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WARD

Quarterly

A Publication of the 19th Ward Youth Foundation
Matthew J. O'Shea

NOVEMBER 2011

Register Today for the 3rd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot

Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk; this year's race will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 through the historic streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will again benefit the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation.

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

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

Runners will be divided by age and sex according to CARA recommended guidelines with awards



3RD ANNUAL

Beverly Hills Turkey Trot



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

given for each age group. All participants who pre-register will receive a t-shirt and gift bag.

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

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation would like to thank The Private Bank for their generosity in serving as our presenting sponsor for this event.

If you have any questions or

would like to volunteer please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-0288.

ABOUT OUR BENEFICIARIES

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

thus helping countless other families throughout Chicago.

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

5th Annual

19TH WARD CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Alderman Matt O'Shea will host the 19th Ward Youth Foundation's 5th Annual Children's Film Festival on December 28th & 29th at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th Street. The festival will begin with showings of Winnie the Pooh (G) at 10am, and The Smurfs (PG) at 2pm on Wednesday, December 28th, followed by Zookeeper (PG) at 10am and Snow Day (PG) at 2pm on Thursday, December 29th. Admission is \$1 per person, per film, and includes movie screenings and snacks during the show.

Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis and space is limited. You may reserve your tickets online at www.the19thward.com or

by completing the form enclosed with the newspaper and returning it to the ward office at 10400 S. Western Avenue. As you sign your children up, please keep in mind that parent volunteer/chaperones are needed. If you are available during the day, your help would be greatly appreciated. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. This event has become a great winter break activity for local school children and is available to all 19th Ward Elementary School students and their families. If you have questions please call (773) 238-0288 or email mattoshea@the19thward.com.



Every ten years, the federal government conducts a nationwide census to gather information about the national population. Upon the completion of the census, government

entities are legally required to alter legislative district boundaries in accordance with population changes.

The Chicago City Council is in the process

of shifting ward boundaries to reflect changes in population.

If the City's population were evenly distributed, each ward would have 53,912 residents. Currently, the 19th Ward's population is 52,647, slightly below the average. Unfortunately, wards that border ours fall well below that average are looking to absorb portions of our eastern edge to make-up the difference.

Residents living on the east end of our ward have been emphatic in their desire to remain part of the 19th Ward. The four civic associations affected have

organized letter writing campaigns and petition drives; many residents are displaying yard or window signs affirming their preference for the 19th Ward.

Diversity is one of the 19th Ward's greatest strengths; our residents are proud to live in one of the few truly integrated communities in Chicago. As long as resi-

dents seek to remain in the 19th Ward, we will work to maintain our boundaries. Our children learn in 19th Ward schools, play in 19th Ward parks, and read in 19th Ward libraries.

The City Council is hosting a series of public hearings on the proposed boundary changes. The meeting for our area will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in the auditorium at Morgan Park High School, 1744 W. Pryor Ave., at 6:00 pm. Please come out to voice your opinion on the re-map. Together we can keep our community in place.

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NOTES FROM THE



19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

In the coming months, our community will face some very complex issues with significant possible ramifications for our residents. The most recent updates on the City of Chicago Ward Re-Map, the big box development at 91st and Western Avenue, the proposed 2012 municipal budget, and several local development projects are included in this issue. I hope that you find these updates helpful and informative.

After the Thanksgiving Holiday, join us at the 3rd Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Kellogg School. This event is a great way to spend a healthy day with family and friends while supporting local charities. Take advantage of pre-registration discounts by signing up today at www.the19thward.com.

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 matoshea@the19thward.com. To receive regular community updates, visit our website at www.the19thward.com and sign up for our e-mail distribution list. Thank you,

Matthew

Matthew J. O'Shea
19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEAT 2212

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

BEAT 2213

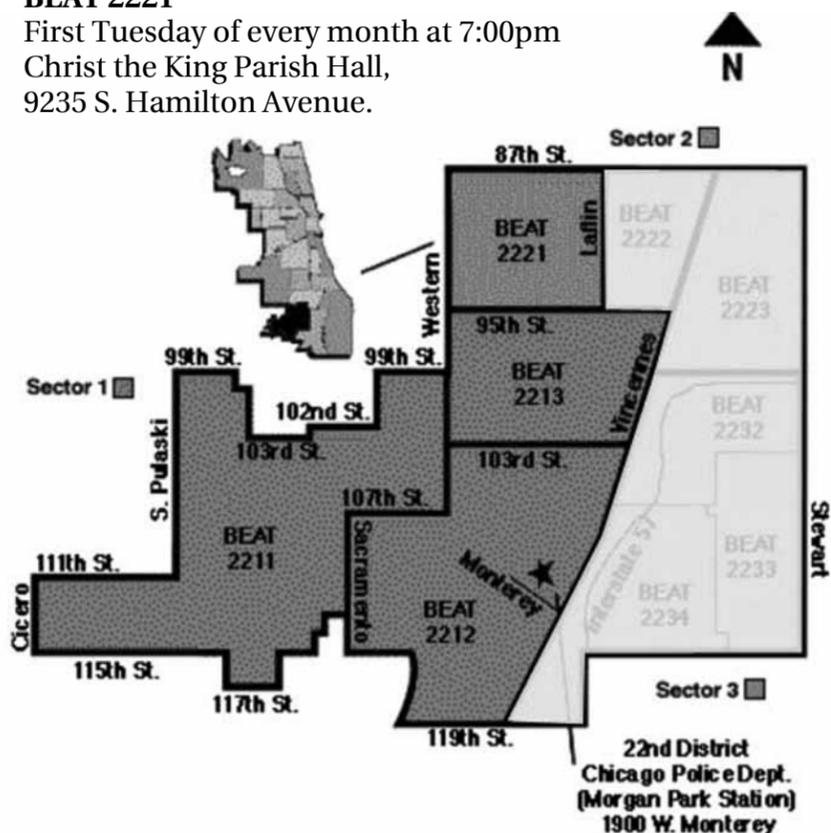
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive

BEAT 2211

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

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm
Christ the King Parish Hall,
9235 S. Hamilton Avenue.



Save the dates for BAPA's most popular community events!

BAPA

Beverly Area
Planning Association

Beverly Hills/Morgan Park Home Tour
Sunday, May 20

Ridge Run 10K run/5K run and walk
Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 28

Beverly Hills Cycling Classic
Friday, July 6

Music Under the Stars
Sunday, Aug. 5

History Mystery Bike Tour
October (date TBA)

For more information visit www.bapa.org

Community Updates

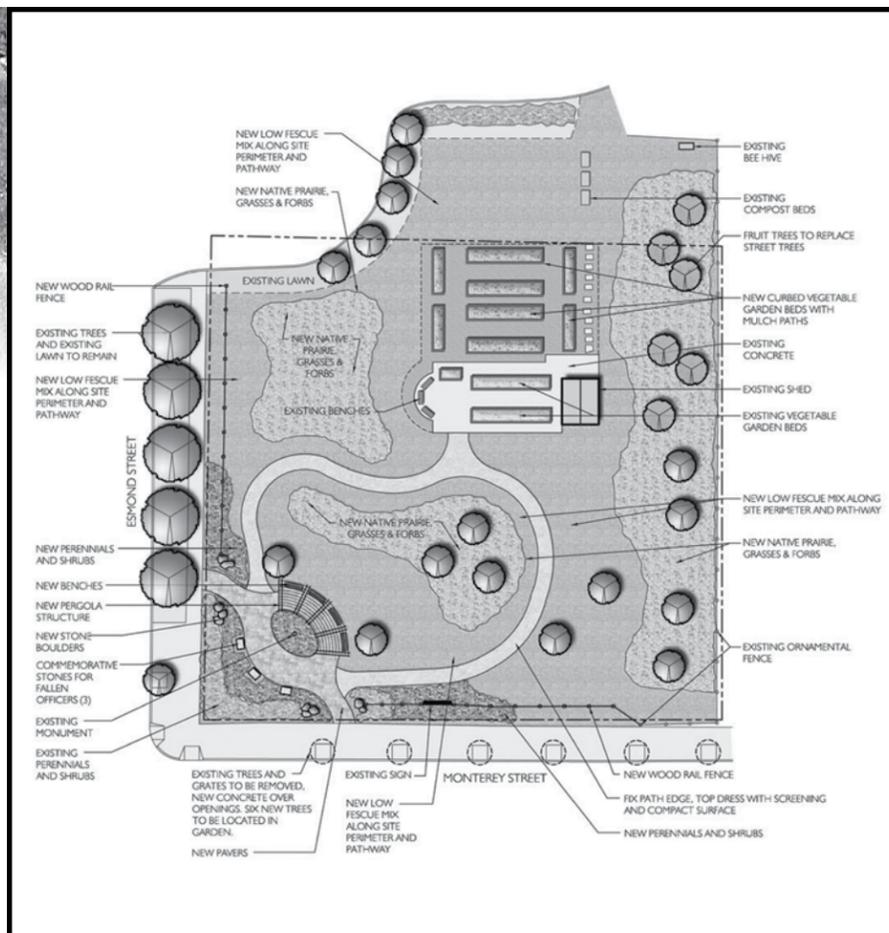


Plans to revitalize the Edna White Community Garden have been progressing. Recently, the Open Space Impact Fee Committee approved a substantial grant to upgrade the corner of the garden. Through these funds brick pavers, decorative pergolas, boulders, benches and gateway plantings will be installed. Other planned improvements include a slab fence, additional raised fruit and vegetable beds, and a controlled burn in the prairie grasses.

On Friday, November 11th, Garden Coordinator Kathy Figel is hosting an event to raise funds for these improvements and ongoing main-

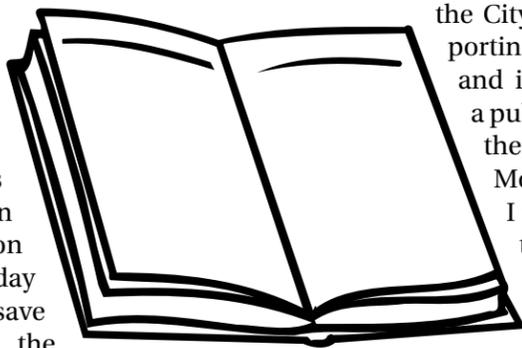
tenance costs at the garden. The event will be held at the Beverly Arts Center and feature entertainment by Tributeosaurus as the Rolling Stones. Tickets are available online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Figel at kfigel@wowway.com.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, a public meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave., where neighbors can learn more about the project and volunteer. If you have skills that may be useful as we work to transform this gateway to our community, please join us.



Proposed Library Cuts

Last month, Mayor Emanuel outlined his 2012 budget proposals. The plan calls for a reduction in library hours on Monday and Friday mornings to save \$6.6 million in the City budget. This decrease, while not insignificant, will allow all of our libraries to remain open and serving the residents of Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mt. Greenwood.



the City Council supporting our libraries and its staff during a public hearing on the 2012 budget. Moving forward, I pledge to continue working with the other Alderman to explore alternatives that may offset some of these cuts.

Libraries are an integral part of our community. After discussing these cuts with patrons and staff I vow to support them in everyway possible during the budget process. It is my hope that the final 2012 budget will include lesser cuts to libraries, maintaining their high levels of public service.

For many years our City's revenue has fallen significantly below our expenses. In the face of mounting economic difficulties, we must make the decisions necessary to stabilize our precarious financial standing. The final budget may be unpopular with the public, but it will force us to operate within our means.

If you would like to be updated on the budget process, please visit www.the19thward.com and subscribe to our e-mail list. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ward19@cityofchicago.org or (773) 238-8766.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward

As a parent of young children, I appreciate our branch libraries as vital community anchors. Libraries continue to serve as crucial education centers providing essential programs to children, adults, and seniors. However, our libraries are constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of Chicagoans.

In these challenging economic times, libraries have become resource centers to job seekers. In fact, this year alone, more than 60% of librarians' time was spent helping patrons apply for jobs. In 2011, thousands of residents attended free financial literacy programs or sent their children to free educational programs at neighborhood libraries in lieu of paying a fee for such assistance.

In recent years, many big city library systems have faced significant branch closures. While the proposed cuts will maintain all existing library branches, they will have a substantial impact on our community. On Friday, October 21st, I joined a large group of colleagues in

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Community Updates

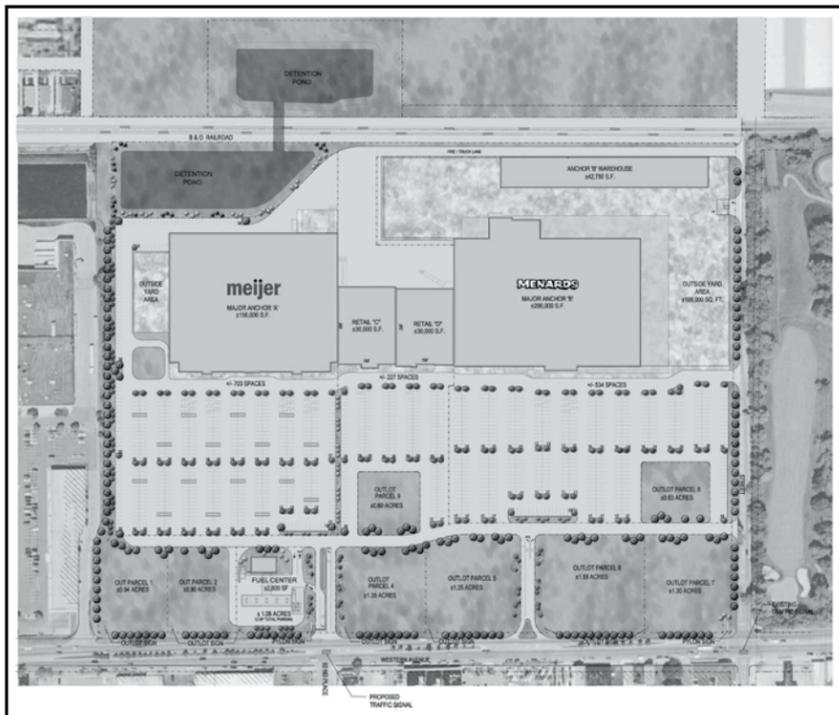
Sterling Bay Development at 91st & Western Ave.

Earlier this year, the Village of Evergreen Park & Sterling Bay Companies outlined plans to re-develop the 45 acres on the east side of the Evergreen Park Golf Course, located at 91st & Western Ave. The 450,000 square foot retail project includes Meijer and Menards, two mid-size retail locations, several smaller locations, a gas station, and 1900 parking spaces along Western Avenue between 91st St. and 93rd Pl. This development will significantly amplify our existing traffic congestion problems along Western Ave. and 95th Street.

KLOA, Inc., a well known traffic engineering firm, has conducted a traffic study to predict the impact of this project on our community.

Seeking an independent opinion, I have forwarded their findings to the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) for review. Additionally, I have asked all stakeholders in this project, including the Village of Evergreen Park, Sterling Bay Companies, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Department of Transportation, to explore options to address the substantial traffic increase. Listed on

the right are some ideas that have been generated through community meetings and discussions with residents to reduce traffic congestion. If you have other thoughts to add, please e-mail them to ward19@



cityofchicago.org.

As your Alderman, I would not support any project that negatively impacts our community. Unfortunately, the City of Chicago and its residents have little if any input on economic development decisions in suburban Evergreen Park. However, I will continue working with community groups to mitigate its impact on our residents.

This project is still a full year

away from a groundbreaking. I have, and will continue to use this time to thoroughly examine the numerous concerns and ensure all proper precautions are taken. While I understand completely the frustration this situation creates for our residents, I ask everyone to remember that this development is strongly supported by the residents of Evergreen Park. We have no decision making authority to impact change.

I will work closely with Senator Ed Maloney, State Representative Bill Cunningham and State Representative Kelly Burke to gain whatever concessions possible from the devel-

oper. Moving forward, I will share with you any new information as it becomes available. Please know that I share your concerns for our quality of life and will do everything in my power to protect it.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. O'Shea

Traffic Management

Creating a road inside the parking lot linking the new development to existing shopping centers to the south. This would allow west bound traffic to bypass Western Avenue and access 95th Street through existing parking lots.

Creating dual right turning lanes on the parkways of both the new development and the Sam's Club / Wal-Mart stores. Cars entering either development would then back-up in the new lanes freeing up space in the existing traffic lanes.

Working in conjunction with residents and BIA to examine the entry points to North Beverly. What impact will this development have at 91st & Western Ave. or 95th & Leavitt? What steps can be taken to protect residents from cut-through traffic.

Working in conjunction with the 95th Street Business Association to explore adding a West bound traffic lane on 95th Street. Such a move would require removing street parking and taking out sections of existing medians. **This change could only occur if adequate off street parking were created to accommodate the businesses that lose street parking.**

These are four **ideas** that we have asked the authorities to explore. They are by no means a final plan and before any changes move forward there will be ample opportunity for community input. Should anyone have other ideas or suggestions for traffic management, please contact the 19th Ward Office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org.

Construction crews recently broke ground at 10900 S. Western Ave., the site of the new Home Run Inn Restaurant. The foundation has been poured and contractors expect the exterior of the building to take shape in early December. Work will continue on the interior of the building throughout the winter with a grand opening in Spring, 2012.



Home Run Inn is planning a community meeting to introduce themselves to residents on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Avenue. Anyone interested in learning more about the project is welcome to attend. For more information on Home Run Inn Pizza, please visit their website at www.homeruninn.com.



Senator Maloney to Leave General Assembly at End of Term

Senator Ed Maloney recently announced that he will not seek re-election in 2012. Maloney has served as the State Senator in the 18th district since his election in 2002.

Maloney said no single reason is responsible for his choice but a combination of factors contributed. Maloney said surviving colon cancer two years ago, compiled with the fact that successfully winning and serving another four year term would put him at 70 years old, certainly influenced his decision.

"It has been a privilege to serve in the Senate and represent a wonderful constituency. I still love this job and will work at it the last fourteen months of my term as hard as I did the first fourteen months."

"We have always had outstanding public servants from this community including Tom Hynes, Jerry Joyce, Jim Keane, Kevin Joyce and our former Alderman Ginger Rugai."

Maloney has endorsed State Representative Bill Cunningham for his seat and Aldermanic Aid Fran Hurley to run for Cunning-

ham's spot.

"While I have mixed feelings about leaving, I'm confident that the community leadership under Alderman Matt O'Shea, Cunningham and Hurley will continue to be excellent" said Maloney.

Meanwhile, throughout the Spring and Veto session, Senator Maloney continued to spearhead accountability measures for higher education with the passage of the performance based funding bill.

Community College campuses, many of which now house programs and activities for children, will be a safer environment due to Maloney's sponsorship of the sex offender higher education registration act.

High school students will be better prepared to navigate the college admission process through passage of the college planning act.

An initiative of the Chicago Police Department to crack down on vehicles and drivers used in gun-running was passed by Maloney.

Any questions pertaining to any of the above issues or comments to Senator Maloney's office can be made to 773-881-4180.



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MOVIE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011

10:00 a.m. Winnie the Pooh (G)
2:00 p.m. The Smurfs (PG)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011

10:00 a.m. Zookeeper (PG)
2:00 p.m. Snow Day (PG)

Mount Carmel Students Earning Straight 'A's Honored at School Breakfast

Mount Carmel High School honored a special group of 22 sophomore, junior, and senior students who earned a straight 'A' average during the third trimester of the previous school year with a congratulatory breakfast reception on Thursday.

The academically exceptional students were invited to Mount Carmel's Kiszka Suite where they were addressed by guest speaker Josh Barron, principal of Shepard High School, and congratulated by school leaders, including the school president, Fr. Tony Mazurkiewicz, O.Carm. and the school principal John Stimler.

Barron, a Beverly resident, is a 1992 graduate of Mount Carmel. He spoke about his own career path and the passion for education that was instilled in him at Mount Carmel. He also advised the students on translating their success at Mount Carmel into greater success in college and in their future careers.

"If you want to continue your success you have to have commitment," Barron noted. "Set your goals early and go after them. Use the life skills that you are mastering at Mount Carmel; those skills are one of the most valuable things you will get out of your high school experience."

Following Barron's address and question and answer session with students, Stimler presented each student with a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. He encouraged the students to use their talents for the benefit of the larger school community. "Use your gifts

to help your classmates and to inspire them grow in their own learning," said Stimler.

Barron was invited back to Mount Carmel to speak by Fr. Mazurkiewicz. The two were classmates in the honors program and teammates on the football and base-

ball teams at Mount Carmel. Barron is the first of three guest speakers who will be invited to Mount Carmel this year to address students achieving the top academic recognition of "High Honors with Distinction," more commonly known as straight 'A's.



Mount Carmel High School graduate Josh Barron '92, of Beverly, Principal of Shepard High School, addressed Mount Carmel students who achieved Straight 'A's during the third trimester of the previous school year at a special breakfast reception. From left to right: Michael Hogan (St. John Fisher, Beverly), president Fr. Tony Mazurkiewicz, Brendan Walsh (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Vincent Sheridan (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Josh Barron '92 (Beverly), Matt Walsh (St. John Fisher, Beverly), Kevin Redmond (St. Cajetan, Beverly) and principal John Stimler.



Introducing a new health center specifically for **adults & seniors** at MetroSouth Medical Center.

Save the Date for the Holiday Open House and Health Fair on Wednesday, November 30th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm in the lobby of MetroSouth Medical Center. To register, please call Marty at 708-489-7723 or mmcdade@metrosouthmedicalcenter.com.

MetroSouth Medical Center has launched a new healthcare clinic for senior citizens. The **MetroSouth Adult & Senior Health Center**, located on the 1st floor of MetroSouth Medical Center with board-certified geriatricians that specialize in medical care of adults and seniors with acute or chronic medical conditions.

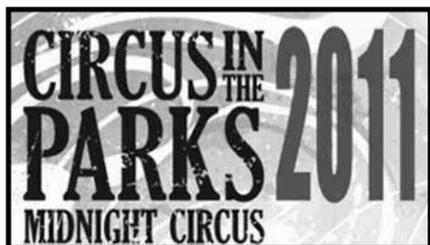
Book an appointment and be automatically enrolled in the **MetroSouth SeniorCare Club**, which entitles members to complimentary valet parking, discounted meals in Café Metro, invitations to quarterly, health-related "senior chats," discounts in the MetroSouth Fitness Center and other special discount offerings. For joining the club, members receive a gift bag which includes a gift certificate for tea coffee at Java Express (specializing in Starbuck's products), a \$5 gift shop gift certificate, a deck of playing cards and other great surprises!



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Parks & Recreation

Mt. Greenwood Circus in the Park a Huge Success



The Mount Greenwood Park Advisory Council (MGPAC) and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation would like to sincerely thank our supporters, sponsors, volunteers and the communities that attended our inaugural event of Circus In The Parks (CITP) which took place on October 8th and 9th at Mount Greenwood Park. Our event exceeded our goal of providing enjoyment to over 2,000 people for the weekend and allowed families to be entertained by talented actors, acrobats, aerialists, clowns, singers, dancers and musicians. This event was truly special to us because it was the first time that this show has been offered on the Southside of Chicago.

The circus is featured annually at six (6) parks throughout Chicago. This year, the parks included Welles, Holstein, Independence, Commercial, Chase and Mount Greenwood. As previously mentioned, the net proceeds of our event will be used to support both our therapeutic recreation and youth programs, as well as contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of our famous softball fields at Mount Greenwood Park.

We would like to take a moment to specifically thank the following individuals, organizations, neighborhood groups and corporations for both their commitment to our community and their generous donation of both time and resources:

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- Saint Xavier University
- CVS|caremark
- The Fraternal Order of Police – Lodge 7

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- O'Shaughnessy Realtors
- 115 Bourbon Street
- Midwest Appraisal Company Inc.
- Face To Face Salon & Spa
- St. Christina Holy Name Society
- Mount Greenwood Cleaners
- Dr. Donald Bush, OD
- McNamara Law Firm
- Pot Belly Sandwich Shop (Oak Lawn)
- Rosatti's Pizza
- Mount Greenwood Local Redevelopment
- Fat Tommy's
- Tata's Chicago Pizzeria
- Pop's Italian Beef
- Taco Joe's
- Joseph's Restaurant
- Café 111
- County Fair Foods
- Dominick's (Merriquette Park)
- Jewel (Kedzie / W. 103th St.)
- Mother McAuley High School
- Alderman Matt O'Shea
- State Rep. Bill Cunningham
- Cook County Commissioner John Daley
- State Senator Ed Maloney
- U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski

We would especially like to thank The Chicago Park District and our park supervisor, Mr. John Foran, and all of the performers from the Midnight Circus. Thank you for sharing your talents with us on that warm, bright, sunny day!

Hope you all enjoyed the Circus! See you next year!

Cordially,
The Moms of the Mount Greenwood Park Advisory Council and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation



King Lockhart Memorial Park

The Chicago Park District is near completion on Phase 1 of King Lockhart Memorial Park at 10615 S. Western Ave. While they have encountered some delays along the way, we anticipate completion later this month. This spring, the 19th Ward community will host a dedication ceremony to honor the ultimate sacrifice of Firefighter / Paramedic Patrick King and Firefighter Anthony Lockhart.

In October, a committee of vol-

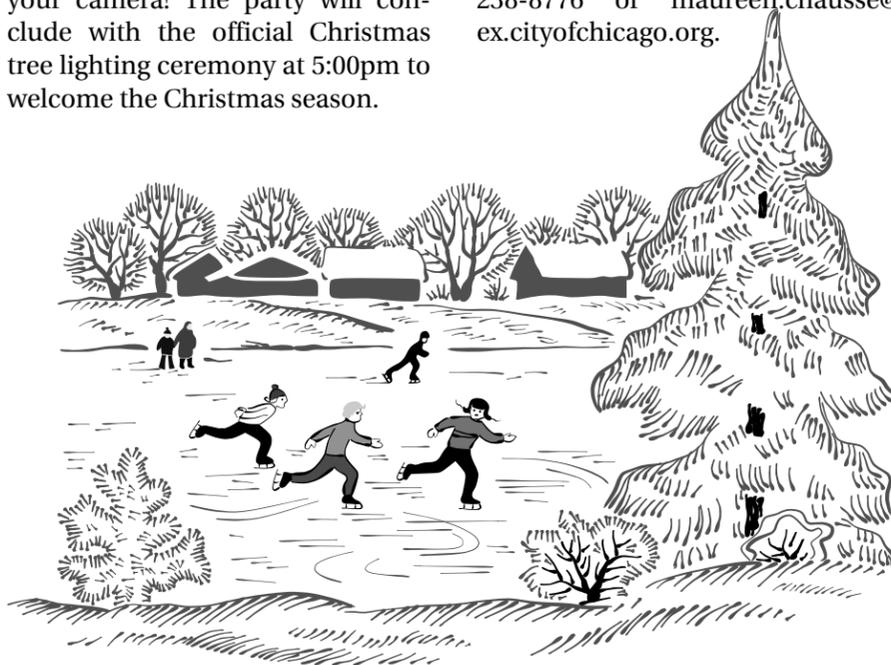
unteers hosted a fundraiser to support the second phase of the project, which includes a sculpture at the center of the park, a crossed ladder entryway, and individual tributes to both men. Through their efforts, over \$20,000 was raised for the park. Thanks to everyone who supported this project, especially the men and women of the Chicago Fire Department. If you were unable to attend, but would like to donate, please e-mail ptcleary@sbcglobal.net.



Winter Wonderland Comes to Mt. Greenwood Park

Please join us for Winter Wonderland at Mt. Greenwood Park on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Bring your family out to enjoy a fun filled afternoon of holiday themed activities that includes free ice skating, carriage rides, holiday crafts, a magician, and reading of The Night Before Christmas, with hot chocolate and cookies. Santa Claus will be available for photos so don't forget your camera! The party will conclude with the official Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 5:00pm to welcome the Christmas season.

Winter Wonderland is sponsored by the Mt. Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Greenwood Civic Association, Mt. Greenwood Garden Club, Mt. Greenwood Local Redevelopment Corporation, Mt. Greenwood Park Advisory Council, Mt. Greenwood Residents Association, and the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. For further information, please contact Maureen Chausse at (773) 238-8776 or maureen.chausse@ex.cityofchicago.org.

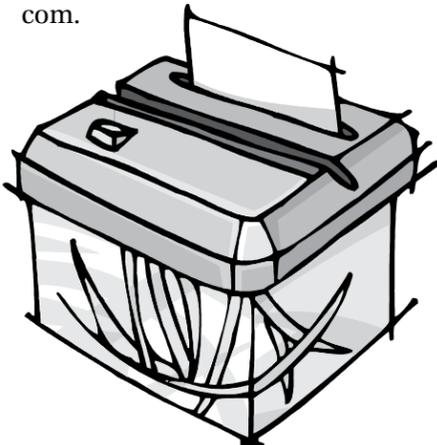


19th Ward to Host Free Shredding Day

On Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 the 19th Ward and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper shredding day at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St., from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

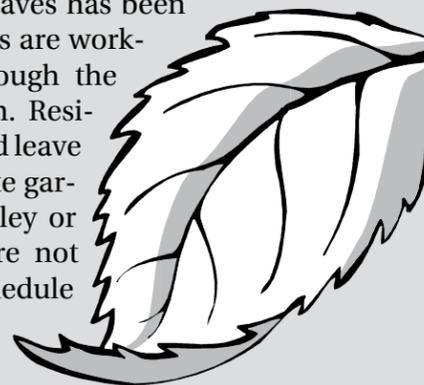
Residents can bring any old or unwanted papers to the school to be shredded and later recycled by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck. Shredding documents helps prevent identity theft, recycling the paper benefits the environment by reducing the amount of waste in landfills and sparing trees.

Please join us on December 3rd to dispose of any unwanted documents. This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Matt O'Shea at (773) 238-8766 or mattoshea@the19thward.com.



Yard Waste & Leaf Pick Up

Collection of yard waste and leaves has been extremely backed up. Our crews are working hard each day to get through the community as fast as they can. Residents are asked to be patient and leave yard waste in either a yard waste garbage cart or bagged in your alley or parkway. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide an accurate schedule of when individual blocks will be picked up, but the crews will continue working until they have collected from the entire ward.



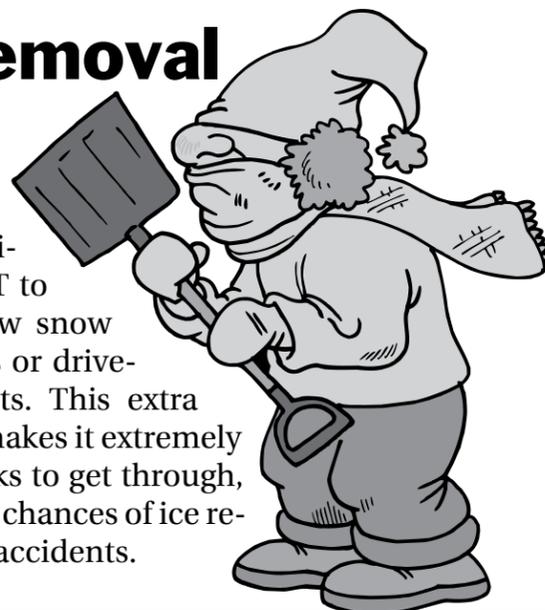
B-Plate Truck Parking Stickers Available

If you own a truck that requires special B-Plate from the Secretary of State, you must also obtain a B-Plate Sticker to legally park on residential streets in the City of Chicago. In recent years, the Department of Revenue has been strongly enforcing this rule issuing tickets to residents who are largely

unaware of this requirement. To avoid getting this ticket, please visit the 19th Ward Office at 10400 S. Western Avenue or 3215 W. 111th Street to pick up your free parking sticker. A valid City of Chicago Vehicle Sticker number is required to receive this sticker.

Snow Removal Notice

As winter months approach, all residents are asked NOT to shovel, plow or blow snow from their sidewalks or driveways into the streets. This extra snow in the streets makes it extremely difficult for salt trucks to get through, and can increase the chances of ice reforming and lead to accidents.



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Smith Village life enrichment facilitator suggests ways for younger and older generations to connect

"It's unfortunate but many adolescents regard older adults as, 'just that old person,'" says Shelly Genis, life enrichment facilitator and volunteer coordinator at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community located at 2320 West 113th Place. "When this kind of thinking persists, both younger and older generations miss out on rewarding experiences."

Last year, Genis found a way to overcome the challenge of acquainting younger and older generations. It's an idea that families may want to consider employing during

the upcoming holidays and beyond. "We had so many teens needing community service hours and, of course, several residents who were more than happy to receive volunteer visitors," Genis says. Hence, the Smith Village Write Group was born, a project that spanned several months and included 15 student volunteers.

The students visited residents for one hour each Saturday from November 2010 through May 2011. Genis supplied the students with open-ended questions for the adults, just to get the conversation going. "Later, students were encouraged to get more specific with their own questions," explains Genis.

Some students took notes during their visits and created keepsake journals, which they were encouraged but not required to share. Some added photos, graphics or drawings.

How did the kids like it? "They kept coming back," said Genis. Two students still visit residents and volunteer with additional projects every Saturday morning. Others expressed amazement at the richness of the residents' lives.

How did the residents like it? "They kept asking, 'Are the kids coming?'" Genis says.

"What I also observed is that getting teens talking with adults on a regular basis can help them overcome shyness," she continues. "The two girls who continue to volunteer occasionally have had to express themselves before groups. You can see they have developed self-confidence."

The magic starts, she adds, with open-ended questions such as:

- *What was the funniest thing you've ever done?*
- *Do you have a hidden talent?*
- *What is the best advice you can give? Has this advice helped you?*
- *What accomplishment are you most proud of?*
- *What is your earliest memory of snow?*
- *How have Christmas celebrations changed since you were growing up?*

Beyond the interviewing and journaling, Genis encourages residents and younger generations to connect through other fun projects.

At Smith Village, student volunteers have helped residents set up email accounts, surf the web, learn how to use Skype, and share photos via the Internet.

In some cases, the older generations have instructed younger ones. Female residents offered students input on the selection of accessories for prom night while sharing stories of proms past. Another resident instructed students on how to crochet strips cut from used plastic shopping bags to create mats for homeless people, to be donated to a community outreach organization in Chicago.

About Smith Village

Smith Village offers resort-style retirement living with full-service amenities for residents in independent or assisted living, Alzheimer's and memory care support and skilled nursing. Rehab services and temporary residences also are available. All of these levels of care take place on the same campus, providing the security of knowing there is a plan in place if a resident's health status changes.

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



Two young volunteers who participated in the Smith Village Write Group continue to visit residents and expand upon the relationships formed during the project. Here they arrive for a Saturday visit with their Mom, who also volunteers. L to R are Analiese Batchelor, Minakshi Joshi and Aariel Batchelor.

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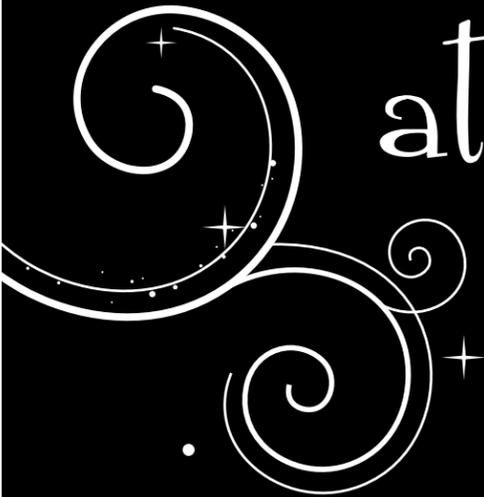
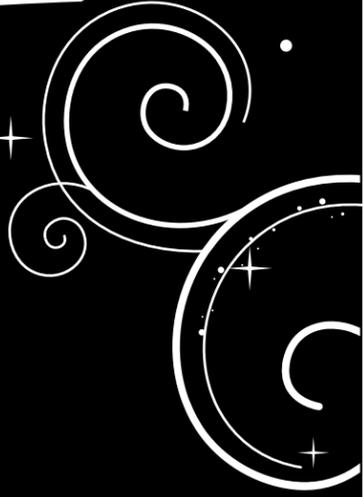
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Shop Locally for the Holidays

The 95th Street Business Association, Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association and the Beverly Area Planning Association invite area residents to enjoy terrific merchandise, food and services at great savings during the Shop the Village Deals of the Day, November 25th through December 24th.

"From Thanksgiving to Christmas, neighborhood businesses will be offering significant savings on one-day-only specials," said Marcia Walsh, Coordinator of Economic Development Services for BAPA. "These specials will really add up to some impressive savings for shoppers!"

Deals of the Day will be publicized in The Villager, The Beverly Review, BAPA's weekly e-news, and on the Shop the Village Facebook page, as well as in participating stores.

"The benefits of these Deals of the Day will be felt long after the holidays," said Megan Kennedy, Executive Director of the Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association. "Studies show that supporting local businesses strengthens communities."

It is estimated that spending \$100 in a lo-

cally owned independent store returns \$68 to the local economy in taxes, payroll and other expenditures. For national stores it is about \$48 in revenue kept in the local economy. When you shop online or outside the neighborhood, little or no money comes back to your community.

The American Express OPEN Independent Retail Index recently reported the results of a national study which focused on independent businesses in 27 neighborhoods in 15 major U.S. cities. The study showed that neighborhoods where local businesses thrive had home values that outperformed their broader markets by 4 percent per year and 50 percent cumulatively over the 14 years of the study. The communities also had, on average, an additional 1,800 jobs at indepen-

dent retailers, restaurants and bars.

"So far, businesses have been eager to participate in this promotion," said Tristan Angus, Executive Director of the 95th Street Business Association. "Group advertising and the popular 'Shop the Village' Facebook site make this a cost-effective and reach-effective holiday shopping campaign."

Up-to-date information on the Deals of the Day will also be available in participating stores where posters with QR codes will enable shoppers to access the Facebook page using their smart phones.

Every day between November 25th and December 24th the local Deals of the Day will be posted on the Shop the Village Facebook page. (Just search "Shop the Village" on Facebook and "like" the page.) The Deals will also be posted each week in the BAPA e-news, beginning Nov. 24.

For more information, contact Tristan Angus, 95th Street Business Association, 773-238-4094; Megan Kennedy, Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association, 773-779-2530; or Marcia Walsh, Beverly Area Planning Association, 773-233-3100.



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Local Merchants Offer Discounts for the Holidays

November 25, 2011

Get a foot long Italian or American Sub for \$4.99 (reg. \$8.99) at Calabria Imports, 1905 W. 103rd St.

November 26, 2011

Get Free lube, oil & filter (up to 5 qts. reg. oil) with service over \$100 at Beverly Hills Garage, 2043 W. 95th St.

Saturdays in December

Get Free Gift Wrapping for any locally purchased item at The Beverly Bank, 10258 S. Western Ave. (receipt required)

December 5, 2011

Get 10% off Fed Ex Shipping at Chicago Lock Box 3400 W. 111th St.

December 10, 2011

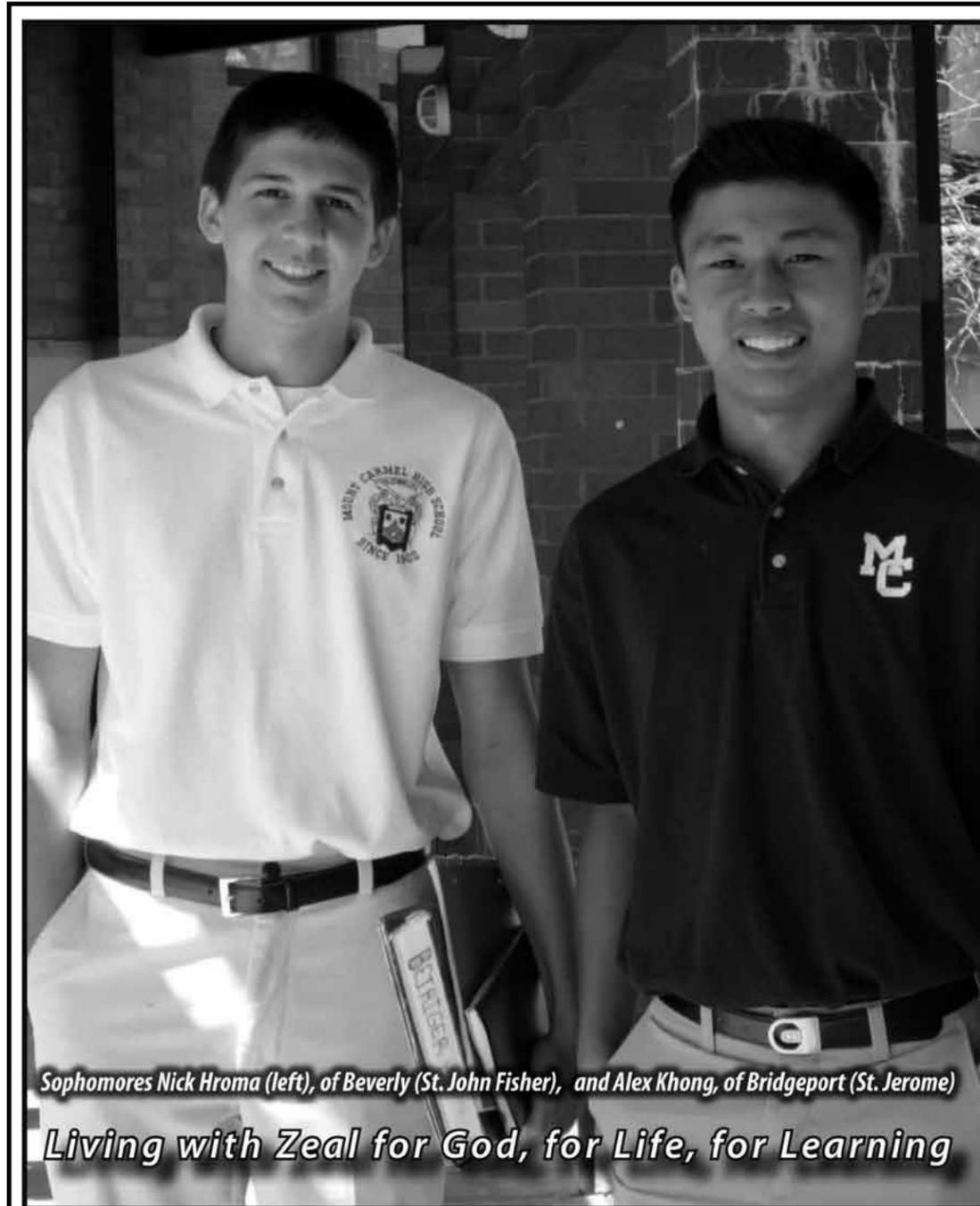
Get 20% off at Ms. Priss, 9915 S. Walden Pkwy

December 13, 2011

Purchase a \$100 gift card for \$75 at Southtown Health Foods, 2100 W. 95th St.

December 20, 2011

Get a free appetizer with any meal at Joseph's 3123 W. 111th St.



Sophomores Nick Hroma (left), of Beverly (St. John Fisher), and Alex Khong, of Bridgeport (St. Jerome)

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Mt. Greenwood Town Hall Meeting

The Mt. Greenwood Residents Association and Mt. Greenwood Civic Association are co-hosting their annual Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th Street. 19th Ward Alderman



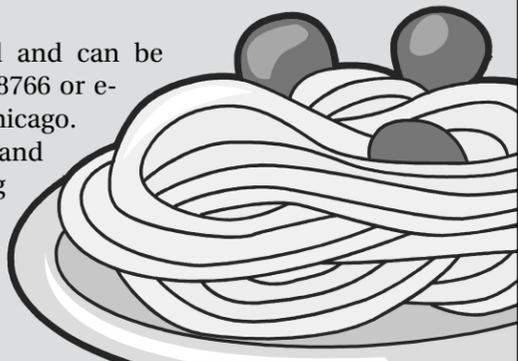
Matt O'Shea and various city departments will be available to address community concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen at the Mt. Greenwood Service Office, (773) 238-8776 or maureen.chausse@ex.cityofchicago.org.

19th Ward Pasta Dinner

On Friday, November 25, 2011 the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host a family style pasta dinner at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., from 6:00-8:00pm. This is a great way for runners to prepare for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot on Saturday or for families to enjoy a night out of the house and away from holiday leftovers. Tickets are \$5 per person and children are welcome. Race packets will also be available for pickup at dinner.

Reservations are preferred and can be made by calling (773) 238-8766 or e-mailing ward19@cityofchicago.org. Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, November 25th! Reserve your seat today.



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4th Annual New Year's Eve Party

FEATURING
The Chicago Rat Pack Show



Saturday, December 31, 2011
Doors open at 7:30 P.M.
Beverly Arts Center

Celebrate New Year's Eve with live music, dancing, open bar, champagne toast at midnight plus a show by the incomparable Chicago Rat Pack.

Beverly Arts Center Fall Calendar

Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. Information, class registration and ticket purchases: 773-445-3838 and www.beverlyartcenter.org

Entertainment

Tributosaurus is The Rolling Stones

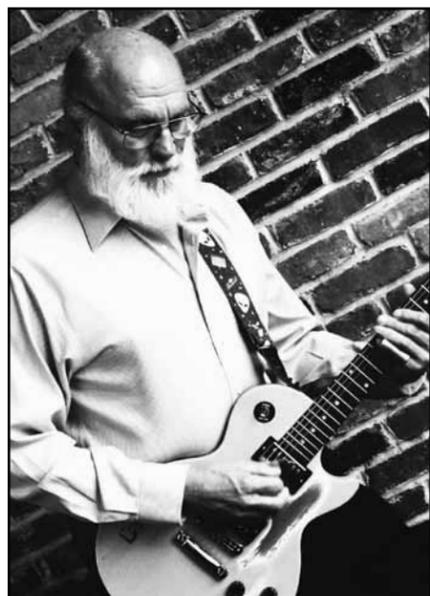
Fri., Nov. 11, 8pm
The five core members of Tributosaurus are musical anthropologists, dissecting and reconstituting music that replicates the originals with proper reverence and incredible precision. They aren't really a tribute band, they are every tribute band. Tributosaurus will be joined by Rolling Stones sax player Bobby Keys for an unforgettable night of Stones' hits from 1960s to today. This concert is a fund raiser for the Edna White Community Garden and Beverly Arts Center grounds. \$42 (\$38/BAC members)

Lions of Laughter: Leo High School Comedy Fund Raiser

Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m.
A night of comedy featuring Leo High School alums and stand up comics John Caponera '75, Kenny Howell '93, Paul Kelly '66, and Bill "Soups" Campbell '66. Tickets: \$40/advance or \$50/door.

Duke Tumatote and the Power Trio

Wed., Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
Native south sider Duke Tumatote grew up with the blues and began playing around the city in the 1960s, offering his fans "A good time, a little mischief, a lot of great music." Once a member of REO Speedwagon, Tumatote's rocking-blues-roots style set the tune for All Star Frogs in the 70s and 80s, and with The Power Trio since 1983. \$15 (\$12/BAC members)



The Buckingham's Christmas Show

Sat., Nov. 26, 8 p.m.
The Buckingham's deliver a spectacular live show that includes their Billboard Top 40 hits, and a mix of audience favorites from the pop & rock charts and holiday music. \$30 (\$27/ BAC members)



It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Fri., Dec. 2 & Sat., Dec. 3, 8pm; Sun., Dec. 4, 3:30pm; Fri., Dec. 9, 2pm & 8pm; Sat., Dec 10, 4pm & 8pm; and Sun., Dec. 11, 3:30pm
This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble of professional actors who brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending life one fateful Christmas Eve. \$22 (\$20/BAC members) \$15 groups of 20 or more.

Special Events

HollyDays Gift Boutique and Photo Exhibit

Sat., Nov. 5, 6 to 10pm
A unique boutique for gifts, art, specialty foods, decorations, accessories, clothing, holiday items and more, that also raises funds for Down Syndrome awareness. More than 30 vendors and local artists that will be selling their unique items just in time for the holidays. New this year and guaranteed to warm your heart, photo exhibit featuring "I am who I am" by Mark Randazzo. Renowned comic book illustrator, Douglas Klauba will be selling and autographing his award winning prints. This unique night benefits the National Association for Down Syndrome. Cash bar. \$5 admission donation benefits the National Association for Down Syndrome.

4th Annual New Year's Eve Party Featuring the Chicago Rat Pack

Sat., Dec. 3, doors open at 7:30pm
Celebrate New Year's Eve with live music, dancing, open bar, champagne toast at midnight plus a show by the incomparable Chicago Rat Pack.



BACinema Movies

"The Interrupters"
(2011- documentary) 125 min. NR
Wed., Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m. screening for local high school students, teachers and chaperones (free but advance reservations are required at bac@beverlyartcenter.org) and 7:30 p.m. \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members) Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. 773-445-3838, www.beverlyartcenter.org. This powerful and critically acclaimed documentary follows three Violence Interrupters trying to stop the spread of violence in their Chicago communities. Following the brutal beating death of Chicago High School student Derrion Albert, former drug ring enforcer Ameena Matthews helps his grieving mother; ex-convict Cobe Williams reaches out to a teen just released from prison; and, haunted by a murder he committed when he was seventeen, Eddie Bocanegra works to keep kids off the streets.

"The Guard" RT: 1:36. R

Wed., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
\$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members) Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St, Chicago. 773-445-3838, www.beverlyartcenter.org
A difficult Irish policeman with a quirky personality is teamed up with a by-the-book FBI agent to investigate an international drug-smuggling ring. Starring Brendan Gleeson and Don Cheadle.

Polish Film Festival in America screenings:

"1920 The World's Most Important Battle" "1920 Bitwa Warszawska" (2011) 110 min., Wed., Nov. 16, 7:30pm
"The Christening" "Chrzest" (2010) 86 min., Fri., Nov. 18, 7:30pm
"The Winner" "Wygrany" (2011) 110 min., Sat., Nov. 19, 7:30pm
"Joanna" (2010) 105 min., Sun., Nov. 20, 4pm

Screenings \$13 each; students and seniors eligible for discount. The Polish Film Festival in America is the world's most extensive annual programming which promotes Polish cinema. Established in 1989, every year the PFFA brings a diverse array of over 70 of the finest features, documentaries and shorts to screening venues around Chicago. www.pffamerica.com.

"Higher Ground" RT 1:49. R

Wed., Nov. 30
\$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members) Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St, Chicago. 773-445-3838, www.beverlyartcenter.org. Inspired by screenwriter Carolyn S. Briggs' memoir "This Dark World," the film is the story of a woman struggling with issues in belief, love and trust among people as well as God.

Noir, More Noir film studies class

Tuedays, Nov. 15, 22, & 29 and Dec. 6
Delve into the labyrinth of shadows, set-ups and screen sirens that are the cornerstones of film noir as you explore the conventions and unique twists of a different film each week.

School of the Arts

4 Week Sneak Peek

The Sneak Peek session of the BAC School of the Arts begins the week of Nov. 20, with classes and workshops in art, ceramics, music, dance, theater, film, movement, creative writing, and more. There are several new classes, and the curriculum offers something for all ages and interests, all in a four-week format that encourages trying something new. Pick up your schedule at the BAC or find it online at beverlyartcenter.org. Early registration discounts continue through Nov. 3.

Children's Theater

Chicago Kids Company Shows

Geared to youngsters age 2 to 12, are performed at 10:30 a.m. on selected weekdays and 1:30 p.m. on selected Saturdays. Tickets are \$10 (group rates available) and can be reserved by calling 773-205-9600. Upcoming shows: "The Princess and the Pea" Oct. 19 to Nov. 23, and "Mrs. Claus: A Holiday Musical" Nov. 29 through Dec. 23.

BAC STAR PRODUCTIONS

Student shows

"A Year With Frog and Toad"
Sat., Nov. 12 & Sun., Nov. 13, 2 p.m.
A cheerful and popular Frog and rather grumpy Toad learn life lessons through four fun-filled seasons. \$8 (\$6/BAC members)

"Smokey Joe's Café: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller"

Fri., Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Sat., Nov. 19, 3p.m. and Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Set in the 1950s, this electrifying musical revue illuminates a golden age of American culture and features nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded. \$13 (\$11/BAC members)



Winter Dance Concert Holiday Mixed Nuts

Thurs, Dec. 15, 7pm; Fri, Dec. 16, 7pm; Sun., Dec. 17, 12 & 2:30pm
A holiday dance extravaganza featuring BAC Dance students. This high energy production will feature everything from ballet to hip-hop and tap to jazz. \$8 (\$6/BAC members)

Gallery

35th Annual Beverly Art Competition exhibition

Nov. 12 through Jan. 2, opening reception and awards presentation Sat., Nov. 12, 7 to 9 p.m.
This prestigious competition is open for artists who live in or within 100 miles of the City of Chicago. Free.

Works by Chicago (Beverly) painter and sculptor Dalton Brown

will be on exhibit in the atrium gallery Tues., Nov. 8 through Sun., Dec. 4 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th Street south on Western), Chicago. Opening reception Sat., Nov. 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Free.



Children's Holiday Art Competition

Open to children age 5 to 13. Deadline to submit drawings is Fri., Nov. 18, applications available at the Center online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. Original drawings should be done on 8.5 x 11 inch plain paper and must celebrate the holidays or the season. The name and age of the artist must appear on the front. Artwork will be on exhibit Nov. 21 through Jan. 2. Ten winners will be announced on Dec. 1.

4th Annual Evolving Artists

Competition
Exhibit of works by finalists and winners will be Dec. 9 through Jan. 8. Sponsored by the Young Adult Board of the Beverly Arts Center for visual artists ages 21 to 35.

Literary Arts

The Author Afternoon series continues with Jack O'Keefe, author of "Famine Ghost"

Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Jack O'Keefe captures the raw details of the 1845-1850 Great Irish Famine, building awareness of the true drama through photos, newspaper clips and drawings. It is a chilling story of the one million who died in Ireland and two million who emigrated. Attendees may bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Morgan Park Food Pantry. \$5 (\$4/BAC members).

BAC Writers drop-in critique group for adult creative writers on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7 p.m. \$5 (\$3/BAC members) per session. Information grace@beverlyartcenter.org.

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Beacon Therapeutic Hosts 19th Annual Holiday Supper

Honored Guests include Charles Thomas of ABC7 and his wife Maria

Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center will be hosting its 19th Annual Holiday Supper on Friday, December 2, 2011, from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm at 10650 S. Longwood Drive. Honored guests **Charles Thomas of ABC7** and his wife Maria will be part of the festivities. For only \$60.00, this esteemed fundraiser benefiting Beacon's Shelter Outreach Services (SOS) program will dazzle guests with a night of delicious food, open bar, impressive silent auction, raffles, romantic carriage rides throughout the beautiful Beverly neighborhood and caroling by the Mother McAuley Acapella Choir.

"It is a true gift to be able to give unconditionally which is why we have chosen 'The Gift is in the Giving' as this year's hallmark for our 19th Annual Holiday Supper. We at Beacon are very fortunate to be surrounded by compassionate, caring people - people who never cease to amaze us with their kindness and who find great joy in giving others their time, talents and treasures," said Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW, President & CEO at Beacon Therapeutic.

Event honorees include: "Brightest Light in Illinois" - **The Horton Group**; "Opening Doors to the Future" - **Ginger Rugai**, former 19th Ward Alderman; "The Warmest Heart" - Leopardo Company's Band **Liquidated Damages**; and, "The Children's Champion" - **Cristal Thomas**, Deputy Governor of Illinois.

Make your reservations today, or submit an Ad for our Ad Book. Donate an auction item, or inquire about sponsorship opportunities by contacting Peggy Rourke, Director of Development, at PRourke@beacon-therapeutic.org or call 773-298-6441.

Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center Mission Statement

Founded in 1968, Beacon empowers at-risk children and families by helping them find their way to a better future by providing accredited educational, mental health, and social services. Beacon seeks to accomplish this mission through the provision of innovative services to the most fragile children and their families in the metropolitan Chicago area.

Cell Phones for Soldiers Drive

The 19th Ward has joined forces with the AT&T Pioneers to collect cell phones for a non profit organization, Cell Phones for Soldiers. Cell Phones for Soldiers uses funds from recycled cell phones to buy prepaid phone cards for active duty military members, giving them an afford-

able way to connect with their families. A collection bin is set up at the 19th Ward Service Office at 10400 S. Western Ave. We are collecting cell phones through Thanksgiving to provide the community with the opportunity to give back and support the troops.



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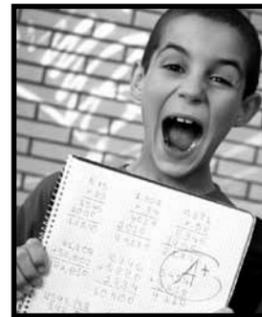
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The director, Deb Gawrys is available to guide parents through the process of attaining special education services, attend meetings, and communicate with teachers on student progress.

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State Representative Cunningham Fights Against ComEd Rate Hike



In the midst of a long national recession, many local residents have lost their jobs and struggled to keep up with rising property taxes. This hasn't stopped the big utility companies from trying to squeeze even more profits from electric customers, putting an even greater strain on family budgets.

Throughout the current legislative session in Springfield, Representative Bill Cunningham has fought back, working to block legislation pushed by ComEd that will make it easier for them to increase electricity rates. Cunningham joined forces with the AARP, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and other consumer advocates in opposing ComEd's so-called "Smart Grid" bill.

ComEd and the downstate utility Ameren have planned a massive overhaul of the state's electrical grid and have proposed that it be paid for with automatic rate increases over the next ten years. The Smart Grid bill will allow ComEd to avoid annual hearings before the Illinois Commerce Commission for any rate hike requests, which they are required to do under current law.

"No one argues with the fact that improvements to the state's electrical infrastructure are badly needed," Cunningham said. "But I strongly object to the idea that all the costs of updating the electrical grid should be dumped on consumers -- and that's what the Smart Grid legislation does."

Cunningham also objects to granting ComEd a rate hike based on the utilities poor performance in restoring service during storm-related power outages in the 19th Ward in recent years. Several Mount Greenwood, Beverly and Morgan Park residents, restaurants, and other businesses were left without power for extended periods in June and July, costing them thousands of dollars in financial losses due to spoiled food and business closures.

"Utilities are in a unique position because they don't face free

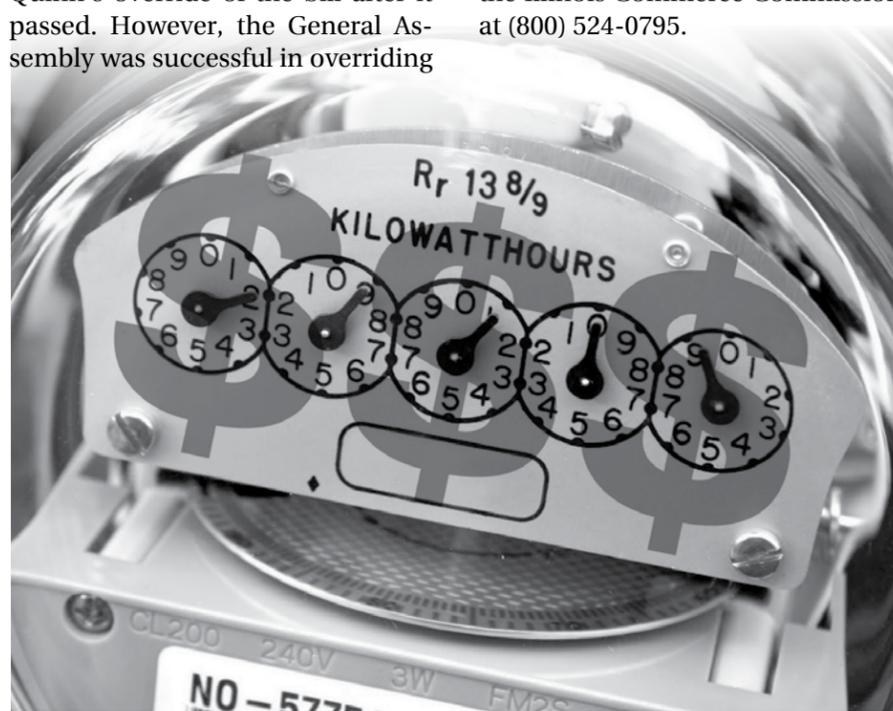
market competition the way other corporations do," Cunningham said. "For that reason, the state needs to hold ComEd's feet to the fire and only grant them rate hikes when they perform well. Clearly, they failed the performance test in our community this summer."

Cunningham was joined by State Senator Ed Maloney and State Representative Kelly Burke in opposing the ComEd bill earlier this year and in supporting Governor Quinn's override of the bill after it passed. However, the General Assembly was successful in overriding

Quinn's veto in October.

"It is unfortunate that the General Assembly ignored the concerns of consumer advocates and allowed the Smart Grid rate hikes to go into effect," Cunningham said. "But our community can continue to hold ComEd and other utilities accountable by contacting the Citizen's Utility Board with any service complaints."

For more information, visit www.citizensutilityboard.org or call the Illinois Commerce Commission at (800) 524-0795.



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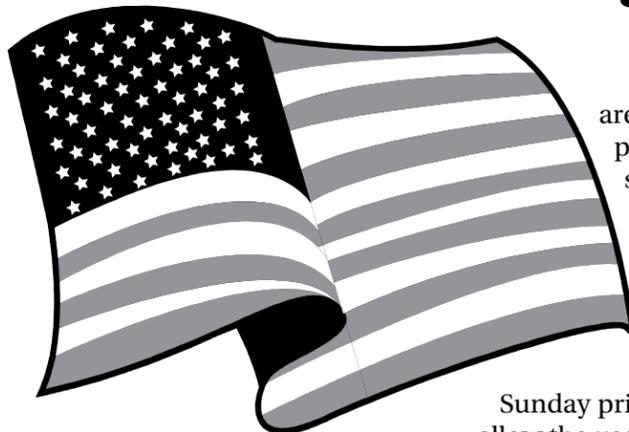
Saturday Hours for 19th Ward Office

The 19th Ward Service Office at 10400 S. Western Avenue is now open every Saturday from 9:00 am - 11:00 am to better serve residents who cannot get to the office during the work week. In addition, the office has extended weekday hours by thirty minutes each day to operate from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The Mt. Greenwood

Service Office, at 3215 W. 111th Street will continue to operate from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Residents can also use www.the19thward.com to request some of the most commonly used city services. For more information please call (773) 238-8766 or e-mail ward19@cityofchicago.org.

19th Ward Seeks Election Judges



Judges of election are paid \$170 upon completion of training and service on Election Day. Extra compensation is paid to judges who (1) pick up the election judge key envelope on either the Saturday or

Sunday prior to Election Day; (2) allow the use of their cell phone by all judges within the polling place on Election Day; or (3) return the election materials to a receiving station on Election Night.

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

The 19th Ward is currently seeking area residents to serve as election judges in the upcoming March 20, 2012 General Election. The judges of election are the officials responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct polling places. In each precinct, the judges share in responsibilities, duties and authorities that include:

- 1.) Opening the polling place and setting up voting equipment at 5:00 a.m. on Election Day;
- 2.) Conducting a fair and impartial election in the precinct polling place and allowing voting from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 3.) Tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting them to Election Central after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.



State Representative Burke to host Grant Writing Workshop

State Representative Kelly Burke will be hosting a grant writing work-



shop with representatives from the Illinois Department of Human Services on November 30th at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, located at 10400 Oxford Ave., from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The program is designed to assist representatives of faith and community-based agencies and organizations with their grant writing efforts through a half-day workshop to review the grant-writing process. Throughout the workshop, participants will engage in discussion and skill development exercises to help them learn the steps to a well-written grant. To reserve a spot in the workshop, call Representative Burke's office at (708) 425-0571.



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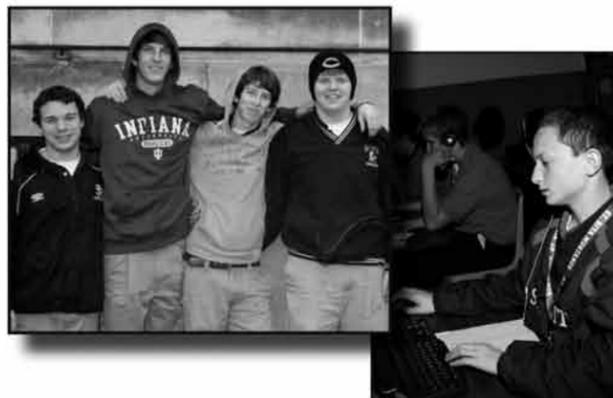
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Packet Pickup Schedule:

Saturday, November 12, 2011: 10:00am - 12:00pm
The PrivateBank – Worth Branch, 6825 W. 111th St.

Thursday, November 17, 2011: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Running Excels, 10328 S. Western Avenue

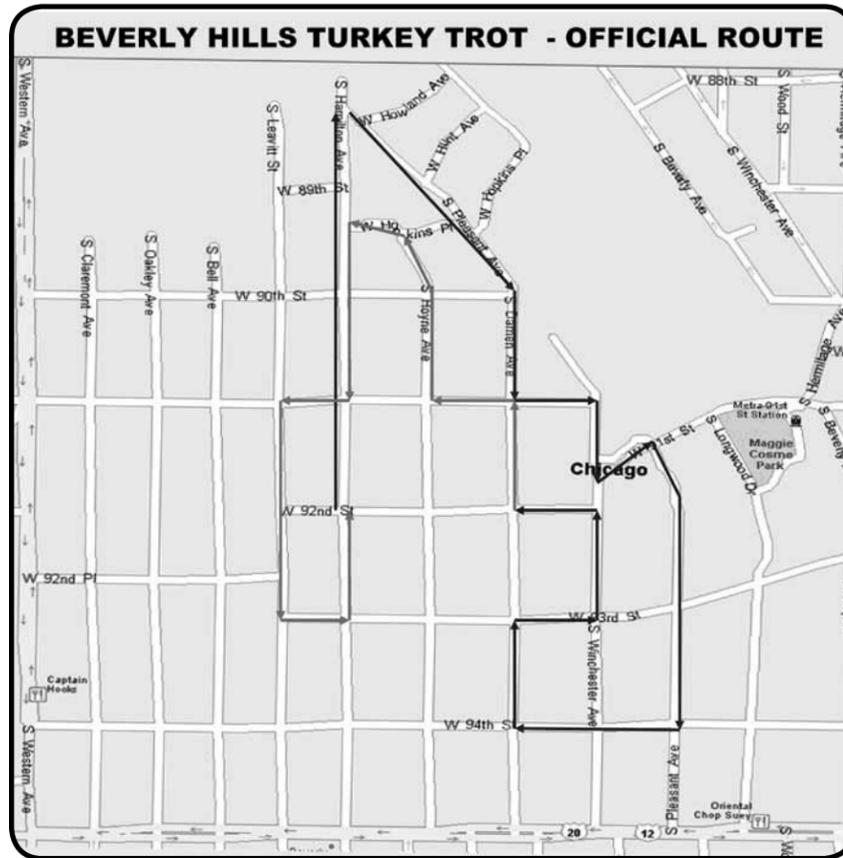
Saturday, November 19, 2011: 10:00am - 12:00pm
The PrivateBank – Mt. Greenwood Branch, 3052 W. 111th Street

Friday, November 24, 2011: Noon - 5:00pm
19th Ward Service Office, 10400 S. Western Avenue

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