. SERVE offers scholarships to special needs students looking to enter college, vocational school or technical school after graduating from high school.

"This is a fun event; it promotes



fitness and benefits a good cause," added Mayor Jim Sexton. "This is a win-win for the community and I look forward to it."

Entry forms are available at the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, 3450 W. 97th Street - Room 106 and Senator Maloney's office, 10400 S. Western Ave. You must pre-register and be 18 years old to participate with the \$25 entry fee made payable to SERVE. All participants receive a t-shirt.



Beverly Bank & Trust Hires New Lenders

Beverly Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the hiring of a new team of six Commercial Lenders: Bill Cordes, Lou Leonardi, Meg Compton, Daniela Kole, Jackie Tenzillo, and John Rozwat.

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headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"We are thrilled to welcome a successful team of bankers that will hit the ground running," said Dennis O'Malley, Vice Chairman of Beverly Bank & Trust. "We have confidence that collectively, they will put us in a position to successfully grow the market in all aspects of business development."



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Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Chicago Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago. Sunday, March 7 at North Avenue Beach. Whether you go waist high or take the full plunge, we invite you to join us and support Special Olympics programs enjoyed throughout the year by 5,000 Chicago athletes. Last year 1,200 participants enjoyed a very fun day! Grab your group of fellow spirited friends and enjoy a memorable day while making a significant difference to Special Olympics Chicago!

All participants are asked to register and raise a minimum of \$100 per person. After you register you will automatically receive an email with a link to your personal fundraising page. You can also set up a team page - no minimum number of participants required. Send your fundraising link to friends and family and they can make a secure online tax deductible donation. They automatically receive a receipt for their tax deductible donation.

All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Raise \$250 and receive a hooded event sweatshirt, raise \$500 and receive an official event duffle bag and 2 tickets to a White Sox game!

A few things to point out:

1. Arrive at North Avenue Beach and check in between 9am-10am.
2. Participants run down the beach to the water in groups starting at 9am. Shoes are required. Bring a change of clothes, towels, dry socks and shoes. Last group enters the water by 11am.
3. You do not have to go all the way under. Splish/Splash, scream and have fun! Exit the water.
4. You run back to heated tents to change into your dry clothes.
5. You warm up and have fun with your group of friends and other crazy fun people at the "Melt Down Party". Music, free food for all and cash bar available for those 21 and over.
6. You do it again next year!

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation will be organizing a bus for the Polar Plunge on March 7th - if you would like to join us, please e-mail matthewoshea@wowway.com.

Hop on the Bus

The more the merrier! We will provide a free round trip bus for groups of 20 or more! Think group outing for alumni organizations, your favorite neighborhood/bar restaurant, your summertime softball or beach volleyball league. Show your team spirit and come in your favorite Chicago sports teams' cheer gear!

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Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart leads the charge! Loyal supporters Jim Houlihan and Michael Sheahan, Jr. also join in the fun at last year's Chicago Polar Plunge!

Thinking about running the 2010 Bank of America Chicago Marathon? Free entry for you!

Special Olympics Chicago is very excited to again partner with the Bank of America Chicago Marathon! Join their team and your efforts will be rewarded with exclusive benefits as you help raise funds to support the programs enjoyed throughout the year by our 5,000 Chicago athletes!



Morgan McGarry completes the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon for Special Olympics Chicago

Here are the top 10 benefits for team members:

10. Free Training Program with Chicago Endurance Sports (CES)! Weekly group runs or virtual training!
9. Fundraising tips and guidance! Despite offering our runners a free entry this year, we are not raising our required minimum fundraising level. We ask all runners to reach a minimum goal of \$1,000 by October 4. Nine full months to raise those funds.
8. Free trip to the Las Vegas Marathon/Half Marathon (race date - December 5, 2010) for top fundraiser!
7. Tech training shirt!
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5. Free race day parking for top 100 fundraisers!
4. Indoor preparation facilities at the Chicago Firehouse on the morning of race day!
3. Free pre-race continental breakfast!
2. Free post-race beverages and massage at the Chicago Firehouse Restaurant!
1. Free race entry! Yes, free race entry for all team members!

Registration to join the Special Olympics Chicago team is now available! After you follow the steps to register, you will receive an email with a link to your personal fundraising page. This page can be customized by adding a photo, a personal message and a fundraising goal. You can then send the link around to family and friends or post on your Facebook page. People can then make a secure, online, tax deductible donation. They will automatically receive a receipt for their donation.



Eileen Guinane, Shenene O'Malley and Gerry Henaghan

Thank you in advance for the difference your participation will make in the lives of your fellow athletes!

For more information, visit www.sochicago.org or email scc@sochicago.org



Rick Barret, Tom McShane and Skinny Sheahan celebrate their impressive finish

Brother Rice Hosts Special Olympic Basketball Event

On Saturday, January 16th, the Brother Rice family hosted a special Olympic basketball day. The event was sponsored by the St. Linus Mens' Athletic Club, the Oak Lawn Park District, and S.R.A.S.A.

The day featured a crowd of 1700 cheering fans. There were performances by the Brother Rice, St. Linus and Junior Jordan cheerlead-

ers. The Mother McAuley Chorus sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

The main event was the tremendous basketball played by the Junior Jordans and the Eagles. It was a great day for the special athletes as every basket, shot and pass were greeted by thunderous applause from the audience.



"It was an outstanding event and we were honored to be a part of it," Brother Rice Vice President Mike McShane '87 said. "Many thanks to all those who made this event such a success."

Under the direction of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers, Brother Rice High School has been educating young men since 1956. Brother Rice High School has

been named a Top 50 Catholic High School in the United States by the Acton Institute for five consecutive years. Since the honor roll's inception in 2004, Brother Rice is the only Catholic high school in Illinois to be named among the Top 50 in America all five years. Brother Rice continues to be the academic, spiritual and athletic leader.



19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink

3721 W. 111th Street

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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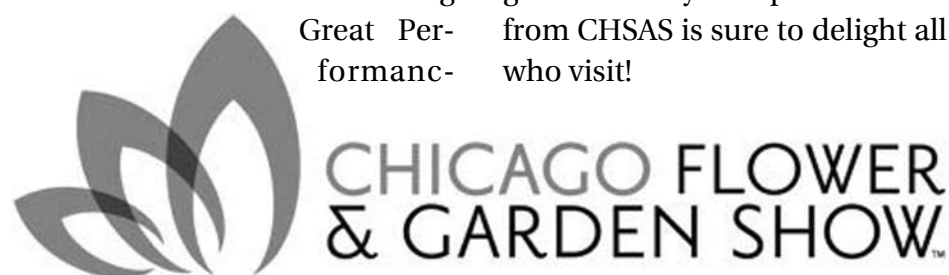
Chicago Ag Students Cultivating Great Performances

Inspire. Motivate. Educate. This is the mission for the Chicago Flower & Garden Show, a horticultural exposition showcasing thousands of flowers, trees and shrubs; inspiring garden design, techniques and products held at Navy Pier on March 6th through the 14th. Coincidentally, the sentiment of the teachers at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences is the same: inspire, motivate and educate.

The junior and senior students at the High School will be competing against professionals in the industry and have been working hard to create a garden centered on this year's theme:

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es." Past award winning designs motivated the students and along with a little creativity and youth, the garden "Great Performances Seen through a Child's Eyes" was developed. Visitors can expect to walk into the garden and be surrounded by a wall of thick arborvitae. Once enclosed, the visitor will be entertained by three separate fairytale gardens: The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Hansel and Gretel. A CHSAS student will be present at each garden to read to visitors, young and old alike, the fairytale as well as describe the plant material and gardening practices seen within the garden. This year's performance from CHSAS is sure to delight all who visit!



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Alderman Ginger Rugai's Senior Citizen Prom: "Sentimental Journey VIII"

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, Alderman Ginger Rugai will host her 8th Annual Senior Citizen Prom from 4pm-7pm at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street. This year's event is once again generously sponsored by Smith Village Continuing Care Retirement Community, 115 Bourbon Street, and Marist High School.

The prom will feature an afternoon of dinner and dancing and reuniting with old friends. Rich Daniels and The City Lights Orchestra will provide live music that is perfect for dancing. 115 Bourbon Street will serve a delicious family style meal to all in attendance. As an added

bonus, Marist High School Student Ambassadors will be staffing the event helping to serve dinner to the seniors as well as providing dance partners for anyone in need.

"Sentimental Journey VIII" promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all 19th Ward Senior Citizens to enjoy the company of neighbors and reminisce about their own high school days. This annual event sells out quickly, and seats are limited. Please make your reservations by March 1st by calling Michelle Sullivan at the 19th Ward Office at 773-238-8766. To help offset the cost of this event, a \$5 donation is requested at the door.



Sisters celebrate family, community and friendship at Smith Village

Celeste Walsh and Dolores Keating typify the healthy, civic-minded, family oriented seniors of today



Today's senior citizens are more vibrant and active than ever before. They remain strongly connected to their communities. While previous generations may have retired to Florida or Phoenix, older adults today often prefer to stay closer to home and near their families.

Take sisters Celeste Walsh and Dolores Keating for example. They were born and raised on Chicago's South Side attending Mundelein College on Chicago's northside. Then, their busy lives took them in different directions. But today, they are together again, back on the south side, as residents at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community in Chicago's historic Beverly neighborhood.

These vibrant ladies typify their accomplished, active generation. Soon after graduating with a major in mathematics from Mundelein, Celeste married Robert Walsh and they raised nine children. After her brood was in school, she returned to her old passion for mathematics and became a high school math teacher.

For most of her 20-year teaching career, Walsh helped students at Morgan Park High School unravel the mysteries of algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

Walsh retired from teaching, but discovered she still wanted to work. She earned a real estate license and began selling homes in Beverly and other South Side neighborhoods. She hasn't slowed down a bit. She continues selling real estate and remains connected to the Beverly community and Saint Barnabas Parish. When her Robert passed away six years ago, she considered a move to Smith Village.

Walsh loves to be busy and Smith Village matches her active spirit. She is a regular in the Fitness Center, and she loves the full slate of clubs, activities and outings, but her favorite part about life at Smith Village is the camaraderie. "Mostly, I love to go down to dinner every night with my friends," she says.

After deciding to move to Smith Village, Walsh called her sister Dolores to share her exciting news, and

Keating quickly decided that the retirement community would be great for her as well.

Keating majored in economics and worked briefly for the Alliance Illinois Glass Company and the Chicago Real Estate Board, but primarily she used her management skills to raise 10 children. She lived in Chicago for many years, but moved to Springfield when her husband Charles, an attorney, took a job with the Illinois Savings and Loan Trade Association.

"I spent 30 years in Springfield, so it is really nice to live close to my sister again," says Keating. "We still seem to have so much catching up to do!"

Although, the two have separate apartments, they enjoy attending book club and playing bridge together. Both are regulars at the Fitness Center and both enjoy the lectures, trips and theater outings that are available.

"Moving to a community like Smith Village makes life so much easier for retirees," says executive

director Kevin McGee. "When they no longer have to worry about home maintenance, cooking chores and housecleaning, it frees up time to pursue hobbies and activities. This way, they can enjoy time with their family and friends, and stay active in community events. Residents in our independent living apartments tell me that they feel energized with their new lifestyle."

Recently, Keating and Walsh hosted a family gathering for 28 relatives at Smith Village. They were able to reserve a private dining room and select a menu that everyone loved. Some relatives from out of town enjoyed staying at special guest suites on the Smith Village campus and the community's staff helped make the gathering worry-free and memorable.

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.

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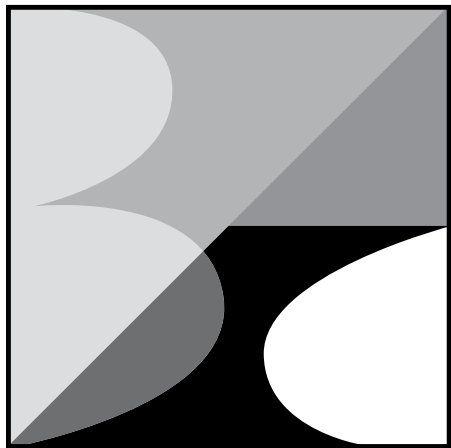
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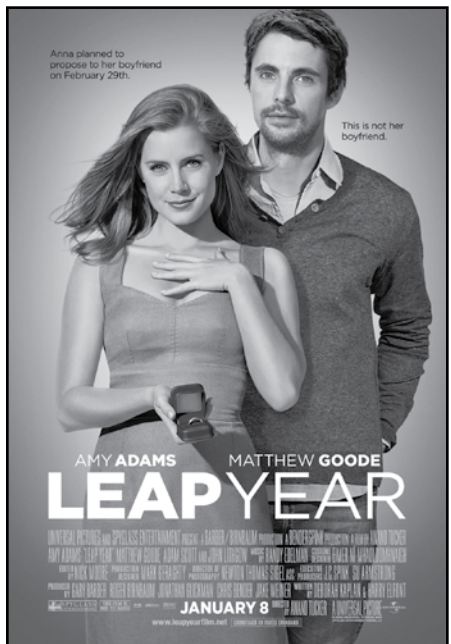
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BAC Cinema

“Leap Year” starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode
 Wed., Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
 \$7 (\$5/BAC members)



“Me & Orson Welles” starring Christian McKay and Claire Danes
 Wed., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.
 \$7 (\$5/BAC members)

39th Annual Beverly Arts Center Auction:

Sat., Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
 \$50 per person
 The 39th Annual BAC Auction has just what you want to bid on! Chicago experience packages range from cheering on the Chicago Blackhawks from premium seats, private brunch in a Frank Lloyd Wright house, tickets to the Oprah Show, a private tour of the Chicago Art Institute’s new Modern Wing and lots more! Live and silent auctions, live music, cash bar and generous hors d’oeuvre and dessert buffets are all part of the action. Proceeds benefit the BAC.

“The Three Little Pigs”

Chicago Kids Company
 Selected weekdays and Saturdays,
 Feb. 3 through May 28
 \$10 (group rates available)
 An original one-hour musical version of the children’s classic story, geared to ages 2 to 12.

Submission Deadline, BAC Street Journal

BAC Street Journal, the BAC’s literary arts magazine, is accepting submissions of poetry, short fiction, black and white photography and black and white illustrations through Mar. 1. For guidelines or to submit, email bacstreetjournal@gmail.com.

11th Annual Chicago Irish Film Festival, March 5 - 10

Fri., Mar. 5, 7 p.m.
 Festival Opening Reception, film and live music
 \$30 (\$25/BAC members)

Sat., Mar. 6
 2 p.m. – Children’s film screening \$10 (\$8/BAC members)
 3:30 p.m. – Documentaries \$10 (\$8/BAC members)
 7:30 p.m. – Rock ‘n Reel, 2 Irish “indie” movie screenings, live music (9pm to midnight), cash bar \$10 (\$8/BAC members)

Sun., Mar. 7, 2 p.m.
 Classic Irish
 \$10 (\$8/BAC members)
 Classic Irish Film and Discussion “Goodbye to Glocamorro” (documentary)
 “Gateway” starring Don Ameche (feature)



Panel Discussion: Irish Immigration: Reel vs. Reality, with Tim Reilly, Vice Consul, Irish Consulate of Chicago; Mary Ann Ryan, Irish Studies scholar, Chicago State University; and Matt Walsh, Executive Director, Beverly Area Planning Association, moderator.

Mon., Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m.
 Documentary
 \$10 (\$8/BAC members)

Tues., Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.
 Sports Night, “Breaking Boundaries,” a film about cricket, followed by Q&A
 \$10 (\$8/BAC members)

Wed., Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.
 Shorts Shots Festival Closing Party, shorts program followed by live music, food and one hour complimentary beer at O’Rourke’s Office, 111th and Western
 \$20 (\$15/BAC members)

For complete screening details, visit chicagoirishfilmfestival.net.
 Festival pass: \$65 (\$50/BAC members)



Midwest Rose of Tralee Contest

Fri., Mar. 12, 8 p.m. \$35
 A competition for young women of Irish heritage. The winner will go on to compete for the regional title, then possibly for International Rose of Tralee in Ireland.

South Side Irish Parade Family Fest

Sat., Mar. 13
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 \$10/adults, \$7/seniors, free for children 12 and under (accompanied by adult)

After 4pm
 All tickets \$25
 A day of Irish culture, entertainment, contests and activities for the whole family. Enjoy a children’s parade, and crafts, projects, games, films and theater performance for kids. Sign up for Irish soda bread, Lucky Dog and men’s and women’s kilt contests. Browse among Irish vendors, and enjoy foods and beverages. Live music includes an evening concert that opens with Michael McDermott and headlines Ireland’s top rock band Hothouse Flowers. Gaelic Park is the Special Honoree.



Poi Dog Pondering

Sat., Mar. 27, 8 p.m.
 \$33 (\$30/BAC members)
 Chicago-based PDP has been playing its rock and soul sound complete with horns and strings since 1987. Also playing, The Old Ceremony.



BAC School of Wizardry Family Free Day

Sun., Mar. 28, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 The BAC’s 2010 Big Read events culminates with a variety of events celebrating “A Wizard of Earthsea” by Ursula K. Le Guin. Enjoy crafts, a magic performance, stories and more. Big Read events including workshops, book discussions and exhibits will be held at the BAC, Beverly, Mount Greenwood and Walker branches of the Chicago Public Library, and Evergreen Park and Blue Island public libraries. For a complete schedule visit www.bacbigread.squarespace.com.

Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was

Sat., Apr. 17
 4 p.m. – \$22 (\$20/BAC members)
 8 p.m. – \$25 (\$22/BAC members)
 Haven’t you always wanted to see Barbra and Frank together in concert? Sharon Owens and Sebastian Anzaldo bring their hit show direct from Las Vegas to the BAC! Don’t miss it!



Sign up now for 2nd Annual Fore Art Golf Outing & Social

Mon., June 28
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 For information, registration and sponsorship opportunities, call Kate Coughlin, 773-445-3838 ext. 203. Tickets sell fast!

The BAC is a great place to see a show, and it’s also one of the most affordable venues around! Call 773-445-3838, purchased at the BAC, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago or buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.



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The Music Station, located at 1808 W. 103rd Street just steps away from the Rock Island Metra Train, is a community based music school specializing in lessons, group classes, children’s classes, instrument repairs, rentals and outreach programs. The school includes a highly qualified group of teachers with extensive experience and dynamic teaching styles. Teachers have studied at the best music schools in the country such as: Berklee College of Music, DePaul and Columbia College.

The Music Station offers classes in all instruments; guitar, bass, piano, drums, voice, trumpet, saxophone, rock band, ensembles of all kinds and educational courses for the advanced musician such as: songwriting, ear training, arranging, jazz ensembles and more. Carefully planned music classes to engage and stimulate children and help them enjoy and appreciate music are also provided. Choo-choo Jamers and Toddlers/Kiddies/Lullaby classes introduce younger children to music and the various sounds that instruments make.

It’s a great way to allow kids to explore their interest in various instruments, music and arts. All activ-

ities and after school programs are supervised by a board certified Music Therapist. The Music Station also offers a broad array of outreach programs for schools including African drumming, history of Illinois, opera, song writing and many more. Please visit www.The-Music-Station.com for more details.

The unique space at The Music Station provides a fantastic venue for children’s birthday parties, baby showers, and any other special occasions with family and friends. They offer a 1,500 sq. ft. space with a dance floor, an integrated sound and lighting system and seating for up to 125 people in a theater configuration in front of the stage area.

In addition to classes and private events, The Music Station (TMS) will open the stage for other musicians and other performances as well. TMS will host monthly acoustic open mic nights for teenagers and adults. Musicians are invited to perform on a professional stage with lighting and sound equipment provided.

The Music Station also provides quality instrument repair services. Luthier/Tech Ivan Martirena can do it all: setups, re-frets, custom wiring, pickups, re-finish and even hand

carved instruments! TMS also provides Tube/Solid State Amp repair and much more.

For more information on The

Music Station, classes, instrument sales and repairs, event hosting and performances, call 773-840-3005 or visit www.The-Music-Station.com.

March Event Calendar

Sunday, March 7
3 - 5 p.m.
Irish Sing Along
\$5 Adults, Kids Free

Thursday, March 11
Brew and View

Saturday, March 13
7 - 10 a.m.
Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Sunday, March 14
1 p.m.
St Patrick's Day Party
Music, Food, BYOB

Thursday, March 18
Adult Open Mic

Friday, March 19
Teen Open Mic
\$5

Saturday, March 20
Kids Expo

Sunday, March 21
Kids Expo

Wednesday, March 24
Blue Grass Night

Thursday, March 25
Brew and View

Friday, March 26
Teen Band Showcase
\$5

Saturday, March 27
2 p.m.
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March 18-20th

1st Annual All Alumni Banquet
Friday, March 26th—Gaelic Park

Southside Conference Challenge
Sunday, April 11th

Marist hosts a day of ESCC vs. Catholic Conference Baseball—Standard Bank Ball Park

Spring Band Concert
April 17-18th

Fight Night
Friday, April 23rd



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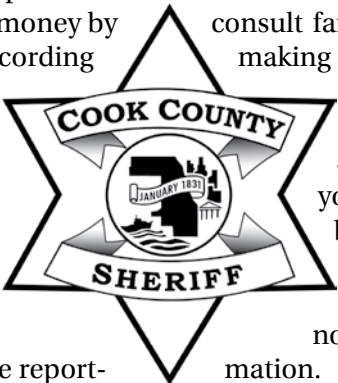
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Sheriff warns of telephone scams

Dear Neighbors:

As Sheriff, part of my job is to protect the citizens of Cook County by alerting them to the methods criminals use to victimize people. Many people find themselves targeted by criminals who conduct financial crimes over the telephone and trick people out of their money by phone solicitation. According to published reports, more than 40 million dollars a year is lost in telemarketing scams.

A survey conducted for the National Consumers League found that 92 percent of adults in the United States have reported receiving fraudulent offers over the telephone. The FBI estimates that there are 14,000 different illegal operations using telephone solicitation to steal from consumers in the United States every day. For example, many people have given money to organizations posing as charities, sweepstakes, or are offered a free vacation or prize of some sort.



The best way to avoid being a victim of telemarketing fraud is to follow one rule: Never give any donations or investments on the basis of one unsolicited phone call.

The most important advice is to never give your credit card number to an unsolicited caller. Always consult family and friends before making any impulsive donations or investments. If anybody asks you for a credit card number, your social security number, or discusses any investments with you over the telephone, do not give them any information.

Beware of pressure phrases such as, "You have just won the grand prize!" or "You have been selected for this great offer." Do not be pressured or intimidated into giving "right now". If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. The longer you stay on the phone, the greater your chance of becoming a victim.

Remember that your phone be-

longs to you, and you pay the bill. You do not have to purchase anything over the telephone that you don't want to. You are in control.

Another scheme involves inmates at Cook County Jail. The scam allows inmates to effectively "hijack" the victim's phone number by tricking the victim into forwarding their phone number to the jail phone. This allows the inmate to charge subsequent collect calls to the victim's home account. The inmate instructs the person on the phone to write down a phone number beginning with either "*72" or the numbers "1172." The remaining number is a phone number of an inmate acquaintance outside the jail that now can perform three way calling.

All calls from inmates from the jail are preceded by a recorded message stating that, "This is a collect call from an inmate at the Cook County Department of Corrections in Chicago, Illinois. Be aware of unlawful solicitation or deceptive practices." It also warns those an-



swering the phone not to dial "*72" or "1172."

A good word of advice is to not accept any collect calls from jail, and hang up immediately if you feel something is wrong.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions please visit my website at www.cookcountysheriff.org.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Dart
Cook County Sheriff

Make a Difference – Run for Your LSC

Chicago Public Schools have Local School Councils (LSC) which are responsible for approving how school funds and resources are allocated, developing and monitoring the annual School Improvement Plan, and evaluating and selecting the school's principal. Each LSC includes 6 parents, 2 community members, 2 teachers, and the school principal.

LSC members are elected by parents and community residents in an election held every 2 years. This year, elections will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 for elementary schools and Thursday, April 22, 2010 for high schools. All parents, community members and teachers who want to strengthen

their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required.

Candidates for LSC must fill out a set of forms available at the main office of any Chicago Public School or Library. Forms are also available at the 19th Ward Office at 10400 S. Western Avenue. Completed forms should be submitted to the school where you intend to run by 3:00pm on March 11, 2010.

If you are interested in working with other parents, community members, educators and civic leaders to improve the quality of our public education, please get involved and run for LSC.



SWBIA - Southwest Beverly Improvement Association (Area between 103rd to 107th and from Western to Walden Parkway), would like to announce plans to host Spring Into Beverly! on March 20th from 6 to 10pm. The fun will take place in the shops on 103rd Street in "Downtown Beverly", between Longwood and Wood.

Come out and celebrate the arrival of Spring with your neighbors and friends! Enjoy food, eclectic music, beverages and raffles prizes as you travel from shop to shop. This has been one of our most attended, fun and successful events every year and we look forward to another wonderful night. Proceeds from the event will benefit the 103rd St. Retailers and the SWBIA Fund to maintain, beautify and support the

SWBIA District and events. See the SWBIA Facebook page for more info or email [kershaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kershew@yahoo.com) for sponsorship opportunities or to get involved.

SWBIA is seeking members, directors and volunteers! Contact a SWBIA member via our Facebook page or by emailing [kershaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kershew@yahoo.com) or by attending a SWBIA member meeting at Beverly's Pantry, 1909 W. 103rd Street on March 2nd at 7pm. It is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood, meet new people, network and have fun! Also, look for our newsletter distributed door to door in the SWBIA district. Please take time to fill out the membership form and return it. Get involved and support our community!

City of Chicago Violation Notice To: Registered Owner or Lessee of Vehicle Described Below:

Be Advised – Department of Revenue Writing Tickets

As previously reported, the Department of Revenue is out in force writing tickets for any violation they can find. Residents have recently received tickets for a variety of offenses including parking the wrong way on the street, failure to move vehicles for street sweeping, parking too far from the curb, missing or improperly displayed city or license plate sticker, parking in a no parking or residential parking area, parking too close to the corner, crosswalk or fire hydrant, parking on a curb or parkway, and more.

Please be aware that while some of these infractions seem minor or insignificant, and have gone unenforced for years, they are still illegal and the Department of Revenue will issue tickets readily. Once a ticket has been written it cannot be rescinded. If you believe you have been issued a ticket in error, you must contest the ticket in person or in writing to the Department of Revenue. Taking pictures of your car to support your argument is encouraged when contesting a ticket. However, the best course of action is to ensure your car is parked legally at all times to avoid receiving a ticket all together.



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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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Coming Soon - SXU on 111th!
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Meet Your Neighbors...

Shirley & Blair Makinney of Beverly's Pantry and Café 103

Beverly residents, Blair and Shirley Makinney, opened Beverly's Pantry, a gourmet food store and private kitchen in September of 2004. It is located at 1907 W. 103rd Street, previously occupied by Hynes Irish Cottage. Both Blair and Shirley have worked in the food industry for over 30 years and bring their knowledge and experience to this small business venture. A dream became a reality in 2004 and has since grown with the opening of Café 103 in the space next to Beverly's Pantry at 1909 W. 103rd Street in July of 2007.

Beverly's Pantry is ever changing with its gourmet food items and kitchenware, with gourmet classics like Stonewall Kitchen, Robert Rothschild Farms, and Chicago's Intelli-

gentsia Coffee to name a few. The private kitchen in the back of the gourmet food store has had hundreds of cooking classes over the last five years for both adults and children. No matter what the theme, the classes always focus on easy recipes using quality ingredients and the best cooking methods, while having great fun in the kitchen. Whether it is a single class you are interested in, a scout troop earning their badge, or their current "Create a Class", the possibilities are endless for cooking classes at Beverly's Pantry.

So you're looking to have a party? Beverly Pantry's kitchen is the perfect setting for a small intimate party. Whether it is a gathering of family and friends, wedding or baby shower, retirement or children's party, the pantry staff will arrange and provide the perfect party menu for your special occasion.

Café 103 is a thirty seat, Contemporary-American, BYOB restaurant. The McKinney's wanted the restaurant to feel like an extension of their home, welcom-



ing guests with a menu that reflects the season's local harvests with high quality fresh ingredients. Of course, BYOB makes Café 103 even more enjoyable and affordable.

The restaurant is open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Currently the restaurant is also featuring a two-course comfort food Sunday dinner for \$20 per person. Throughout the year the restaurant features special menus such as High Tea and a Charles Dickens Christmas Dinner. Café 103 is also available for private parties.

Great service and a friendly atmosphere are very important at Café 103 and Beverly's Pantry as reflected in its staff and family members. If you haven't tried Beverly's Pantry or Café 103 yet, please do so. For further information and current menus please visit these websites: www.cafe103.com - 773-238-5115 or www.beverlyspantry.com - 773-238-8550.



Café 103

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Monthly Parking Passes

New Purchase Location

Effective **February 15th**, monthly parking passes will no longer be sold at the 19th Ward Office. Parking patrons may purchase passes for \$40.00 per month at the following location:

Markland-Hubbard Coffee Shop
1809 W. 95th Street
Monday: 6:30am-1pm
Tuesday-Friday: 6:30am-4:30pm

Passes obtained at the Markland-Hubbard Coffee Shop can be used to park at the lots listed below:

1752 W. 95
9448 S. Pleasant

1938 W. Monterey
1835 W. 95th

For your convenience, passes can also be purchased at the Millennium Garage offices, located at the Millennium Park Garage entrance area. For directions, please visit www.Millenniumgarages.com.

For information on how to purchase a pass through the U.S. mail, please visit our website at www.ChicagoMeters.com.

CPM would like to thank Alderman Virginia Rugai and her staff for assisting us as we continue efforts to make parking more convenient for our customers.

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Maloney Outlines 2010 Legislative Agenda



State Senator Ed Maloney has outlined several ideas aimed at improving education this year. He is sponsoring bills to restore control to local school districts, expand a program that helps prepare students

for college, and create a task force to improve higher education.

Senate Bill 2980 gives local schools and school districts greater control over their curricula by reducing the number of “unfunded mandates” schools must follow. An unfunded mandate is when the State requires schools to do something, but does not provide them with any money with which to do it. These mandates usurp local control over curricula and budgeting. Maloney’s bill makes these unfunded requirements optional, as long as they do not address graduation requirements, special education requirements, or Illinois Learning Standards. Schools will not be able to opt out of teaching core areas like math and science, but they will have more freedom to set their own lesson plans and purchase the best

educational materials.

“We need to reduce the financial burden on Illinois schools,” Maloney said. “If the State cannot afford to pay for these special mandates, we have to recognize that schools may not be able to either. By making State-required programs that are not related to graduation, special education, or learning standards optional, we provide schools more budgetary and curricular flexibility.”

Maloney, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, is also sponsoring two important measures to improve university graduation rates. Senate Joint Resolution 88 creates a task force to explore university financing. Maloney believes that tying more state money to course and degree completion may encourage schools to pursue

more efficient, effective practices. The task force will do extensive research to determine whether or not this policy could benefit Illinois.

Maloney also intends to sponsor legislation expanding the College and Career Readiness Program. The program partners community colleges with local schools to ensure that students are prepared for college. With better-prepared students, universities can reduce the number of expensive remedial courses they need to offer and improve graduation rates.

“Getting a college degree is one of the best paths to a successful career,” Maloney said. “A better-educated work force would also help attract high-caliber businesses to Illinois. We need to make every effort to improve college graduation rates and to keep college affordable.”

Walgreens Developers Obtain Building Permit

After many delays, the developers building the new Walgreens at 111th & Kedzie Avenue have obtained their building permits. Final closing agreements will be executed on Thursday, February 18th and Commonwealth Edison will begin their work on site in March. We ex-

pect to see construction crews break ground in April 2010. Thank you to all of the neighbors and residents of Mount Greenwood who have shown great patience as this project progresses.

19th Ward Seeks Volunteers for Veterans Events

This May, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation is seeking friends and family of any active service men and women as well as any local veterans to help with a Blood Drive to support our troops and a special Memorial Day Mass.

The second annual Blood Drive to support our troops will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the St. Barnabas Gymnasium from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Last years event enjoyed an overwhelming turnout and this year we are hoping to do even better. To ensure another great success, we are seeking help from any

Veterans, Veterans Organizations, and friends and family of any active military personnel to help spread the word.

On Sunday, May 30th the Youth Foundation will host a special Memorial Day mass in honor of the many brave men and women serving overseas with a special tribute to the many local veterans who dedicated themselves to our country.

If you would like to volunteer to help with either the blood drive and/or the mass, please email matthewoshea@wowway.com. Thank you.



Kennedy Park Update

In November, we outlined improvements for several of our local parks. As you may have noticed, the playground has been demolished at Kennedy Park. Once the weather breaks, and the ground is dry enough to support work crews, the Chicago Park District will begin construction of the new playground (pictured above). Weather cooperating, construction should take between 10 – 12 weeks. We all look forward to a summer opening of the new Kennedy Park Playground.

The Chicago Park District and local elected officials continue to work on a variety of other local park improvements including enhancements to Munroe Park and a completely redesigned Blackwelder Park. We will keep you updated on their progress as information becomes available.

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State's Attorney's 2010 Anti-Drug Poster contest

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez is encouraging junior high students from throughout Cook County to submit their creative artwork for entry in the State's Attorney's annual Anti-Drug Poster Contest.

Students from sixth, seventh and eighth grade can participate in the contest by designing drawings and artwork that presents positive messages and advice on how young people can say no to illegal drugs, according to Alvarez.

"We want to tap into the creative energies of students to help us send meaningful messages to their peers about avoiding drugs and making positive choices," Alvarez said. "We encourage all junior high students to participate."

Winning entries will be featured in a calendar that is published by the State's Attorney's Office and distributed to schools throughout Cook County as an anti-drug awareness tool. Past contest winners have received prizes including tickets to area water resorts and Chicago sporting events.

The winning entries will be selected by a blue-ribbon panel of judges representing fine arts, the private sector and government.

Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2010. For more information, please call the State's Attorney's Community Unit at 312-603-8714 or visit http://statesattorney.org/index2/postercontest_2009.html



State's Attorney Anita Alvarez congratulates poster contest winner Reynaldo Rodriguez, a 7th grade student, for his winning entry which is featured in the State's Attorney's 2010 Anti-Drug Calendar.



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On Tuesday, April 13th, Alderman Ginger Rugai, 19th Ward, will cut the “official ribbon” for MetroSouth Medical Center’s newly opened Morgan Park Health Center at 1701 W. Monterey Avenue.

The 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. celebration will include raffle prizes, free

health screenings and refreshments. In addition, exercise experts will be on hand to show prevention strategies for beating “achy knees.” All attendees will receive exercise bands and a card listing prevention techniques.

Hearty Café Pancake House Coming Soon to Western Avenue

Residents will soon have more choices for breakfast when the Hearty Café Pancake House opens at 9623 S. Western Avenue. Tom Demogerontas, who also owns the Purple Onion in Homer Glen, hopes to be ready for business in late March of 2010. The Hearty Café Pancake House will serve delicious breakfast foods Monday through Friday from 6am to 3pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 6am to 4pm.

When it comes to breakfast

specialties it will not get any better than the Hearty Café Pancake House menu which includes pancakes, waffles, French toast, frittatas, eggs, crepes, sandwiches, burgers, gourmet salads and an extensive kids menu.

The menu items at the Hearty Café Pancake House were selected with guests in mind. The food will be prepared with the freshest high quality food products and the selection will please every customer’s taste.

Monthly Parking Passes for Commuters to be Sold at Markland-Hubbard

LAZ Parking recently announced that monthly parking passes for Metra commuters will now be available for purchase at the Markland-Hubbard Coffee Shop, 1807 W. 95th Street. Markland-Hubbard is open from 6:30am-1:00pm on Monday, 6:30am-4:15pm Tuesday

through Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm Saturdays, and 8:00am-12:30pm on Sundays. Should you have any questions please contact LAZ Parking for more information at (312) 616-0600. Monthly parking passes will no longer be available for purchase at the 19th Ward Office.

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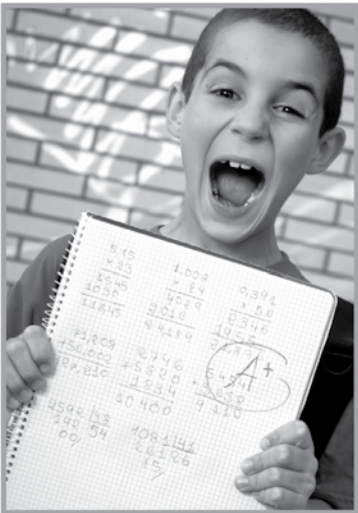
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Hours

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