

19th WARD Quarterly

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

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Morgan Park Sports Center Opening Soon

Construction is nearly complete on the Morgan Park Sports Center at 11505 S. Western Ave. The entire community anxiously awaits a grand opening that is expected in the next few weeks. Gymnastics, skating and hockey programming will begin next month.

Registration for programs will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 through the Chicago Park District Website at www.ChicagoPark-District.com. The 19th Ward and Chicago Park District will host a Cosmic Skate with a DJ, a laser light show and special effects, and glow sticks for skaters on Saturday, September 10th at 4:30pm, and a Spooky Skate with a DJ and costume prizes on Saturday, October 24th at 4:30pm. Admission for both events is \$5 for teens and adults, and \$4 for kids age 12 and under. Skate rental is available for \$3 per person.



Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk; this year's race will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 through the historic streets of North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor 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. 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 are eligible for a \$5 registration discount. Runners will be divided by age and sex according to CARA recommended guidelines with awards given for each age group. All participants

who pre-register will receive a t-shirt and gift bag.

Additionally, an after party and post-race pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Original Pancake House, will be held in the Christ the King School Gym. The after-party

will feature booths from sponsors and local vendors as well as entertainment. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt O'Shea at matoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766.

ABOUT OUR BENEFICIARIES

The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 organization to support research on pediatric brain tumors. They push for advancements in the care and treatment of pediatric brain tumor patients by facilitating better coordination of information between patients

and providers, improving the quality of life for patients, and funding specifically targeting pediatric brain tumor research and treatment options to achieve their ultimate goal: the eradication of pediatric brain tumors.

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.



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19th Ward YOUTH FOUNDATION

Dear Neighbor,

As parents prepare for the start of a new school year, there are a number of interesting activities for people of all ages happening in our community. In the next few weeks, we can all look forward to the grand opening of the Morgan Park Sports Center at 11505 S. Western Ave. This \$18 million investment in our community will be a huge asset to the Western Avenue business district and provide great recreational opportunities for the entire community.

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

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

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

Thank you,

Matthew J. O'Shea

19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEATS 2211 & 2212

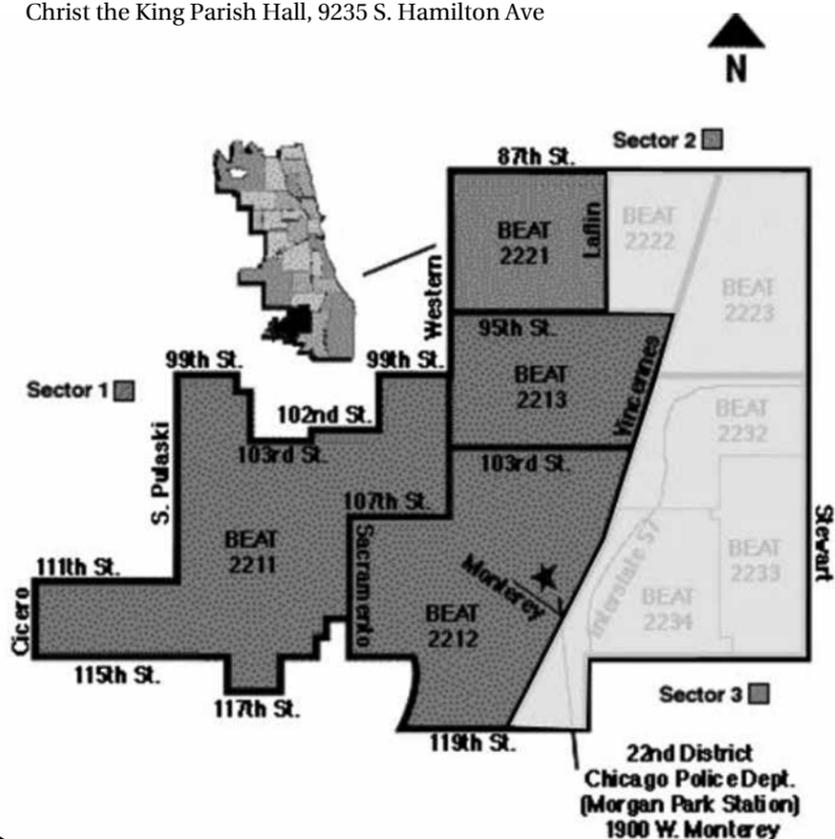
First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, May, June, August, October, December
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

BEAT 2213

Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

BEAT 2221

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
March, April, May, June, July, September, October, Nov.
Christ the King Parish Hall, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave



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Family Activities at Beverly Farmers Market

The Beverly Farmer's Market was hopping on Sunday, August 9th when the Beverly Area Arts Alliance, organizers of the Beverly Art Walk, partnered with the 95th Street Business Association. In addition to regular vendors selling fresh produce, bakery goods, and cheese, local craft and artisan vendors sold handmade wares, artist Judie Anderson demonstrated water color painting, Cathy Sorich face painted dozens of butterflies, super heroes, and flowers on children's faces, 19 Paul served amazing bbq, and Hardboiled Coffee poured their locally made brew.

The Alliance sold limited edition Beverly Art Walk mugs by Dan McCabe, Running Dog Pottery, and a special edition 2015 Beverly Art Walk poster designed and printed by the historic Hatch Show Print, which created posters for country, jazz, blues, and rock n roll performances, including the Grand Ole Opry, Duke Ellington, Elvis, and Patsy Cline. Local Girl Scout Troop 20075 hosted a pre-lemonade stand in honor of Miss Molly Browne Gallagher's Birthday raising nearly \$500 in support of Misericordia Home.

On Sunday, August 23rd, the 95th Street Busi-

ness Association will provide free ice cream for any kids attending the market. There are also plans for another Art Day on Sunday, September 13th, an apple festival in September, and a Halloween costume parade in October. The Beverly Farmers Market operates on Sundays at the parking lot at 95th & Longwood Drive from 7am to 1pm through October 25th. For more information, please contact Erin Ross at erin@95thstreetba.org.



Beverly Improvement Association Bicycle Treasure Hunt

Monday August 24, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Christ the King School Parking Lot

The Beverly Improvement Association (BIA) is sponsoring a neighborhood bicycle treasure hunt. This event is for everyone and it is free. This is funded by the BIA.

There will be two contests. One for children 10 and under and another for everyone else. There will be some small prizes until the prizes run out. The contest will go on if there is a light rain but will be canceled if the rain is heavy or there is lightning. There is no rain date. Con-



testants will be given photos of neighborhood buildings, gardens and objects and have to put down the address or description of where the object is. Kids, 10 and under, will be given 8 photos of places within roughly a quarter mile of the CK parking lot. They have to identify at least 7 of the 8

correctly. Adults will get photos of 16 and have to identify 14 of the 16. You return to the parking lot to have your results checked. All the adult clues are within the boundaries of the Metra tracks, Dan Ryan Woods, Western Avenue, and 95th Street.

Paul Weise and his staff from Beverly Bike and Ski at 9121 S. Western Ave. will be there to help with minor tune ups.

Everyone needs to ride their bikes safely as you will be crossing streets. Helmets are encouraged. Young children should have an older person with them but adults should let the child find the clue.

The BIA is sponsoring this to encourage bike riding, to help us all appreciate the beauty in our neighborhood and most importantly to have a good time.

ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Chicago High School
for Agricultural Sciences
3857 W. 111th St.

Free admission.
Nominal fee per activity.

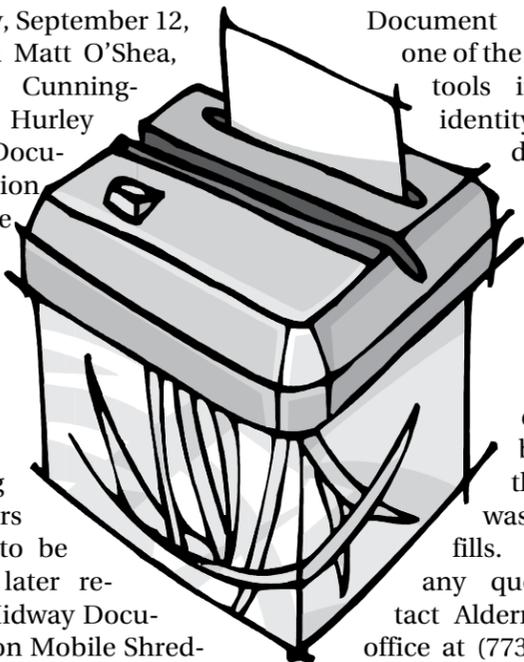


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Document Shredding – 9/12

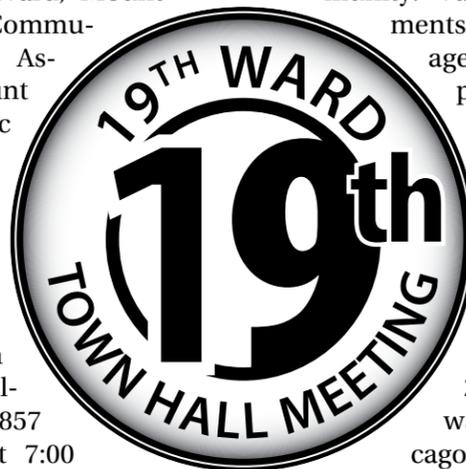
On Saturday, September 12, 2015, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, Rep. Fran Hurley and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper-shredding event at Crosswinds Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., from 9:00 am-11:00 am. Residents can bring unwanted papers to the church to be shredded and later recycled by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck.



Document shredding is one of the most effective tools in preventing identity theft. Shredding documents also has positive environmental impacts; once shredded, all paper is recycled, thereby reducing the amount of waste in landfills. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org.

Mt. Greenwood Town Hall Meeting – 9/22

On Tuesday, September 22, 2015, the 19th Ward, Mount Greenwood Community & Business Association, Mount Greenwood Civic Association, and Mount Greenwood Residents Association will co-host a town hall meeting at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 3857 W. 111th St., at 7:00 pm. There, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, Rep. Fran Hurley and 22nd District Chicago Police Commander Mark Harmon will provide an up-



date about their work in the community. Various city departments and government agencies will also be present to address individual concerns from residents. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org. Also, to receive information about community meetings and events like this electronically, please visit www.the19thward.com and sign up for our e-mail distribution list.

Free Flu Shots – 10/10

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, especially older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley will partner with

the Chicago Department of Public Health to provide free influenza immunizations on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm at the 19th Ward Office, 10402 S. Western Ave. Flu vaccines are offered at no cost to adults of any age and children over six months old. No appointment is necessary and vaccinations

are provided on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call (773) 238-8766 or email ward19@cityofchicago.org.

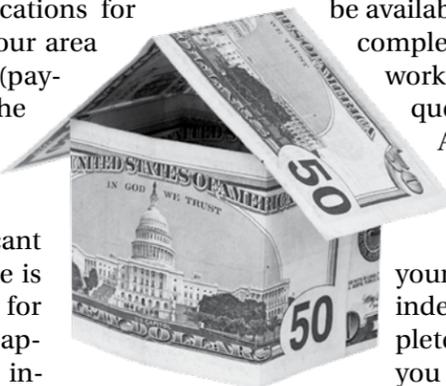


Property Tax Appeal Seminar – 9/10

The Cook County Board of Review is now accepting property tax appeal applications for homeowners in our area for 2015 taxes (payable in 2016). The appeal paperwork is very simple and can result in significant tax savings. There is no fee involved for applicants and appealing cannot increase current assessments.

Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers and Alderman Matt O'Shea will co-host an appeal assistance night on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences,

3857 W. 111th St., at 7:00pm. Staff from the Board of Review will be available to help residents complete appeal paperwork and address any questions or concerns. All homeowners are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please bring your tax bill or property index number to complete the paperwork. If you are not able to attend, appeal paperwork is available online at www.the19thward.com. If you have any questions, contact Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org.



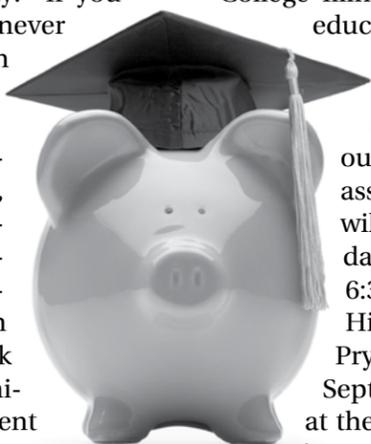
College Savings Seminars

The cost of a college education is growing every day. If you have children, it is never too early to begin planning and saving for their education. This fall, Alderman Matt O'Shea, State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and the PrivateBank will host two seminars outlining different plans and tools for parents.

Please join us to learn more about Illinois' Bright Start and Bright Direction programs, as

well as education savings bonds, College Illinois and other private education investment programs. A resource fair will also be available showcasing various options for energy assistance. Seminars will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at Morgan Park High School (1744 W. Pryor), and Wednesday, September 30th at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (3857 W. 111th St.).

For more information, please call (773) 238-8766 or ward19@cityofchicago.org.



Social Media Boot Camp for Businesses

There are over 40 million small businesses on Facebook and hopefully yours is too! Marketing for your business can be time consuming, costly, and sometimes just plain frustrating. How can you start being effective while seeing actual results from social media?

On Thursday, September 17th, Claire DiCola from Amplify7 will offer Social Media Boot Camp for Businesses at 8:30am

in the BAPA Community Room at 1987 W. 111th St. At this presentation, Claire will discuss which platforms your business should be active with and best practices to increase sales using them. We will also cover a range of free tools and helpful tricks to #Amplify your marketing campaign.

Small businesses can have a big presence online and this presentation will show you how!





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Play Ball and Join Ald. O'Shea in the Fight Against Breast Cancer!

21st Annual Y-ME Women's Softball Tournament Happens Saturday, August 29, 2015
More than 1,000 Women Stand Together to Play Ball and Raise Money for Breast Cancer Research

This year marks the 21st Annual Y-ME Women's Softball Tournament, hosted by Ald. Matt O'Shea, to be held on August 29, 2015 when more than 1,000 women stand together to help find a cure for breast cancer. It is a day of fun, friendship and awareness where competitive softball players and survivors take the field to raise money to support cancer research.

Founded on behalf of former 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai, a breast cancer survivor, the tournament will raise funds to endow the investigations being conducted



A player goes for a hit in a game in last year's Y-ME Women's Softball Tournament. Hundreds of women join the event.

by Dr. Kay Macleod at University of Chicago Medicine, Ben May Institute.

This year's tournament, proudly supported by Presenting Sponsor Country Financial, is expected to once again draw dozens of teams who will take to the fields at St. Christina Field and Mt. Greenwood Park, 111th Street and Central Park Avenue. Other sponsors include R4 Services and Alphagraphics West Loop, along area businesses and Chicago-area labor unions. Last year's tournament raised more than \$45,000 and the goal is to surpass that amount this year.

Recently, a group of breast cancer survivors visited Dr. Macleod's labs and they were impressed with the dedication and work she is doing. They saw firsthand the promising and exciting work being done in Professor Macleod's labs to eradicate the cause of and find new treatments for breast cancer.

Ald. O'Shea has hosted the tournament every year and has been one of its biggest champions. Today, someone's mother, sister, aunt, friend or neighbor will be diagnosed with breast cancer and it



Members of The Survivors team gather at the Y-ME Women's Softball Tournament before taking the field at the 2014 tournament.

is imperative that these research efforts continue at an accelerated pace.

"This annual one-day event has become a game changer, and we, along with health care professionals and researchers are committed to finding a cure," Ald. O'Shea said. "The fight against breast cancer involves all of us and with your support we will be victorious. I am asking everyone for to please support this effort. Together we can strike out cancer."

In addition to the funds raised

by the tournament players, donations are also raised through individuals and area businesses in support of the cause. This year, it's easy to donate online by visiting the Y-ME Women's Softball Tournament Web site at www.y-mesoftball.com

The site also has stories of survivors who share their experiences about cancer, its impact on their lives and how vital the tournament and the funds raised are to helping make important advances in the fight against cancer.

Pop-Up Farmers' Market - 8/22

On Saturday, August 22nd Olivia's Garden, 10726 S. Western Ave., is hosting a special Pop-Up Farmers' Market from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Enjoy shopping locally to purchase cage-free eggs, homemade caramels, soaps, local artwork and more! During the market

we will also have a free kids' craft activity. It'll be the perfect day for the entire family to enjoy.

Visit the Facebook event for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/516105565203573/>



COSMIC SKATE

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

4:30 P.M. - 5:50 P.M.

Morgan Park Sports Center
11505 S. Western Ave.

\$5 for teens and adults
\$4 for kids 12 and under
\$3 skate rental

- Laser Light Show & Special Effects
- DJ
- Glow Sticks Provided for all Skaters
- Cosmic Food & Beverages

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The Third Annual Midway Fly Away 5K Run/Walk at Midway International Airport

5K Family Run/Walk, held directly on the Midway Airport Airfield, to benefit SCC/Special Olympics Chicago

The third annual Midway Fly Away 5K Run/Walk returns Sunday, September 13th, offering runners and walkers of all fitness levels the opportunity to walk directly on the airfield of Midway International Airport. A race like no other in the city, The Midway Fly Away 5K Run/Walk offers stunning views of Chicago's skyline as the backdrop, complete with jumbo jets taking off and landing overhead. The Midway Fly Away 5K will once again benefit SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.

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

Registration is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 16 & under. Registration is now open through September 10 by visiting www.sochicago.org. At that website, participants can create a personal fundraising page where supporters can make tax deductible donations. Registration must take place in advance of the event. On-site registration will not be available.

The Midway runner, the person who places in the middle of the

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

Doors to the Southwest Airlines hangar will open at 7 am. The Southwest Airlines Hangar is located at 5035 West 55th Street at Midway Airport. Upon arrival, participants will be shuttled to the event hangar on the airfield. All participants are required to bring a photo id for check-in, and must arrive prior to 8:30 am. Shuttle service will end promptly at 8:30 am. No backpacks/bags will be allowed on the course, however, there will be gear check available the day of the race.

No "wheels", including strollers, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, inline skates, will be allowed on the airfield.

Free parking will be available for all participants in the

Midway Airport Economy Parking lot, located across the street from the Southwest Airlines Hangar, at 5050 West 55th Street.

Special Olympics was born in Chicago at Soldier Field 47 years ago, in 1968. The Chicago program is now the largest in the State of Illinois. Today, there are more than 4.2 million athletes that take part in Special Olympics programs internationally.

The Midway Fly Away 5K is presented by the Chicago Department of Aviation at Midway International Airport, Southwest Airlines, and the city of Chicago.

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A New Direction (AND) Turns Toward 2015 Fundraiser

A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park (AND) will host its 2015 fundraiser on October 24, 2015 at Ridge Country Club, 10522 South California, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Live entertainment, open bar and hors d'oeuvres highlight this annual event, along with a grand raffle and live and silent auctions.

A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park (AND) is a local agency that provides a community-based response to domestic violence in the Beverly Morgan Park neighborhood and the surrounding communities. The mission of AND is to provide counseling, education, support, and advocacy to individuals and families affected by domestic violence. The effects of abuse—physical, financial, sexual, emotional—are devastating. AND provides confidential counseling and advocacy services

at no charge to clients as they navigate their journey to safety. AND's vision is to have every home be safe and free of domestic violence and abuse.

The goal for our 2015 fundraiser is to double the amount of funds generated through last year's event in order to continue to grow and provide services to those affected by domestic violence. Currently, AND is looking for businesses and individuals

to sponsor the event or to donate items for the live and silent auctions. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Jessica Yakutis McCarihan at Jessica@anewdirectionbmp.org. For more information about A New Direction or to purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit www.anewdirectionbmp.org or www.facebook.com/ANewDirection-BMP.



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Hurley Bill to Increase Penalties for Assault Against Emergency Personnel Signed Into Law

With broad bipartisan support, legislation passed by State Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, to strengthen protections for first responders was signed into law Tuesday.

"It takes a special kind of courage to run towards danger and be the first line of protection here at home," Hurley said. "In a crisis, we turn to these emergency workers first. They save countless lives, so it's only right that they finally receive the legal protections they deserve."

House Bill 3184 changes an attack against an on-duty police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class 4 felony, punishable by up to three years



in prison. This brings penalties in line with those for assaults against process servers and correctional officers.

"We have a moral obligation to protect our police officers, firefighters, and EMTs the way they protect us, and to hold criminals accountable for violent attacks against these heroes," Hurley said. "Emer-

gency workers sacrifice their own safety for ours every single day, and though their service can never be truly repaid, this law is an important step in helping keep our officers and our communities safe."

For more information on this or other legislation, contact Rep. Hurley's office at 773-445-8128 or email RepFranHurley@gmail.com.

Rep. Burke Passes ABLÉ Account Bill

Thousands of Illinois citizens with disabilities, such as Downs' Syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism, rely on public benefits for health care, food, and housing. Currently in order to remain eligible for the benefits those disabled individuals are prohibited from building savings over \$2,000.

In addition, once disabled children "age out" of the school system there is a very long waiting list for occupational, therapeutic or vocational programs.

This spring session Rep. Kelly Burke passed SB1383, which allows individuals who became disabled before their mid-20s to make contributions into an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account. Similar to the familiar 529 college plans, the earnings on the funds are federally tax exempt and will not disqualify a disabled individual from qualifying for benefits. For the first time, disabled people can build savings necessary for real financial security.



The money in the accounts must be used for the individual's education, therapeutic, occupational or housing costs. The funds in the account (up to a maximum) will not be counted against the disabled individual when applying for federal benefits. Just as we have encouraged families to save for their children's col-

lege education, ABLE accounts will encourage families to save for beneficial programs and services for their loved ones.

Governor Bruce Rauner signed the bill into law on the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs' office will be responsible for the administration and implementation of ABLE accounts.

Rep. Burke's bill had bipartisan support and passed the House and Senate unanimously. The bill was supported by many advocacy groups, including Autism Speaks, ARC of Illinois and Centers for Independent Living.



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8th GRADE SHADOW DAYS
September 9 — December 9

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 6, 2015

ENTRANCE EXAM
Saturday, January 9, 2016



“Crazy” for the Beverly Arts Center

By: Matt O’Shea

Earlier this month, my 8 year old daughter Eileen and I had small roles in the Beverly Art Center’s production of “Crazy for You.” I agreed to participate in this play, despite having no theater background and a bit of stage fright, because I thought it would be a great way to show support for the Beverly Art Center. What I did not expect, was a fantastic experience to share with my daughter, and a new found appreciation and respect for the Beverly Arts Center.

“Crazy for You” is a Gershwin musical; the story is told through a combination of dialogue, song, and tap dance. Through a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts, director Shellee Frazee was able to pair 23 area students, many of whom with little or no previous tap dancing experience, with 5 professional actors for this production. In five short weeks, these kids were dancing like seasoned stage veterans.

The professional actors were incredibly kind and thoughtful in their instruction of the younger cast members. The students were both enthusiastic and eager to

learn. The progress they made in such short time was significant.

At 8 years old, my Eileen was the youngest cast member but she was always made to feel like an integral part of the performance. The professionals treated her, and all of the kids involved, wonderfully and made them feel special. Even though she had a small walk on role, Eileen still felt the spotlight.

Sharing that experience with her will always be a great memory for me.

The community embraced this production with ticket sales that far exceeded our expectations. The entire cast, but especially the young people, were so excited to perform for such a warm and engaging audience. Standing back stage, I saw first-hand the great sense accomplishment that these kids had from working hard and performing well.

During intermission on opening night, many parents were genuinely shocked at how much their children had learned in such a short period of time. The Baffes Theater was filled with excitement, enthusiasm and great music all weekend long. While I have been a longtime supporter of the Beverly Arts Cen-

ter, participating in this production gave me a whole new perspective on its value to our neighborhood.

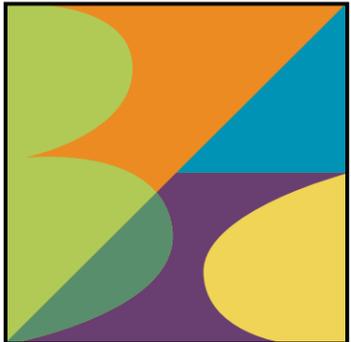
As a parent, there is nothing I want more than to foster a strong sense of pride and self-esteem in my kids. The children that participated in this play walked away brimming with confidence and an eagerness to further develop their gifts. This play, these actors, this institution has and continues to make an impact on our children.

When I agreed to do this, I thought I was helping out the BAC. I never imagined that I would get more out of the experience than they did – but that is certainly how it ended up. I’d like to thank the

entire cast and crew for the time and talent that they devoted to this effort, especially the amazing Shellee Frazee for her enduring patience with my hectic schedule and marginal performance.

To the parents and grandparents of this community, I’d encourage you to take a look at classes and programs offered at the Beverly Arts Center or consider purchasing a membership. The arts can be a great avenue for all kids. We are incredibly fortunate to have access to so many programs right in our own backyard.

For more information about the Beverly Art Center, please visit www.beverlyartcenter.org.

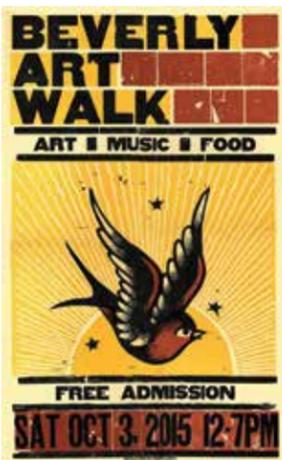


Beverly Art Walk

The Beverly Area Arts Alliance (The Alliance) is proud to present the 2nd Annual Beverly Art Walk, October 3, 2015, noon-7:00 pm. The event will feature art by talented local artists and artisans, home studio tours, music, demonstrations, puppetry, dance, children’s activities, public art, and trolleys to get you to and fro. It’s all free, and it’s all in Beverly. This year’s event will feature community art, providing attendees opportunities to interact with performance artists and participate in hands-on projects. Also new this year is the “Uprising Craft Fair,” a marketplace of 40 craft makers and artisans in the County Fair north parking lot. The closing party will take place at Horse Thief Hollow, a Beverly Art Walk sponsor, beginning at 7:00 pm. A map of locations will be available the week prior to the event and in the October edition of the Villager.

The Alliance commissioned artist Carron Little, who creates and performs under the name the Queen of Luxuria, to create a community based art project that will premiere at the Beverly Art Walk, entitled “Neighborhood Magic.” Little has interviewed eight elders

about their life stories and will interpret these stories into poetry. She will then collaborate with a group of singers, performers, and musicians to turn those poems into a performance, which will take place at key points across the neighborhood that relate to the stories. Read her blog about this exciting project: <http://neighborhoodmagic.tumblr.com/>.



The goal of the Beverly Art Walk is to celebrate art in our community and to showcase the venues and businesses that support the arts. The Art Walk will take place during Chicago Artists Month, and will include anchor arts and culture organizations in our neighborhood, as well as our small business-

es and organizations, from North Beverly south to Smith Village, from Western Avenue to Wood Street, who will host art installations and activities. The Alliance is a volunteer-run non-profit that relies on financial support from the neighborhood to sustain arts programming and events in Beverly. To learn more, or to make a gift, visit www.beverlyarts.org or email info@beverlyarts.org.

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Cunningham Sponsored Legislation to Protect DCFS Wards Signed Into Law

Wards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who run away or go missing from the system will now have additional protections to help find them and keep them out of the hands of predators. Two pieces of legislation, sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham, were signed into law to help create a system to locate missing wards that are reported as well as enhancing penalties for criminals who exploit those missing wards.

"The protection of our children, regardless of circumstance, is a priority. With the passage and signing of these important pieces of legislation, our most vulnerable children will have better protection and, hopefully, a better life," said Cunningham.

Senate Bill 1775, also known as the Safeguard our Children Act, spells out what is required from DCFS once a youth in their custody is reported missing. The legislation states that DCFS must report the missing youth to local law enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Illinois State Police must also develop a network to help with locating missing DCFS wards.

From 2011 to 2013, residen-

tial DCFS facilities reported 29,425 incidents of missing wards, averaging 27 runaway reports per day. Many residential facilities do not report the runaways to local law enforcement.

"There have been numerous cases of DCFS wards going missing, where, unfortunately, law enforcement was not made aware of the missing child," Cunningham said. "This new law will help us to find runaway wards as quickly as possible, helping protect them from possible exploitation."

Also signed into law was Senate Bill 201, which allows sentencing courts to consider a defendant's knowledge of a pros-

titution victim's DCFS status when sentencing. Many wards of the state are extremely susceptible and are in need of extra judicial protections. The legislation specifically states that judges may consider the fact that a criminal knew their victim to be a ward of DCFS and consider that knowledge as an aggravating factor when imposing sentences.

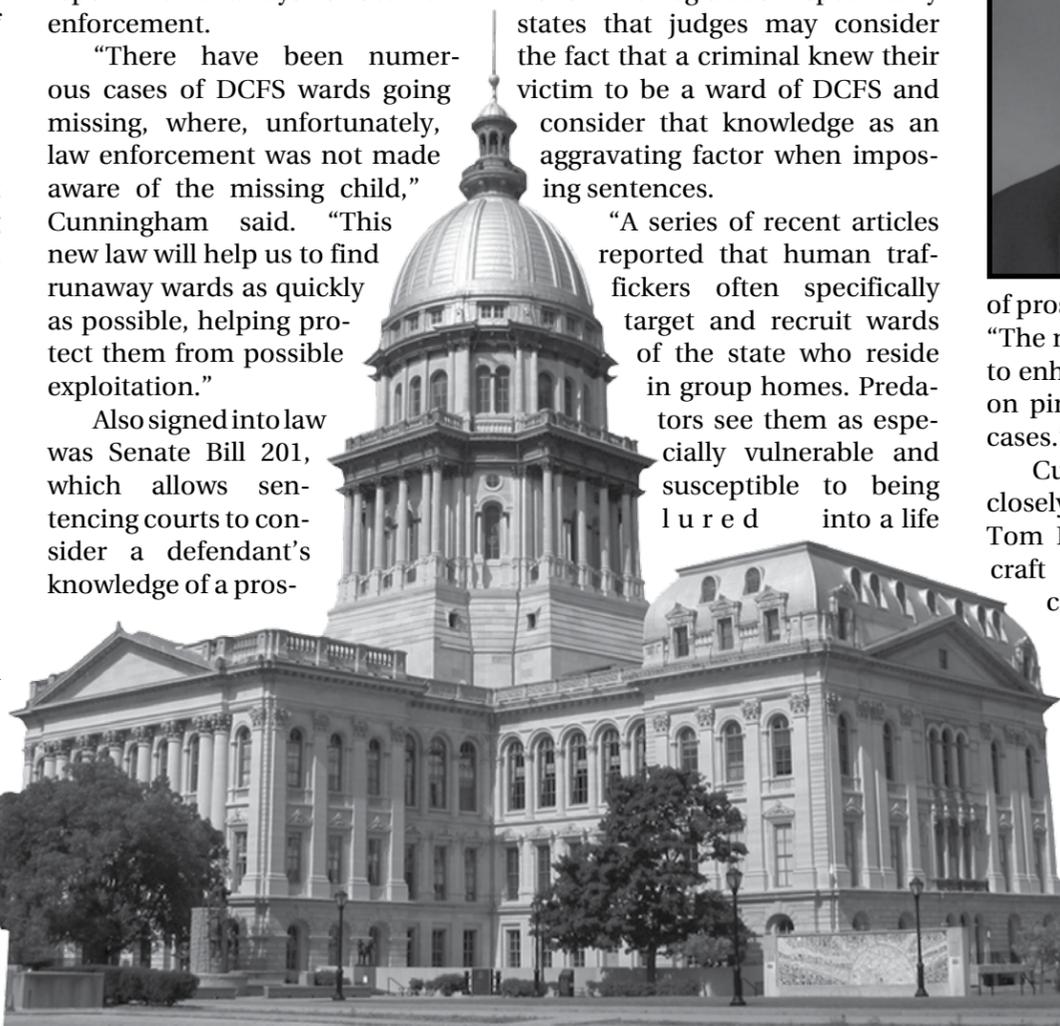
"A series of recent articles reported that human traffickers often specifically target and recruit wards of the state who reside in group homes. Predators see them as especially vulnerable and susceptible to being lured into a life



of prostitution," Cunningham said. "The new law would enable judges to enhance the sentences imposed on pimps and traffickers in those cases."

Cunningham has worked closely with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart over the years to help craft good public policy in the criminal justice and corrections field. These two new laws are a direct result of that good working relationship.

"I'm proud to have worked with the Cook County Sheriff's Office on this. We will continue to work together to protect our most vulnerable children and make their protection a priority," Cunningham said.



Applications Now Open to Coach One Million Degrees Scholars

One Million Degrees (OMD)—a Chicago nonprofit organization that empowers low-income, highly motivated community college students to succeed in school, in work, and in life—is now accepting applications for its volunteer coaches. OMD Coaches work with scholars in a one-on-one or small group setting to provide academic, professional, and personal support throughout the academic year, while helping to broaden scholars' horizons of career aspirations and possibilities. Coaches are supported with ongoing training by OMD to ensure a positive and productive volunteer experience, and also have opportunities to connect with fellow coaches to expand their own professional networks.

Coaches give just a few hours each month and make a profound difference in the lives of OMD Scholars. "I have loved my mentee and everything about my mentoring experience at OMD," said coach Neha Gupta, HR Specialist at PricewaterhouseCoopers, "The two hours I spend monthly with my mentee are easily the two most meaningful hours of my month!"

OMD provides a variety of holistic supports—financial assistance, mentoring, coaching, academic interventions and professional de-

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OMD is rapidly expanding the number of students it serves in Chicago and the suburbs. In the 2014-2015 academic year OMD served 252 scholars. In the 2015-2016 academic year, OMD will have the capacity to serve up to 450 scholars across all of its program locations in Downtown Chicago, Kennedy-King College, Olive-Harvey College, Harper College, and College of Lake County.

Interested individuals can apply online at <http://onemilliondegrees.tfaforms.net/296126>. For questions about the program or



applications, call Michaela McGill at 312-920-9605 ext. 310 or send an email to mmcgill@onemilliondegrees.org.

About One Million Degrees
One Million Degrees believes that when given a solid system of support, every student has the ability to reach his or her full personal and professional potential. Since

2006, One Million Degrees has provided critical supports to help empower hundreds of community college students to succeed in the classroom and beyond. One Million Degrees Scholars are graduating at roughly three times the state average and are equipped with the skills necessary to help them reach their full potential in school, in work, and in life.

Beacon Thanks Community for Playground Assistance

Susan Reyna-Guerrero, President and CEO of Beacon Therapeutic, and the entire staff are truly grateful for the support and kindness shown on the Beacon Build a Playground day! Located in the heart of the Beverly-Morgan Park community, on June 18th, things were rocking on the grounds of Beacon. Ka Boom and Radio Flyer

partnered with Beacon to build a beautiful play space for our children and community.

This day built more than a long-term play space for families. It built a day filled with memories, forever in our hearts, with friendships, teamwork, and so many generous people reaching out to make a difference. People came from as far as the state of California and as close as Seeley Ave. to build a playground from the ground up. This community effort was filled with passion and energy.

It took 260 volunteers in manpower with equipment, muscle and creative brainpower to design,

create and build this amazing space in one day! We are so fortunate to live in a community of people so willing to help those in need, and more importantly teach their children and families to reach out and pitch in to be part of a larger impact. The junior board at Beacon led the volunteers through a teamwork approach to getting the space built through laughter, motivation and yes, strength and sweat.

Our community leadership, Ald. Matt O'Shea, State Representative Fran Hurley and State Senator Bill Cunningham were on hand to embrace this project and even make and haul some concrete to form the foundation of this project. The Beacon board of directors, the design team and the entire Beacon family united with these 260 volunteers collectively to put together play equipment, create a sensory garden, dig woodchips, paint, garden, and see the finished project at the end of the day. We are grateful for the nutrition and energy boosting foods provided by KFC Beverly, Culligan Water, Levy Restaurants and Radio Flyer.



Early prep work was graciously offered by Smooth Over Sealcoating, Sherriff Tom Dart's SWAP Program, Mike LaPorta, Marciano Fencing, the 19th Ward Office, and the 22nd District. Special thanks also to Margot Holland and the BAPA staff, Mother McAuley Scholar Students, Brother Rice Football Team, and St. Rita High School for their awesome efforts. Words cannot describe our heartfelt gratitude to all of the many amazing groups and individuals who took a day of service to build community at Beacon Therapeutic. Each day when children run, laugh and grow within this play space, we will always be reminded of this great day of excitement, compassion, strength and commitment to the importance of children and play, and the power of many hearts making change. On behalf of all our children, thank you for this beautiful gift of play.

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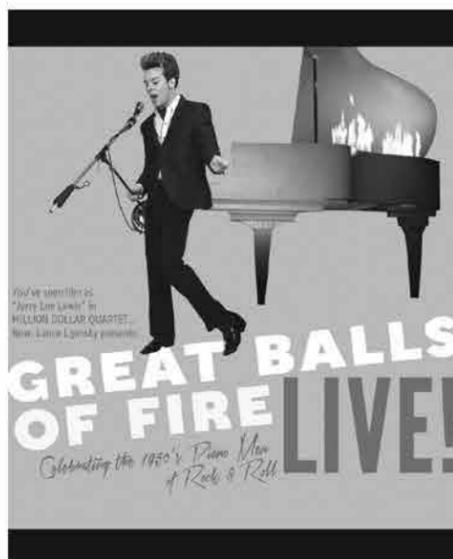
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Pre-registration is \$30 for runners/walkers, \$27 for SXU faculty, staff and alumni and \$25 for SXU students. Prices increase to \$35 for runners/walkers as well as SXU students on Race Day. The Cougar 5K family rate is \$75 for two adults and one child age 17 or under from the same immediate family. Each additional child is \$20. The Family rate registration fee will not be available on race day, so visit www.sxu.edu, keyword: cougar 5k to register as soon as you can.

All participants will receive a white cotton long-sleeve Cougar 5K shirt. Participants that register before Friday, Sept. 11 have the option to purchase a white dry-tech long-sleeve Cougar 5K shirt for an additional \$5 instead of the white cotton shirt.

Participants can receive tickets to the Homecoming Football game at 1 p.m., where they can watch Saint Xavier University take on Siena Heights University (MI). Tickets

can be picked up at the Gear Check area between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on race day.

Prize money for the top three overall male and female runners will be sponsored by Axion! 1st Place overall male/female wins \$150 each, 2nd Place overall male/female wins \$100 each, and 3rd Place overall male/female wins \$50 each. Also, break the current male or female record and win Axion's \$100 award! Males must break 15:21 and females must break 18:52.

Some of the Cougar 5K highlights include post-race massages and stretching, free blood pressure checks for participants, children's activities such as face painting, inflatable, balloons as well as visits from SXU's cougar mascot Champ. Free refreshments will be provided

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Volunteering inspires careers for younger generation

With school beginning soon, many high school students and their families may be considering volunteer opportunities in the 19th Ward so students can fulfill community service hours.

"To derive the most from these opportunities, student-volunteers benefit when they remain open to what the world can teach them and take their responsibilities seriously," says Shelly Genis, volunteer coordinator for Smith Senior Living, sponsor of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community located at 2320 W. 113th Place.

Taking the approach suggested by Genis has inspired two sisters, currently a 2015 graduate and a current senior at Morgan Park Academy, to define their career paths.

In 2010, Analiese and Ariel Batchelor took part in a writing project initiated by Genis. The sisters took notes on their Saturday visits with Smith Village residents and made keepsake journals. The project concluded in May of 2011, but the sisters and their mother, Minakshi Joshi, have continued to volunteer at Smith Village by lending support with scheduled activi-

ties and just visiting one-on-one with residents.

In addition to making lots of new friends, the Batchelor girls gained a special sense of purpose. Both later were accepted for 8-week internships at Rush University's Alzheimer's Disease Center. And both decided to study medicine as a result of their volunteer efforts at Smith Village, says their mother, Joshi.

Analiese, the valedictorian of Morgan Park Academy's 2015 graduating class, starts pre-med studies at University of Chicago this fall. Ariel is now a senior at Morgan Park Academy.

"Volunteering to help Smith Village residents with memory loss ignited a passion in all three of us," says Joshi, adding that her daughters also have raised nearly \$2,000 for the Alzheimer's Association by selling bracelets during the Longest Day fundraiser events. "Many of the Smith Village residents have become like family to us."

During their last five years of volunteering at Smith Village, the Batchelor sisters also learned a lot of Chicago history and gained impressive insights into life in general from residents. Their experiences

inspired them to start a club that encourages Morgan Park Academy students to volunteer at Smith Village. Also as a result of volunteering at Smith Village, Analiese was instrumental in organizing a school assembly exploring youth awareness of Alzheimer's disease.

Other young volunteers from Marist High School have earned community service hours and benefitted from plenty of rewarding experiences while escorting residents to physical therapy and the onsite fitness center, and while just spending time visiting, playing cards or assisting with onsite events. Some student volunteers even mastered crochet when residents offered to teach them.

"The exchange between older and younger generations during volunteer activities is always very rich," says Marti Jatis, executive director for Smith Village. "Our residents keep current by learning what's new from younger generations, but the kids also gain insight by relating to older adults. As with the Batchelor sisters, this special understanding can sometimes pave the way to future careers."

The Batchelor sisters and their mother are among the 75 volun-



Shelly Genis, Smith Senior Living volunteer coordinator

teers who visit Smith Village residents to swap stories, play cards, bake cookies, help at special events, assist with craft projects, help transport residents to various activities and more. Some bring therapy dogs.

Smith Village requires student-volunteers to be enrolled in eighth grade or high school, and participate in a one-hour orientation session. Only adult volunteers with valid driver's licenses are allowed to drive residents to medical appointments.

To attend the next volunteer orientation, individuals must submit a volunteer application form on the Smith Village website: <http://www.smithseniorliving.org/get-involved.cfm>.

About Smith Village

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



Volunteers Minakshi Joshi, Ariel Batchelor and Analiese Batchelor pose after a game of toss with Smith Village resident Charles Lavin.

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With the help of your generous donations, Senior Bingo was a success for yet another year. Our offices are pleased that you took an interest in our local bingo at Kennedy Park. More than 30 seniors attended every week in hopes to play and socialize with their fellow neighbors. We welcomed many guests to our events and had so many winners. Thank you again for helping with such an important event in our neighborhood!

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Open Lands to Provide Trees to the Community

The beautification of our community continues! At the end of July, BAPA received great news that Openlands, a Chicago based conservation non-profit has awarded BAPA a tree planting grant. The grant will provide 25 trees that will be planted in parkways in our community by volunteers and Openlands crews on Nov. 7. Openlands will also work with Alderman O'Shea to plant trees in the open tree pits along Western Ave.

Thank you to BAPA Board members and volunteers who

worked hard to organize the resource for community. A meeting of homeowners who have agreed to participate in this program will take place on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the BAPA Community Room, 11109 S. Longwood. While this meeting is strongly encouraged for homeowners receiving the grant this November it also open to all neighbors interested in learning more about the tree planting program, or volunteer to help with installation. For more information call BAPA at 773-233-3100.

Luggage Drive for Foster Children

The GFWC Beverly Hills Junior Woman's Club is asking the community for support in their effort to collect luggage for foster children in Illinois. There are currently 15,000 foster children in Illinois and most will move an average of 8 times while in foster care. Many of these children carry their belongings in black garbage bags or boxes as they move. The Beverly Juniors have partnered up with Children's Home and Aid family service agency to provide the children with something permanent in their time

of transition. Any gently used luggage, duffle bags, backpacks, etc. can be dropped off at Alderman O'Shea's office at 10400 S. Western Ave or at the BAPA office at 1987 W 111th Street. Please check our facebook page, GFWC Beverly Hills Junior Woman's Club, for more details and additional drop off locations. Luggage will be collected through Oct 24, 2015. For local pickup, please contact Carla Herr at 312-593-1129 or email us at beverlyjuniors@gmail.com

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