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New Businesses Open on Western Ave., 111th St.

After much anticipation, Beverly native Neil Byers opened Horse Thief Hollow, a bluegrass themed brewpub at 10426 S. Western Ave., earlier this month. The brewpub fills a void of family-friendly, casual dining lunch and dinner restaurants. The restaurant interior has been fully remodeled with an exposed ceiling; local artists' work are displayed throughout the building and is available for purchase.

Horse Thief Hollow is rooted in the history of our community. During the 1850's, the Beverly area was known as "horse thief hollow" due

to a dense forest area that was used to hide horses that had been stolen from Missouri. Once the criminals were run out by state militia, settlers started building homes and the thriving community we now know as Beverly/Morgan Park was born.

Offering a wide assortment of cuisine, diners are sure to enjoy the pulled-pork sandwich, burgers, or barbecue. However, Horse Thief Hollow is no one-trick pony. The menu also includes soups, salads, fish, and pizza to please all varieties of taste.

They will also provide seven different types of beer that will be



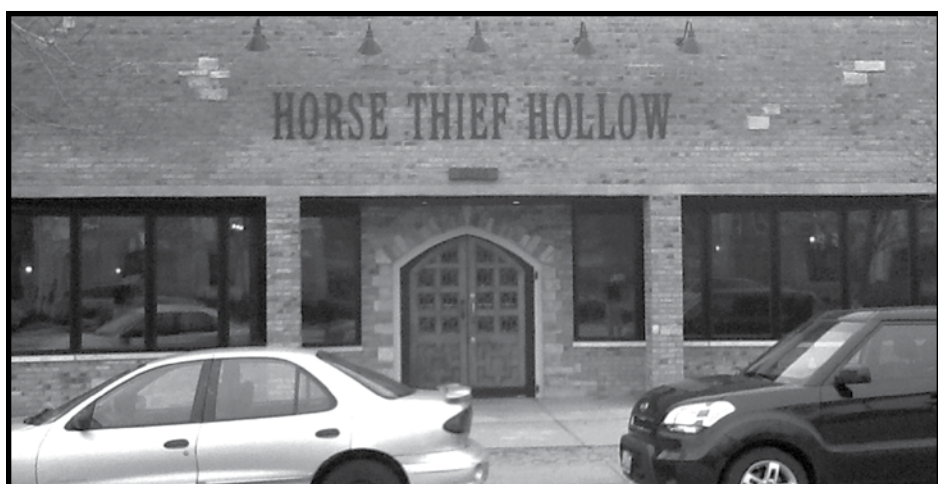
brewed in the restaurant itself. When in season, the hops will be sourced locally to produce specialty beers. Each beer will be hand crafted and with extreme detail, never using any poor or adjunct ingredients. Proudly "brewed in Beverly," Horse Thief Hollow is not just about the food and drinks, but the pride in the community they love.

Please visit Horse Thief Hollow's facebook page or website www.horsethiefbrewing.com for more information.

Funkie Fashions, a trendy women's boutique located at 3522 W. 111th St. celebrated their grand opening on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Elected officials, neighbors

and other business owners turned out to welcome this fantastic new business to our community. Funkie Fashions offers the latest clothing, accessories and jewelry at amazing prices.

Mt. Greenwood resident Caley Funk opened the boutique after cultivating a strong following at local trunk shows and parish functions. This store is a wonderful addition to our local business strip; please visit them and support a locally owned business. For more information, please visit www.funkiefashions.com.



Family Ice Skating Party February 16th

Do your kids have cabin fever? Has cold weather kept you inside since Christmas? The 19th Ward Youth Foundation invites families to enjoy the winter weather with an afternoon of ice skating at the Mount Greenwood Park Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th St., on Saturday, February 16th, from 2:00-5:00pm.

All ages are welcome. A \$1 per person suggested donation is re-

quested. Skate rental, hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided to everyone. We hope you and your family can join us and get some fresh air and exercise. Reservations are preferred and can be made online at www.the19thward.com. For additional information, please contact Maureen Chausse at (773) 238-8776 or maureen@the19thward.com.



O'Shea calls for Moratorium on Charter Expansion

On Wednesday, February 13, 2013 Alderman Matt O'Shea introduced a City Council Resolution calling for a moratorium on charter school expansion for the 2014-15 school year to allow the Chicago Public School system (CPS), parents, and community members time to fully understand the impact of pending school closures. Moreover, the resolution calls on CPS to adopt a policy prohibiting the opening of new charter schools while also closing neighborhood schools. The resolution was co-sponsored by Alderman Pat Dowell (3rd), Alderman Ricardo Munoz (22nd), & Alderman Willie Cochran (20th) and drafted in concert with the Chicago Teachers Union.

"There are many strong, divergent opinions surrounding Charter Schools. Whatever your position is, if there is an underutilization problem, it doesn't make sense to open any new schools, charter or neighborhood."

CPS utilization data shows the

district having 510,994 seats with only 403,461 students to fill them. With large scale school closures pending to reduce an excess capacity of 107,533 seats, at least 9 new charter schools will be opening next year. Creating those additional seats will exacerbate an already severe underutilization problem.

Some would point to the expansion of charter schools as one cause of the underutilization issue. Currently, charter/contract schools include over 55,000 seats. Those seats represent more than half of the reported excess capacity.





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Dear Neighbor,

In recent days, our community has welcomed several new businesses including Funkie Fashions, Horse Thief Hollow, & Hardboiled Coffee. We also look forward to welcoming back old favorites Franconello & Janson's Drive-In, both hoping to open before Saint Patrick's Day. Please know that my staff and our civic and business associations will continue to work tirelessly to attract quality development to the neighborhoods of Mt. Greenwood, Morgan Park and Beverly.

This spring we will also see some major shifts in the way the City of Chicago delivers service to residents. The Police Department recently changed procedures for 9-1-1 response and the Department of Streets and Sanitation plans to shift to a grid based garbage collection system. More details about both are included in this issue.

Finally, we have included a map of our community police beats and a schedule of local CAPS meetings.

Please note that the schedule for these meetings has recently changed; please see the map below for more details. CAPS 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 J. O'Shea
19th Ward Youth Foundation

CAPS Meeting Calendar

BEAT 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

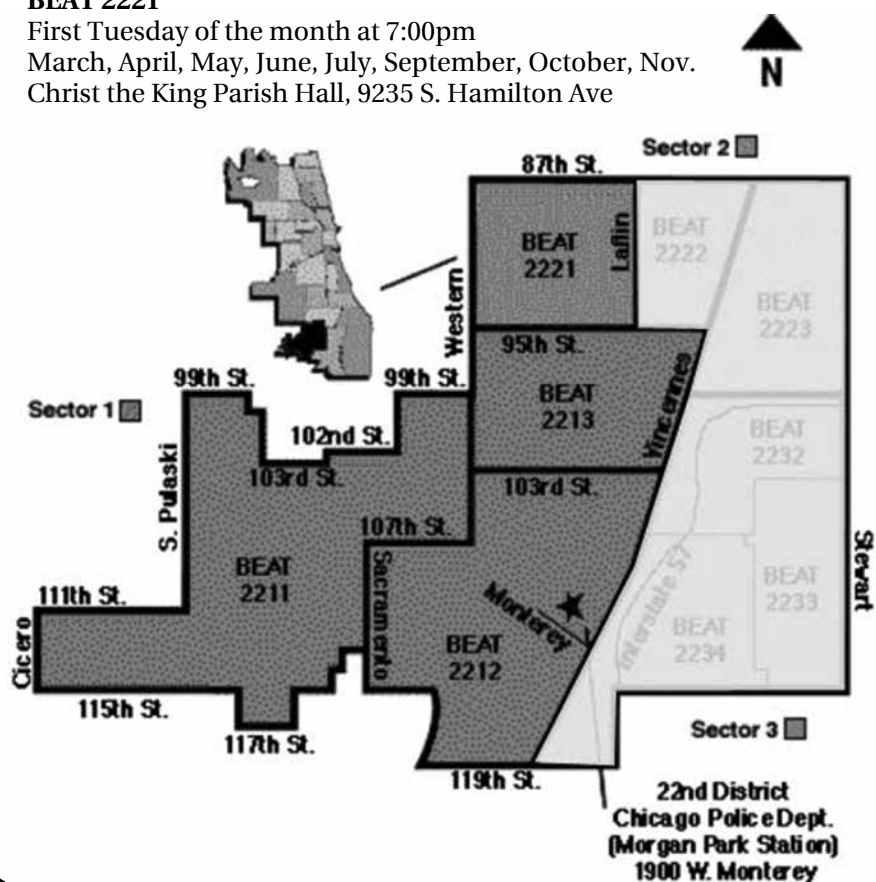
Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

BEAT 2211

Third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
March, May, July, August, September, November
Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St.

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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Local Business News

MetroSouth Opens on 95th St. & Western Ave.

MetroSouth Medical Center (MSMC) is making health care even more convenient for residents of the 19th Ward. Later this month, the hospital will open two of its newest health centers in the Beverly community. These new health centers will improve access to primary care and women's health care services.

MetroSouth Health Center at North Beverly, located at 2038 W. 95th Street (formerly the Veteran's Administration Health Center), will focus exclusively on women's health provided by OB/GYN specialists, Allan Ruby, M.D., F.A.C.O.G and Christal West, M.D., F.A.C.O.G. The renovated, beautifully appointed facility is 4,300 square feet, features nine patient rooms, full handicap accessibility, a comfortable patient waiting area, a procedure room and onsite lab.

The health center has easy access and convenient parking.

Dr. Ruby and Dr. West each have over 15 years of experience. They specialize in the care of women including gynecologic exams, prenatal care and surgical procedures. Both physicians are specially trained in robotic surgery which utilizes minimally invasive techniques for procedures such as hysterectomies.

MetroSouth Health Center at West Beverly located at 11250 S.



MetroSouth Health Center at West Beverly, 11250 S. Western Ave.

Western Avenue has long been the site of the offices of Robert Dolehide, M.D., and Kevin Dolehide, M.D.

This new, contemporary and beautifully appointed

facility features 7,000 square feet, 12 patient rooms and a comfortable patient waiting area has easy access and convenient parking.

Working alongside each other for 20 years, the Dolehide father-son physician team has a strong bond not just with each other, but also with the Beverly/Morgan Park community. Dr. Robert Dolehide specializes in internal medicine; Dr. Kevin Dolehide is double board-certified in inter-

nal medicine and gastroenterology. A new member of the medical team, Hamdi Khilfeh, M.D.,

also internal medicine, has been treating patients throughout the Southland for many years and is looking forward to working with his new partners. Dr. Khilfeh is an independent member of the MetroSouth Medical Center medical staff.

Call to request a free 15-minute "getting to know you" session to find the physician that's right for you!

To schedule an appointment at the MetroSouth Health Center at North Beverly, specializing in women's health, call 773-239-8303. To schedule an appointment at the MetroSouth Health Center at West Beverly, specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology, call 773-779-7500.

To learn more, visit www.metrosouthmedicalcenter.com.



MetroSouth
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MetroSouth Health Center at North Beverly, 2038 W. 95th St.

Hardboiled Coffee Opens at 9135 S. Western Ave.

Hardboiled Coffee Company is a locally-owned coffee house providing a neighborhood gathering place in the North Beverly area. With its cozy atmosphere and retro-themed décor, Hardboiled Coffee is an homage to the tough-guy detectives like Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe. Owner Gregg Wilson spent the last 20 years in the fine wine business but has also been roasting coffee at home for nearly half that time.

Despite the fine wine background, there's no snobbery when it comes to coffee, just a fresh, bold, smooth signature house blend.



Hardboiled Coffee puts an emphasis on quality. Stop in and find flavored syrups made from scratch, and hot chocolate using real chocolate, not powder or syrup. But mostly it's just a fun place to be, as you can time travel between the wi-fi offering and the Glenn Miller re-

records (yes, records, as in vinyl) playing in the background. Hardboiled Coffee Company is a true neighborhood business, from the owners and employees to architect Joe Carroll and his wife Kitty who did the drawings and layout through contractor Pelar Construction, all from our community.

Home Run Inn Announces New Hours

Home Run Inn opened their ninth pizzeria at 10900 S. Western Ave in November 2012. Since the opening, Home Run Inn has supported the Beverly community by

providing 70 new jobs and donating to several local organizations, such as South Side Irish Parade. In addition to financial support, Home Run Inn is also hosting Fundraising Days to help support the community.

Fundraising Day is a fun and easy way to give back to your organization. It's as simple as picking a date to fundraise, choosing a Home Run Inn location and ordering your favorite pizza! The more members that present the fundraising flyer, the more profit potential for your organization. Home Run Inn will donate 20% of all sales (pre-tax) to your organization.

NEW HOURS will be implemented starting February 18, 2013: Monday-Thursday: 11am-10pm, Friday: 11am-11pm, Saturday: 12pm-11pm and Sunday: 12pm-10pm.



Local Business News

Evergreen Marketplace Development Update

Menards is currently finishing construction on its store and expects to be open in late March/early April. Meijer is also finishing construction on its parcels and expects to open the fuel station in late June/early July. Meijer's main store is expected to open in late July/early August.

Sterling Bay has completed all site work at the development and the new

traffic light at 92nd Pl. and Western Ave. is functioning. They are currently under construction on the Michael's and Ross stores, which will be turned over to each tenant in June for final finishes. Both tenants expect to open this summer.

During construction on the Evergreen Marketplace project, Sterling Bay has also worked on infrastructure improvements to the surrounding area. Portions of Western Ave. north of 95th Street have been widened, landscaped

medians have been rebuilt (planting will occur this spring), and two traffic blocking irrigated planters have been constructed in front of Rainbow Cone. Minor improvements at 95th and Western, including improved signalization, will occur this spring. Lastly, the detention pond at the Evergreen Marketplace is now functioning as designed.

Working with the City

of Chicago's Departments of Law & Transportation, Alderman O'Shea has enacted weight limit restrictions on 91st St. between Oakley Ave & Western Ave., Leavitt St. between 94th St. & 95th St., and Damen Ave. between 94th St. & 95th St., to prevent truck traffic from accessing residential North Beverly streets. Traffic engineers from the Chicago Department of Transportation have surveyed the area and submitted orders to add new signage to help deter cut through traffic.

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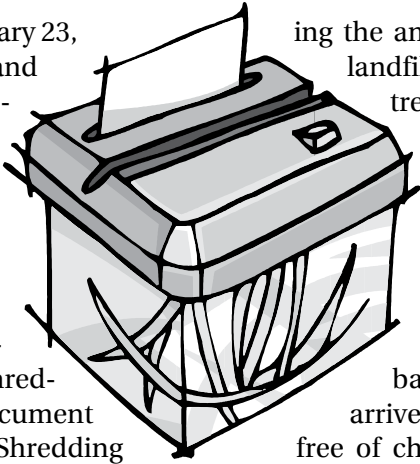
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19th Ward to Host Free Shredding Day

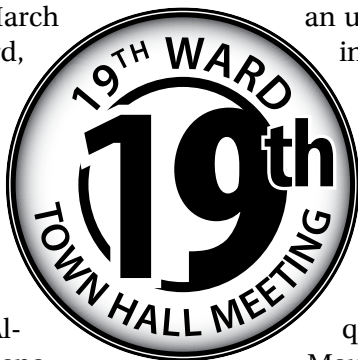
On Saturday, February 23, 2013 the 19th Ward and Midway Document Destruction will host a free paper shredding event at Crosswinds Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Residents can bring any old or unwanted papers to be shredded by the Midway Document Destruction Mobile Shredding Truck and later recycled. Shredding documents helps prevent identity theft, while recycling the paper benefits the environment by reduc-



ing the amount of waste in landfills and sparing trees. All documents must be loose in order to be shredded; please remove all paper clips, metal binders, rubber bands before you arrive. This service is free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Chausse at (773) 238-8776 or maureen.chausse@cityofchicago.org.

Town Hall Meeting

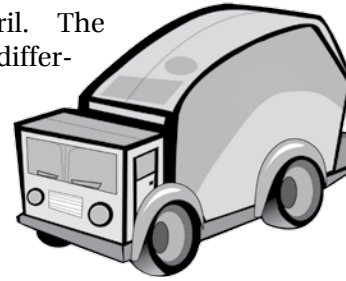
On Monday, March 11, 2013, the 19th Ward, East Beverly Association, and Vanderpoel Improvement Association will co-host a town hall meeting at Bethany Union Church, 1750 W. 103rd St. at 7:00pm. There, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley will provide



an update about their work in the City Council & State Legislature. A variety of city agencies and departments will also be present to address individual concerns from residents. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Chausse at (773) 238-8776 or maureen.chausse@cityofchicago.org.

Grid Garbage Collection coming this Spring

Garbage collection in the 19th Ward is tentatively scheduled to shift to a grid based collection system this April. The only noticeable difference to households should be a possible change in collection day. Once routes and schedules have been finalized, Alderman O'Shea's Office will provide notice to all local news sources and deliver a "Change in Garbage Service Day" notice to every homeowner in the community.



Curbside recycling pickup will coincide with garbage pickups, and continue to occur every other week. Alley recycling pickup will maintain the same service weeks, but pickups may not coincide with garbage collection. Residents with alley blue cart services should leave their carts in the alley for their entire collection week to ensure service.

A grid based system, widely used by municipalities and private refuse haulers, changes collection routes from non-linear ward geography to

a system of routes bordered by main streets and natural boundaries. The service model concentrates sanitation workers in targeted areas of the city each day and creates balanced service regions to improve daily collection performance. By utilizing more efficient routes, the Department of Streets & Sanitation can provide the same weekly refuse services to residents while saving millions in manpower, vehicle and fuel costs. This shift will also free up personnel resources to address the backlog of requests in many other areas of city service including tree trimming, graffiti removal and others.

Residents who would like more information about the grid garbage collection system and related service changes are encouraged to visit the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation website at www.cityofchicago.org/dss, call 311, or contact the 19th Ward Office at (773) 238-8766.

Peoples Energy / NPL Fined for Problems in Mt. Greenwood Gas Project

In spring 2011 Peoples Gas announced a 13 phase pipeline upgrade project taking place in Mt. Greenwood between 103rd St. on the North, 117th St. on the South, Sacramento Ave. on the East, and Pulaski Rd. on the West. By performing this upgrade, the utility company could deliver gas in a way that is safer and more cost efficient. Not only were main lines and individual home connections replaced, but all indoor gas meters were relocated outdoors so that inspectors would no longer need to enter homes for inspections or other meter repairs.

When announced to the community, this project included an aggressive seven month timeline projecting completion by November 1, 2011. Unfortunately, since its inception this project has been characterized by schedule delays, substandard work, and improper street, sidewalk, and landscape restoration. As months past, residents became increasingly frustrated, many even mistakenly believing that this debacle was a taxpayer funded project.

For several months, the 19th Ward Office attempted to work cooperatively with NPL, the contractor coordinating this project. Unfortunately, their communication was poor, information inaccurate, and respect for our residents sorely lacking. As each deadline was missed, neighbors became increasingly agitated with torn up streets,

sidewalks, and parkways.

In the summer of 2012 it became clear that NPL was not willing to address the community's growing list of problems and concerns. After several weeks of being ignored by NPL, we asked the Chicago Department of Transportation to thoroughly review the project area for any code violations. Those inspections resulted in the issuance of several dozen tickets and a mandatory appearance at an administrative hearing.

After an initial court appearance, Peoples Energy entered into a settlement discussion with City attorneys. At that time, NPL was immediately removed from this job and other crews began to correct their many, many mistakes. In a few short months, Peoples Energy was able to restore a majority of the streets, sidewalks, and parkways damaged by this project.

While a handful of punch list items are yet to be completed, most of them are dependent on certain weather conditions and are slated for completion this spring. With the project nearly complete, attorneys for the City of Chicago and Peoples Energy reached a financial settlement requiring NPL & Peoples Energy to pay \$58,000 in fines and fees to the City. Our sincere thanks to Chicago Department of Transportation and Law Department for pursuing this matter so aggressively.



Now Hiring Traffic Control Aides for The City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications



- OEMC needs TCAs due to the CTA's upcoming Red Line expansion project
- These are part-time positions with an hourly rate that starts at \$18.43
- Must be 18 years old at time of application

Applicants must apply online between February 4 through February 18, 2013 at the Department of Human Resources CAREERS site: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/CAREERS>

For public internet access, you may go to any Chicago Public Library or to the Department of Human Resources at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 100

If you need assistance with your application, call the Department of Human Resources at 312-744-4976 or visit City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 100

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Access our Candidate Experience Guide that will walk you through our application process at http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/dhr/supp_info/Candidate_Experience_v14_3-10.pdf

Police Shift 9-1-1 Response

The Chicago Police Department recently announced that their Alternate Response Section (ARS) will now handle all reporting of select, non-emergency crimes where the offender has left the scene, the victim is not in imminent threat and an officer on the scene would not result in an immediate arrest. “Victims will continue to have their reports handled by sworn officers, and these officers will still dispatch an officer if they perceive that one is needed. Otherwise, the report will be handled over the phone allowing officers to remain on patrol and ready to respond to emergency calls” explained Police Superintendent Garry F. McCarthy.

Since the 1990s, the Chicago Police Department has operated ARS, which is staffed by officers on light duty and is reached by dialing 311 instead of 911, to answer police inquiries and complete reports by phone. Under the new guidelines, ARS is anticipated to handle approximately 30 percent of all case reports, doubling from 74,000 in 2012 to 151,000 in 2013. This change will free the equivalent of 44 officers per day, with more than 137,000 hours of case reporting being handled by ARS. It also allows officers to remain on patrol, visible in the community and ready to respond to serious incidents.

For the public, the service offers the opportunity to make a report when it is convenient for them, as ARS is staffed 24/7 and allows for direct connection to other support requests, such as assignment of an evidence technician. Moving forward, all calls meeting the identified

criteria will be assigned to a police officer at ARS rather than being dispatched to a beat officer. Under the Chicago Police Department policy, those calls that do not result in enhanced safety to the victim or a crime will not be resolved by assignment of a police officer will be sent to ARS. The decision factors in assigning to ARS include: 1. Offender is not on scene and not expected to return immediately. 2. Victim is safe and secure and does not need medical attention. 3. An officer on the scene would not result in the immediate arrest of the offender. 4. An officer on the scene is not needed for the immediate investigation.

The criteria for assignment to ARS include all non-criminal reports, such as lost property and noncriminal damage reports (broken window, tree falls on property, etc.). A variety of criminal reports will also be sent to an officer at ARS and include: vehicle theft, bogus checks, criminal damage to property, garage burglary, theft, lewd/obscene phone calls, threatening phone calls without any imminent danger, animal bites, simple assault, recovered vehicle at an auto pound.

The Chicago Police Department started an advertising campaign in November to educate residents on the change, and will continue to provide information through CAPS, community groups and the faith community. For more information on this change or questions on 9-1-1 complaints vs. 3-1-1 complaints, please contact the 22nd District CAPS Office at (312) 745-0620.

19th Ward Launches New Website for Mobile Devices

Alderman Matt O’Shea recently launched a new website design at www.the19thward.com. The new site will adapt to smart-phones and tablets. When accessed from one of these devices, the site will automatically re-size to a mobile app format allowing residents to conveniently access some of the most commonly requested city services. Also new, is the ability to easily apply for a block

party permit online and download a variety of frequently used petitions. The site will still allow residents to subscribe to the very popular neighborhood e-mail distribution list, but now incorporates a cellular text alert system as well. Information on local events and the community calendar will also still be listed. Visit www.the19thward.com from your mobile device today to see the new design.



Commuters Save with RTA Program

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) manages the Transit Benefits Fare Program, which is an employer sponsored benefit that allows employees who commute to work via public transit to deduct pre-tax monies from their paycheck to pay for their transit fare. Participation in the Transit Benefits Fare Program is economical for employers and is a great way for employees to save money – making this a win-win.

The RTA Transit Benefit Fare Program helps employees and employers save money on transit. IRS Section 132(f) allows for employees to have up to \$245 a month deducted pre-tax to pay for transit or vanpool commuting expenses. Below is an example of the savings.

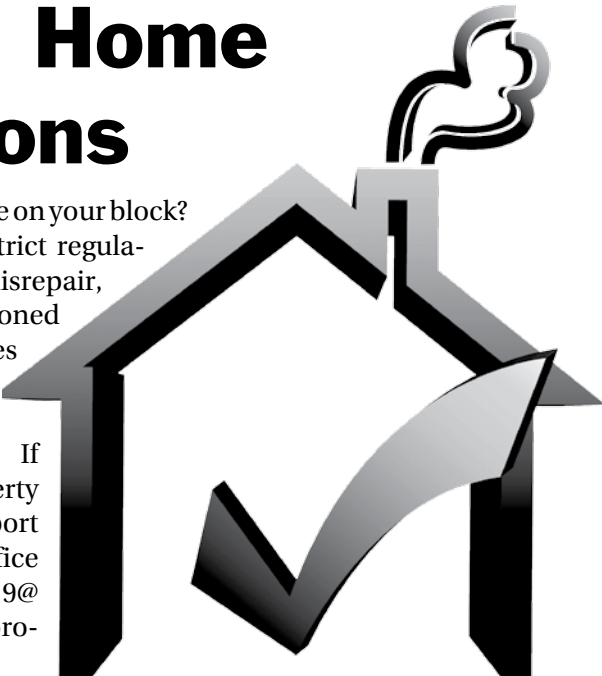
Pre-Tax Benefit			
Monthly income without pre-tax Benefit*		Monthly income with pre-tax Benefit*	
Monthly Gross Salary	\$4,000	Monthly Gross Salary	\$4,000
Federal Taxes	(\$1,120)	Transit Fare**	(\$245)
FICA	(\$306)	Pre-Tax Income	\$3,755
State Tax	(\$200)	Federal Taxes	(\$1,051)
Post Tax Income	\$2,374	FICA	(\$287)
Transit Fare**	(\$245)	State Tax	(\$188)
After Tax & Transit	\$2,129	After Tax & Transit	\$2,229

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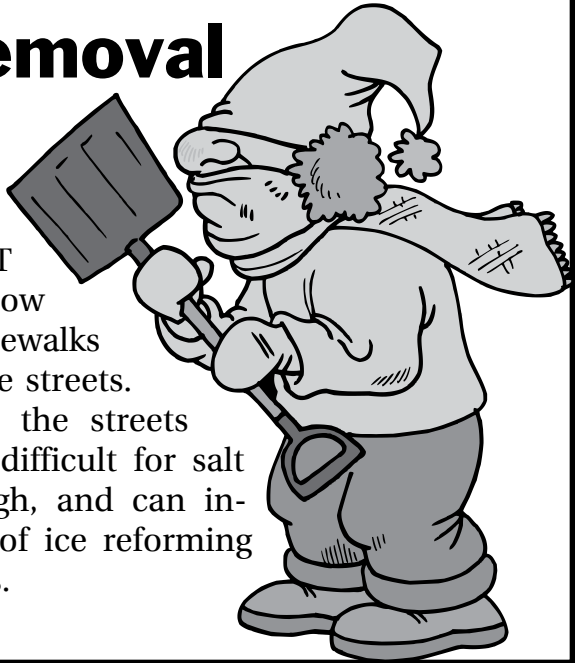
Problem Home Inspections

Is there a problem home on your block? The City of Chicago has strict regulations regarding homes in disrepair, as well as vacant or abandoned homes. These properties can become eyesores and drive down the value of surrounding properties. If you have a problem property on your block, please report it to Alderman O’Shea’s office at (773) 238-8776 or ward19@cityofchicago.org so appropriate action can be taken.



Snow Removal Notice

This winter, 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.



Beverly Ridge Homeowners Association Seeks New Members

The past two years has brought great pride in our community with the revitalization of the Beverly Ridge Homeowners Association (BRHA). We have a vibrant group willing and ready to tackle key issues in our community. Most recently, we have worked on preliminary plans for a streetscape project near the 99th Street Metra Station. The BRHA believes that this area, a gateway to our community, would greatly benefit from enhanced lighting and infrastructure improvements which invite pedestrian traffic to local shops and restaurants, while promoting public safety for residents traveling to or from downtown.

In the coming months, we will work to make improvements to another gem in our community, Ridge Park. This park holds some of our biggest events including the Ridge Run and Beverly Breast Cancer Walk. BRHA hopes to work with the Chicago Park District to spruce up and modernize the main entrance of Ridge Park with plantings and a more inviting atmosphere. We

want to see Ridge Park flourish for our community.



Our organization hosts community events to encourage neighbors to meet each other and work together to improve the area. The Fall BRHA meet and greet was a huge success attracting a large crowd interested in our organization. On Saturday, March 23rd, we will hold our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ridge Park; please visit our website for more information at www.beverlybrha.com.

As we continue to create a sense of belonging, make our neighborhood safe and improve our vital assets within our great community, we ask you to be part of it! E-mail us with your information at beverlybrha@gmail.com. We look forward to your active participation in honoring our past, embracing the present and creating the future. The BRHA is honored, humbled and happy to listen, explore and act on behalf of this beautiful area with the best neighbors in the greatest city in the world.

Be a part of the BRHA!

Honoring Conner Lowry

Friday, March 1, 2013 is the one year anniversary of the tragic death of U.S. Marine Cpl. Conner T. Lowry. Cpl Lowry died while bravely serving his country in Afghanistan. He was a true American Hero whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Family and friends will celebrate Conner's life at a Memorial Mass at St. John Fisher

Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave., at 8:15am on Friday, March 1, 2013.

The mass will be followed immediately by a ceremony dedicating the intersection of 103rd & Maplewood Ave. to Cpl. Conner Lowry. Both the mass and the ceremony are open to the public; please join us to remember Conner's sacrifice and pay tribute to his courage and bravery.



Winter Farmers' Market & Fair Trade Marketplace

The Green Sanctuary Group of Beverly Unitarian Church will host a Winter Farmers' Market & Fair Trade Marketplace on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Beverly Unitarian Church (the Castle), 10244 S. Longwood Dr. There you can find a selection of organic produce and herbs, meat from grass fed animals, and poultry products produced without growth hormones. There will also be locally produced foods, including honey, cheese and baked goods.

Purchase products you enjoy while helping small farmers extend their income beyond growing season. Winter Farmers' Markets are a



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project of the Churches Center for Land & People. The farmers donate 10% of their receipts to the Harvest of Hope Fund to aid families in crisis. This Winter Farmers' Market will also include space for Fair Trade Retailers to showcase their products.

For further information, please call the Green Sanctuary Group at (708) 423-6392.



Neighbors washing cars.

People walking dogs.

Friends enjoying life.

Smith Village isn't your ordinary retirement community. Tucked within historic Beverly, it's a place that's alive in the neighborhood and truly part of the community. Step outside the front door or look out your window and you'll see kids, families and people just like you coming together to create one great place to live. Come see for yourself. Give us a call at (773) 474-7303.

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Swing to Big Band Sounds at the 19th Ward's Spring Fling

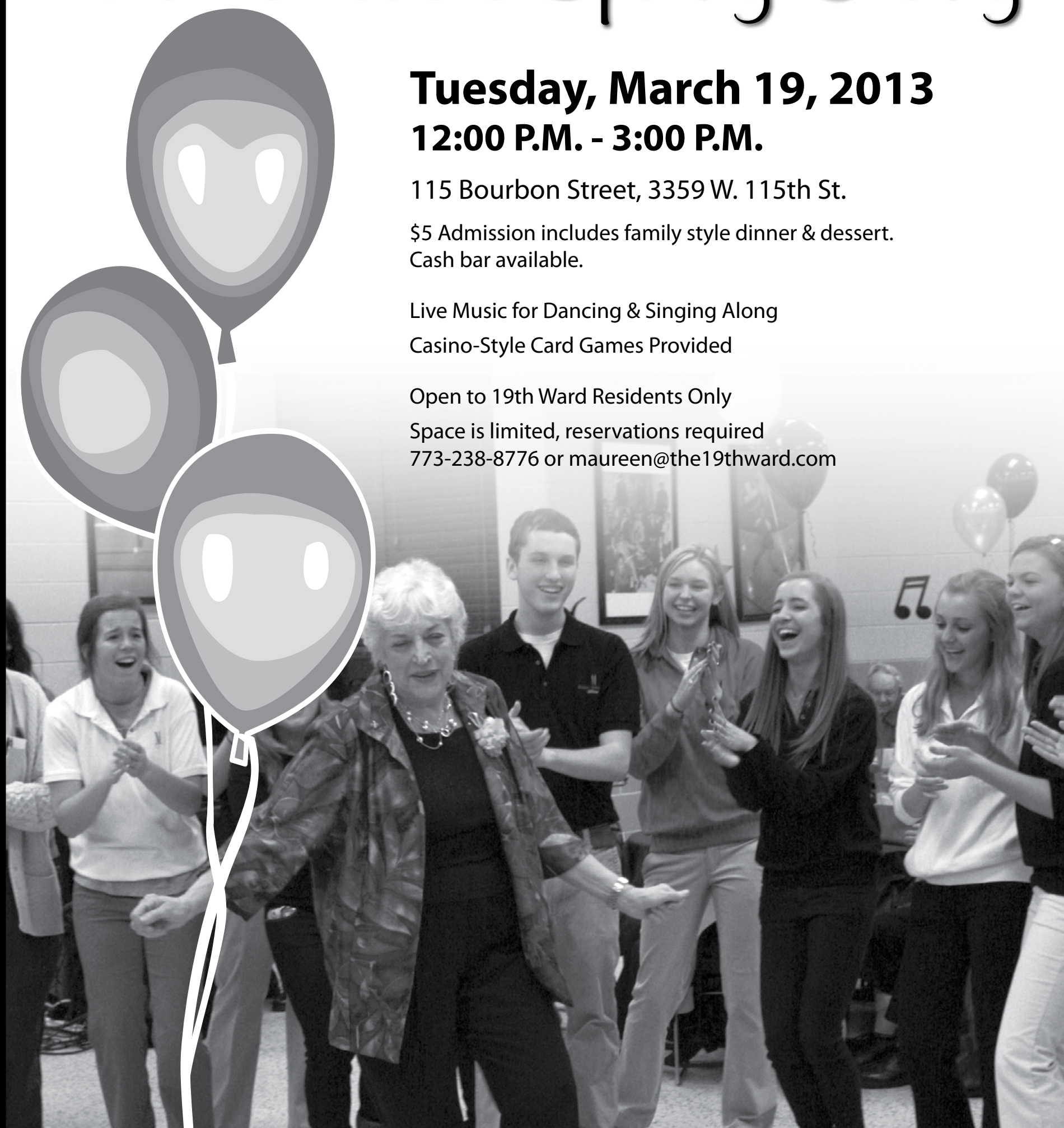
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Parks & Recreation

Take the Plunge with the 19th Ward Youth Foundation

On Sunday, March 3, 2013, Special Olympics Chicago will host the 13th Annual Polar Plunge at North Avenue Beach. Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Fran Hurlley, & Alderman Matt O'Shea are organization a 19th Ward Youth Foundation team to compete in this year's Plunge. Our group will meet at McNally's, 11136 S. Western Ave., at 9:00am and depart by bus to the event. The bus will then return to McNally's afterwards where the bar will be offering drink specials.

To register, please visit soschicago.org and sign up for the polar plunge. When completing your registration, please select the 19th Ward Youth Foundation team and select the 11:00am start wave. Participants in the Polar Plunge are asked to raise a minimum of \$150 for Special Olympics Chicago.



Money raised through the Chicago Polar Plunge helps to provide year-round programming and activities for the more than 5000 Chicago-area Special Olympics athletes. After the Plunge, a "Melt Down party" will take place inside the North Avenue Beach boathouse and in expanded heated tents from

11am-2pm. Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages. Warm up and celebrate with great music. Cash bar available. To register with the 19th Ward Youth Foundation Team, please visit www.sochicago.org and register for the Chicago Polar Plunge. Participants can choose "Join A Team" and select the 19th Ward Youth Foundation Team. All money will benefit Special Olympics Chicago.

Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence

The GFWC IL Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club invites you to get up, get out, and get active on Saturday, March 23rd, and participate in the second annual Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence Benefit Day. This year, fifteen fitness businesses and individual fitness professionals are offering a wide array of special activities for the day. All participants will be asked to make a donation to A New Direction Beverly/Morgan Park (A.N.D.), our local counseling and advocacy agency providing services to families affected by domestic violence.

Ever wanted to try belly dancing? Pilates? Yoga? Are you curious about Tai Chi? Want to start strength training? Improve your golf game? You will find all of these activities and more offered by Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence Benefit Day Partners. Here's how you can participate:

- From the menu of scheduled activities provided, find an activity (or several activities) that appeals to you.
- Check ahead with the selected partner or business to confirm activity offerings, times, and

capacities. Please note a reservation may be required; and you may be required to bring a mat, racquet, or other equipment.

- Select an activity and work out on Saturday, March 23rd.
- The activity provider will collect your donation to support A New Direction Beverly/Morgan Park (A.N.D.)
- Get a buddy, spread the word! Ask friends, relatives, and neighbors to participate and donate on March 23rd.

Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence Benefit Day t-shirts can be purchased in advance at Standard Bank & Trust (2400 W. 95th St.) and Running Excels (10328 S. Western Ave.) from February 25th through March 31st for \$15. T-Shirts were made possible by Standard Bank & Trust. Their support allows all proceeds from T-Shirt sales to directly benefit A New Direction Beverly / Morgan Park.

For more information about A New Direction Beverly / Morgan Park, or to make a donation, visit their Web site (www.anewdirectionbmp.org).

Work Out to Wipe Out Domestic Violence Benefit Day Menu: Saturday, March 23, 2013

BUSINESS	ACTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	MAX
Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111 th St., beverlyartcenter.org	Fit & Fierce: Self-defense & workout (15 yrs &older)	C Hurley, CPO	10:30am	60 min	25
Beverly Body Works 9815 S. Campbell, beverlybodyworks.com	Cardio Fusion class	M Grady G Schlomas	8:30am	60 min	
Beverly Ride On, 2940 W. 95 th St., beverlyrideon.org	Spin class	Colleen	2pm	45 min	15
Beverly Yoga Center, 1917 W. 103 rd St., beverlyyogacenter.com	Restorative Flow Yoga	S Bertucci	2pm	75 min	20
Core Fitness and Physical Therapy 2940 W. 95 th St., corefitnesspt.com	Pilates Fusion, Buff Booty, Belly Dance	C Conjar D Fidler Janine	12:00 1pm 3pm	50 min 50 min 50 min	15 15 15
CrossFit Beverly 10552 S. Western Ave., crossfitbeverly.com	Cross Fit Games Open WOD	J Gustis J Sonntag	9 - 11am	2hrs in 1-hr heats	
Curves of Beverly-Evergreen Pk 1804 W. 103 rd St., curvesinchicago.com	Curves WO with coach, Zumba (women only)	R O'Connor S Wall	8-11 am 10am	30 min 60 min	20
Evergreen Racquet & Fitness, 2700 W. 91 st St. evergreenhealthclub.com (Bring racquet for Drills)	Yoga (bring mat), Tennis Drills, Pilates Fusion, Tennis Drills	M Holland L Lebold M Holland L Lebold	9am 9am 10am 12pm	60 min 60 min 60 min 60 min	18 15 18 15
Fit Code Bootcamps 10318 S. Western Ave., chicagolandbootcamp.com	Large group personal training session (Boot Camp)	S Matsey M Torres	9am	60 min	60
Klees Golf Shop 10436 S Western Ave., kleesgolf.com	Driver fitting	D Callahan	Make appt. on 3/23	30 min	
Natural Instincts Physical Therapy & Wellness Center 11113 S. Western Ave., naturalinstinctsandyou.com	Tai Chi, Yoga (bring mat), Brazilian dance	L Williams E Kelly A Lindsay	10:15am 11:30am 12:45pm	60 min 60 min 60 min	12 12 12
Running Excels 10328 S. Western Ave., runningexcels.com	4-12 mi training run (event t-shirts for sale during March at this location)	J Pacente B Lynch	7am	1-2 hrs	
Shannon Center, St. Xavier 3700 W. 103 rd St., sxu.edu	Strength Interval , Zumba (18 yrs and older)	C Andrews J Thiel	9:30am 2pm	60 min 60 min	45 45
Women's Workout & Wellness (women only) 4130 Southwest Hwy., W3body.com	Yoga (bring mat), Zumba, Step, BodyFit, Pilates, KickinCoreBall	Crystal Chrisana Adela Elizabeth Genesis Elizabeth	8:15am 9am 10am 11am 12pm 1pm	45 min 60 min 60 min 60 min 60 min 60 min	
Yoga w/ Donna Wilkinson, Chicago Ag High Sch (gym) 3857 W. 111 th St., 773-881-3240	Yoga (bring mat)	Donna Wilkinson	9am	60 min	

If you don't see your exercise facility here ask them to participate! Inquire by e-mail: morganparkjuniors@yahoo.com

Parks & Recreation

Spring Clean and Green Chicago

Clean & Green Chicago will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Through this popular volunteer clean-up program, residents, civic associations and other community groups can register to borrow tools to clean and bag debris from local parks, schools, forest preserves and other public spaces. The Department of Streets & Sanitation will then coordinate special debris pick-ups for cleaned areas.

For more than two decades, Chicago's Clean & Green volunteer clean-up program has been bringing the City together with community groups and area residents to clean and beautify neighborhoods citywide. Please join us this year on April 20th and help make a big difference in our community! To register, contact Maureen Chausse at (773) 238-8776 or maureen.chausse@cityofchicago.org.



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Legislative Update

Area Officials Reach Breakthrough with Mount Hope Cemetery

The management of a local cemetery that has been the scene of massive traffic jams and frequent gang funerals has committed to opening a new entry and exit-way on their property. Mount Hope Cemetery, located at 115th and Fairfield, plans to complete construction of a south gate onto 119th Street before the end of the year, which area officials hope will relieve vehicle congestion and improve public safety in the neighborhood.

"As Mount Hope has grown into the busiest cemetery in the entire state of Illinois, it has become abundantly clear that it cannot continue to operate with only one entrance," said State Senator Bill Cunningham, who has spearheaded efforts by elected officials to solve the problem. "We are pleased that the cemetery management has acknowledged this problem and will address it by adding a secondary entry and exit on the south end of their property."

For more than two years, Cunningham has worked with Alderman Matt O'Shea, former Alderman Ginger Rugai, former Senator Ed Maloney, Cook County Commissioner John Daley, and Sheriff Tom Dart to address the concerns of area residents who have been affected by the severe traffic congestion. The area has also been plagued by gang

funerals traveling to the cemetery, which has required the Chicago Police Department and Cook County Sheriff's Police to allocate significant resources to the area to prevent any acts of violence.

After several meetings with elected officials and neighbors, the Mount Hope ownership initially attempted to answer the community's concerns by working to better coordinate arrival times with funeral directors and by paying for Sheriff's Police officers to direct traffic on 115th Street on the cemetery's busiest day. But those measures did little to solve the problem.

"One Saturday a total of 29 funeral processions arrived at Mount Hope in less than five hours," Cunningham said. "Even a cemetery with multiple entrances on a multi-lane commercial street would experience traffic gridlock with that volume. But Mount Hope is a cemetery with only one entrance and it's on a residential street. It doesn't matter how much coordination you do with funeral directors and how much security you have in place -- that much traffic not only shuts down streets near the cemetery, it creates an unsafe situation for the neighborhood."

Last September, the situation at Mount Hope reached a dangerous low-point when a funeral proces-

sion for a murdered gang member erupted in chaos. Several arrests were made of gang members who attended the funeral and Chicago Police recovered a gun from a car that broke away from the procession just blocks from the cemetery. That and dozens of other incidents involving gang funerals at Mount Hope spurred nearly 200 area residents to stage a "silent protest" near the cemetery. Holding signs that read "Respect the Living and the Dead," the protesters called on the cemetery owners to take more action.

After another round of meetings with local elected officials, the owner of Mount Hope presented Cunningham with a signed letter in December 2012 in which he committed to opening a second entry and exit gate during 2013.

"From the start, we made it clear to Mount Hope that the best solution to the problem was a new gate and driveway for vehicle traffic," Alderman O'Shea said. "We are pleased that they have taken a big step toward being a good neighbor and a responsible business by building a secondary entry and exit on 119th Street."

O'Shea credited Cook County Commissioner John Daley with getting the project started by arranging for the Cook County Highway



Department to complete work on the 119th Street shoulder before the winter weather took hold.

"Commissioner Daley did a tremendous job cutting through the county bureaucracy in a matter of days to make sure 119th Street was prepared for this project," O'Shea said. "All that's left for Mount Hope to do is extend their existing interior road to their fence line."

Additionally, Cunningham has joined with State Representative Fran Hurley to introduce legislation in Springfield that will provide police with a new tool to crackdown on so-called "gang funerals." The legislation will empower local police departments to seize the cars of individuals who drive recklessly in funeral processions by swerving in traffic or hanging out of vehicle windows.

Hurley Encourages Residents to Take Advantage of Heating Assistance Program



As the temperatures continue to drop, state Rep. Fran Hurley is reminding local residents that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Winter Heating Program is available to individuals and families in need.

"The winter months are a very difficult time for families struggling to make ends meet and LIHEAP is a very helpful program," said Hurley. "The weather is getting colder and this is vital program to help those going through a difficult time. LI-

HEAP is a lifeline that keeps families warm and safe."

LIHEAP provides grants to assist low-income households in paying gas and electric bills. Eligible households can receive reconnection assistance, furnace replacement assistance, and one-time or monthly help with gas or electric utility bills.

Residents must demonstrate a financial need based on monthly income. The current monthly income limits are \$1,396 for a household of one; \$1,891 for a household of two, and \$2,386 for a household of three.

For additional income restrictions and information regarding LIHEAP assistance, local residents should contact the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA) at (800) 571-2332 or visit www.CEDA-Aorg.net. To make an appointment to receive assistance, call the CEDA Energy Hotline at (800) 571-2332. Grants are provided on a first-come, first-served basis until the available funding runs out.

For more information, contact Hurley's constituent services office at (773) 445-8128 or info@franhurley.com.

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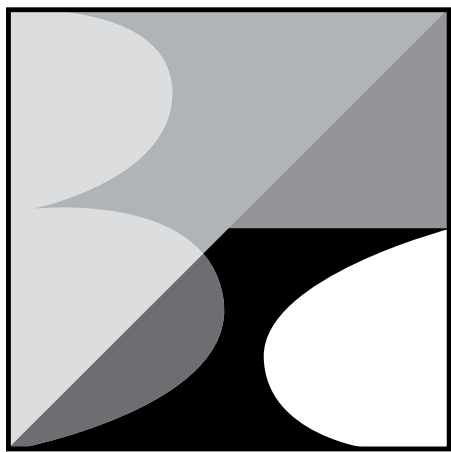
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Beverly Arts Center Schedule



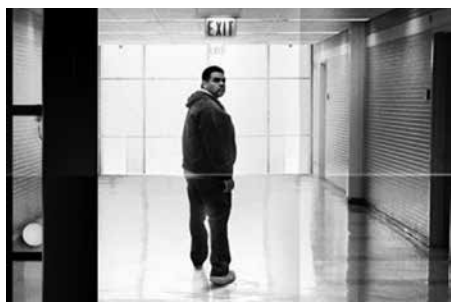
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2407 W. 111th St.
773-445-3838

www.beverlyartcenter.org

BAC Professional Theater Series

Southland theater fans eager to enjoy professional performances nearer to home are invited to take advantage of special savings on the Beverly Arts Center's Professional Theater Series: four-show package for \$75 (\$68 for BAC members) or in a three-show package for a 10% discount. (The series was made possible by a grant from the Chicago Community Trust)

"After" will be performed by the Profiles Theatre Company Feb. 22 and 23, 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. "After" by Chad Beckim is about a man exonerated by DNA evidence after 17 years in prison who struggles to re-assimilate to life in the regular world and deal with the anger of having his youth destroyed. Individual tickets: \$26 (\$23/BAC members).



Porchlight Music Theater's **"Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill"** will be performed Mar. 22 and 23, 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 24, 3:30 p.m. Set in a seedy bar, Philadelphia, 1959, witness one of last performances of the great Miss Billie Holiday. Individual tickets: \$26 (\$23/BAC members).

The Guild Literary Complex, a community-based literary organization, will perform **"Tour Guides"** Apr. 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m., and Apr. 7, 3:30 p.m. Individual tickets: \$16 (\$13/BAC members).

Neil Simon's **"They're Playing Our Song,"** a Beverly Arts Center production, June 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m., June 9, 3:30 p.m., June 14 & 15 7:30 p.m., and June 16, 3:30 p.m. This musical uses story and song to bring a couple through a series of trials and over a number of hurdles. Individual tickets are \$23 (\$21/BAC).

Music

Get up and move with **JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound**, Fri., March 1, 8 p.m., Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th Street south on Western Avenue), Chicago. This Chicago-based band get crowds dancing with their post-punk infused soul sound, ranging from charismatic raw emotion to garage rock. They play aggressive dance music with lyrics that dig deep and hit hard. Tickets: \$24 (\$22/BAC members). Buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. For information, call 773-445-3838.



Tributosaurus – Chicago's favorite tribute band – becomes iconic Belfast-born singer/songwriter Van Morrison, performing rock and soul-inspired hits like "Moondance" and "Brown Eyed Girl," Fri., Mar. 15, 8 p.m. Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th Street south on Western Avenue), Chicago. \$36 (\$33/BAC members). Buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. For information, call 773-445-3838.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with **Paddy Homan**, traditional and original entertainment from an outstanding Irish tenor, Sun., March 17, 2pm \$18 (\$16/BAC members) in advance or \$20 at the door. Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. Buy online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. For information, call 773-445-3838.



Comedy for a Cause

Patti Vasquez, "Lipstick Mom," April 19, 8 p.m. Patti Vasquez's Lipstick Mom Movement offers a hilarious take relationships, pop culture and random encounters with strangers who have no idea she's cataloging their ridiculous behavior to share with audiences all over the world. Vasquez and BAC will donate half the proceeds from this show to the Little Company of Mary Hospital Comprehensive Breast Health Center through the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk. Tickets: \$21



In the Gallery

Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon., through Fri., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., and 1 to 5 p.m. Sun.

Calling South Side Artists! Area artists of all ages are invited to share their impression of what the South Side means to them through the **3rd Annual South Side Impressions Art Competition and Exhibit** at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. Entry deadline is March 1. Details and applications are available at the BAC or online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. Works by finalists and winners will be on exhibit at the BAC March 15 through Apr. 21. For more information contact Carla Winterbottom, 773-445-3838 ext. 203 or Carla@beverlyartcenter.org.

Alter Ego: Mixed media paintings by Chandrika Marla, through Mar. 10. Chandrika Marla's paintings explore relationships and self-image. Trained as a fashion designer, her recent works combine acrylic and block-printed fabrics to suggest the power of clothing as a social bond. www.chandrikamarla.com.

38 Birds - Paintings by William Eckhardt Kohler, through Mar. 10, This show will offer a selection of William Eckhardt Kohler's works from the last ten years. www.williekohler.com.



Non-Concrete Abstract Paintings and Drawings by Steve Sherrell, through Mar. 10. This exhibit is a series of abstractions with a sense of play. Sherrell has been making and showing art in the Chicago area for many years.

Revelations: Interrogating the Sacred, Mar. 19-Apr. 18. Curated by Maureen Riley of Saint Xavier University, the exhibition explores the extent to which individuals remain intimately connected to religious faith as well as the ways in which religion is becoming a less significant value in post-Christian culture. Free reception and panel discussion Mar. 23, 5-7p.m.

BACinema

First run, independent and foreign films every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., \$7.50 (\$5.50/BAC members).

"Samsara" Wed., Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., documents sacred grounds, disaster zones, industrial sites and natural wonders using visual and musical artistry to combine the ancient and the modern.

"Leonie" Wed., Feb. 27, the true story of Leonie Gilmour (Emily Mortimer), an independent young woman in turn-of-the-20th century Japan who becomes the editor – and lover – of the famous Japanese poet, Yone Noguchi, and finds herself cast along to raise her child in a society with few opportunities for women.



"The Waiting Room" Wed., Mar. 6, a character-driven documentary about a public hospital struggling to care for a community of largely uninsured patients.

Oscar-Nominated Short Films 2013: Live Action, Wed., Mar. 27, featuring five films nominated for Best Live Action Short by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "Death of a Shadow" (A fallen soldier tries to regain life by capturing other people's shadows as they die), "Henry" (When the love of his life mysteriously disappears, a great concert pianist's life is thrown into turmoil), "Curfew" (Richie gets a call when his estranged sister is looking for a babysitter for her nine-year-old daughter), "Buzkashi Boys" (The coming of age story of a charismatic street urchin and a defiant blacksmith's son who try to realize their dreams in a country at war), and "Asad" (A fable about a Somali boy who struggles to survive in his war-torn land.)

Senior Citizen News

Smith Village names Marti Jatis executive director

Marti Jatis, 39, has been named executive director of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located at 2320 W.

113th Place in Chicago's Southside Beverly neighborhood. The announcement was made by Kevin McGee, the previous executive di-

rector who was named chief executive officer of Smith Senior Living, the not-for-profit organization that sponsors Smith Village and Smith Crossing, in Orland Park, Ill.

"Smith residents often associate Marti with special celebrations and an upscale dining experience," says McGee. "Truly a part of our Smith family, Marti has helped many residents plan celebrations for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. I'm confident she brings that same enthusiastic spirit and talent to her leadership of the entire Smith Village community."

Jatis, who is from Mt. Greenwood, graduated from Mother McAuley High School in 1991. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nutrition from Northern Illinois University. She is a registered dietitian and a licensed nursing home administrator. She first started with the Smith communities in 1998 as the dietitian for the

Washington and Jane Smith Community. The property was completely redeveloped in late 2007 and renamed Smith Village.

She briefly worked as director of food and nutrition services for what is now MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island but returned to Smith Senior Living when it completed Smith Crossing's Orland Park campus in 2004.

"I discovered I preferred serving residents more than hospital patients because here at Smith Village we enjoy long term relationships. Food is a celebration of life and goes beyond basic sustenance." Jatis looks ahead adding, "My responsibilities have broadened to all aspects of life here at Smith Village but my goal remains the same—to support staff development and creativity that will add to the quality of life for the people who reside in our community".



Smith Village resident lives with spirit of adventure, encourages volunteer efforts for Misericordia

Few people embrace the spirit of adventure quite like Marge Murphy, 73, a resident of Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community located at 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago's South Side Beverly neighborhood.

After earning a degree from St. Francis School of Nursing in Evanston, then working for a year as a nurse at University of Chicago Hospitals and a year in San Francisco, Murphy decided she needed a change. For her, that meant moving to Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost city in the United States located 320 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

She recounts how at the age of 21 in 1960 she made her way from the small airport to her living quarters via dog sled. "It was very cold," she says. "The temperature was 59 below zero and the wind was blowing at 79 miles an hour." Murphy recalls, "I was wearing nearly every article of clothing I owned, including two pair of pajamas."

For 18 months she and another young nurse worked in a 12-bed hospital, caring for sick and injured people and delivering babies. "I presented one woman with her new daughter," Murphy says. "When I said, 'Here, do you want your baby?' she said to me, 'Do you?' She was serious. Not too long before that they were putting girl babies out on the ice flows. This was before the pipeline."

At the time, about 1,300 Eskimos

and 100 Caucasians lived in Barrow, Murphy says. She made do in the frontier environment, taking on responsibilities beyond her training. "I wasn't really taught how to suture patients, but somebody had to do it."

The adventure changed her forever. She returned to Chicago concerned that if she resumed nursing she might overstep her bounds and make a wrong move, so she took a break.

She invested in a company that made convention exhibits, and then worked for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, writing the first standards for psychiatric facilities for children and editing a textbook on child psychiatry.

"After that," she says, "I started the best job ever, at Misericordia, home to more than 600 adults and children with developmental and physical disabilities." For two years, she volunteered and then was hired in 1982. Murphy continued working there for 28 years and soon took on responsibilities for organizing fundraising activities and direct-mail campaigns and for writing grant applications. In 1985, she managed and coordinated all volunteer involvement for the organization's first Candy Days, an annual event that most recently raised \$1.2 million.

Murphy still volunteers two days a week at Misericordia. She also writes profiles of fellow Smith Village residents for the commu-

nity's monthly newsletter. She moved to Smith Village three and a half years ago from Chicago's North Side to be near her sister who lives in Palos Heights. Since then, she's made many friends.

Beyond moving to Alaska, Murphy has vacationed in Ireland, Japan, China and Africa. "I've never been afraid of a lot of things," she says. "I just did them and still do. That's just the way I am."

Murphy encourages everyone to volunteer and suggests participation in this year's Misericordia Candy Days collection, Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28th. For more information, prospective volunteers may call 773-273-2768 or sign up to volunteer on-line at www.misericordia.org.

About Smith Village

Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community at 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, offers resort-style retirement living with apartments and appealing common areas for residents at all levels of care.

Sponsored by Smith Senior Liv-



ing, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924, Smith Village provides spacious residences and engaging programs for independent living, as well as assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Smith Village also provides short-term rehabilitation services for residents and others requiring assistance after surgery or a medical incident.

For more information about Smith Village, call 773-474-7300 or visit SmithVillage.org.

Senior Citizen News

Free Transit & License Plate Discount Applications Online

Mounting budget difficulties have forced the State to eliminate the popular Illinois Cares Rx & Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief programs for senior citizens. They will still offer free transit rides to eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities as well as the senior citizen license plate discount. Applications for these programs are now available only online at www.state.il.us/aging. Paper applications

are no longer available.

Internet filing for these programs is quick and easy. Also, the benefits are now available for two years once you have been approved. If you have filed this year (2013), you will not need to file again with Benefit Access until 2015. For assistance with this program, please contact the office of Senator Bill Cunningham & Representative Fran Hurley at (773) 445-8128.

Senior Services Fair

On Thursday, February 21, 2012, U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski, State Senator Bill Cunningham, State Representative Fran Hurley, and Alderman Matt O'Shea will co-host a Senior Citizen Fair at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St. from 9:30am-11:30am. Information and assistance will be available on various federal, state, county, and city programs for senior citizens in-

cluding medicare, medicaid, social security, and property tax exemptions. Hopefully you can join us and take advantage of all the programs and benefits to which you are entitled.

Please contact Maureen Chausse at Alderman O'Shea's Office with any questions at (773) 238-8776 or maureen@the19thward.com.

Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Info

The Cook County Assessor's Office has extended the deadline for the Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze Exemptions until Wednesday, February 20, 2013, so that as many seniors as possible may take advantage of these important money saving exemptions. Application forms for these exemptions must be completed each year in order to receive the savings. All exemptions appear as deductions on second-installment tax bills.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for the taxable year 2012, the property owner must have:

- Been born prior to or in the year 1947,
- Owned the property, or have a lease or contract which makes them responsible for the real estate taxes, and
- Used the property as a principal place of residence.

The Senior Freeze Exemption allows a senior to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value of the property.

To qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption for the taxable year 2012, taxpayers must have:

- Been born prior to or in the year 1947,
- A total household income of \$55,000 or less for income tax year 2011,
- Owned the property or had a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012,
- Used the property as a principal place of residence as of January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012, and
- Been liable for the payment of 2011 and 2012 property taxes.

All Seniors should have received exemption application forms in the mail. You may also obtain forms at either of Alderman O'Shea's office locations, or online at www.the19thward.com or www.cookcountyassessor.com. If you have any questions please contact Colleen at (773) 238-8766.

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Ways to Show Your Support for the South Side Irish Parade

Alderman Matt O’Shea invites you to join in supporting the 2013 South Side Irish Parade fast approaching on March 10, 2013. Along with the rest of the community, your support helps make this annual event a great experience steeped in family and tradition.

There are many ways you and your family can support the 2013 South Side Irish Parade. You can purchase grand raffle tickets for the “Luck of the Irish” prize of \$10,000, or visit the official South Side Irish Parade store to purchase official merchandise to wear on Parade Day!

You also still have a chance to purchase a Family Banner that will line the parade route to pay tribute to your own “Irish Clan,” celebrate

a special occasion or honor a loved one. The Family Banners cost \$225 and include professional hanging and storage. You will also receive a mini-banner suitable for framing. Parade merchandise will also be available for purchase.

Show your support for this year’s parade by considering being a Parade volunteer and by simply joining with the community to make the parade family-friendly, safe and fun!

Grand raffle tickets for the “Luck of the Irish” prize can be purchased at the South Side Irish Parade store at 10934 S. Western. Also, please visit the official South Side Irish Facebook page for more information to share with your friends and family.



Parenting with the Brain in Mind

This spring, the 19th Ward is partnering with neighborhood schools and businesses to host Dr. Tina Payne Bryson, bestselling author of *The Whole Brain Child*, for a special seminar for parents and educators. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 10th at St. Xavier University from 7:00-9:00pm.

The seminar will focus on giving adults greater understanding on how children’s brains work. Specifically, it will empower parents and teachers to better connect with our children and provide tools to better handle everyday challenges.

“Parenting with the Brain in Mind” will introduce parents and teachers to essential and groundbreaking science in an accessible, interesting, and practical way. The seminar will provide practical tools and solutions that can be applied to the daily situations parents encounter. This presentation will use stories and humor to teach practical information about a child’s brain and offer a new perspective on some of adult’s most pressing concerns. Some of the topics that will be covered include communicating more effectively with children when they’re irrational, disciplining in a way that’s effective and loving, and understanding how a new approach to dealing with tantrums helps their brain develop.

The “Brain-in-Mind” perspective, along with the many practical

tools that result from it, can empower parents to raise kids who are happy, healthy, balanced, and more confident.

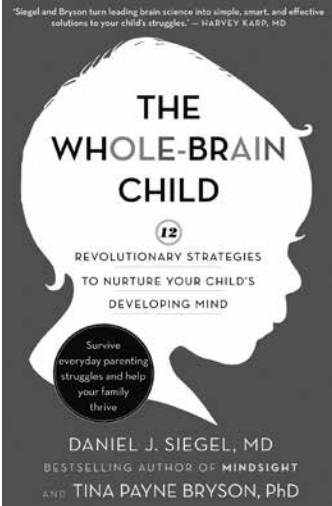
The effort to bring Dr. Tina Bryson to our neighborhood is rooted in our communities’ deep commitment to our children,” says Carly Carney owner of Beverly Yoga Center who spearheaded this effort.” I think as parents we all wish we had more insight into what happens with our children when they are having a hard time in life and how we can better connect and communicate with them.”

The Center for Psychological Services, St. Xavier University, Barbara Vick Early Childhood and Family Center, Keller Regional Gifted Center and Southtown Health Foods Store are sponsors for this event to make it free for our neighborhood residents.

During the month of March, the Beverly Yoga Center will be hosting book discussions to further enhance the seminar. Those dates will be released soon.

Books are available at the Beverly Yoga Center (1917 W. 103rd Street) and Southtown Health Foods (2100 W. 95th Street).

This event is free, but tickets are required. To reserve your ticket please visit www.beverlyyogacenter.com. If you have any questions about the event you may contact the Beverly Yoga Center at beverlyyogacenter1@me.com.



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On February 4, 2010, Marty Furlong was diagnosed with Stage IV Gastric/Stomach Cancer, at the age of 39. Marty had not been sick a day in his life and in fact had been the picture of health. This news was devastating!

After many tests and procedures, Marty began an extremely aggressive regimen of treatment. He underwent months of chemotherapy administered 24 hours a day and had surgery to remove his stomach and part of his esophagus. Unfortunately, the cancer continued to grow and spread. He flew down to Texas in search of a miracle. He enrolled in every clinical trial that was available and any experimental treatment that he could find. But, on February 27, 2012, Marty's courageous battle came to an end less than a week after ending treatment.

Marty was a lifelong resident of the South Side where he attended St. John Fisher Grammar School and then went on to Mount Carmel High School where he played baseball. In 1997, Marty married the love of his life, Tara (Henry). They settled in Evergreen Park and chose Most Holy Redeemer Parish to raise their family because it is a community built on faith and family values. Marty and Tara have four children - Grace, 13, Gillian 11, Olivia, 9 and Marty, Jr. 7.



Marty was an incredible husband and father. He was often seen outside with a smile on his face, while playing catch or basketball with his children, as well as many others from the neighborhood. Their house was

always full of kids, no matter how badly he felt. Unfortunately, Marty will never get to see his kids grow up. Tara is now left with the overwhelming task of raising their children alone while finding a way to financially support & educate her young family,

Most of us have been affected in some way by this horrific disease. Marty suffered for two years and in spite of the odds, was convinced he would beat this disease. He fought so hard to be here for his family. We will continue to FIGHT LIKE MARTY in his honor!

Family and friends of Marty are now hosting a benefit on March 2, 2013 at 115 Bourbon Street to assist in the continuing support and education of their four children. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at www.rememberingmarty.com. The committee is also looking for donations and sponsors of any kind (prizes, beverages, gifts, monetary donations). Thank you deeply for your generosity and support and look forward to seeing you on March 2, 2013.

Learn how to take care of neighborhood trees!

TreeKeepers is a program of Openlands, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing public open space in northeast Illinois.

Openlands is holding a 7 session training class to become a volunteer TreeKeeper.

Classes start March 2, 2013
at the Beverly Art Center.

Contact TreeKeeper Jim DeHorn at 312-863-6259 or pick up an application at the BAC



Barbara Vick
Early Childhood & Family Center

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Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Where: 115 Bourbon Street
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Green Sanctuary Group of the Beverly Unitarian Church,
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773-233-7080, Kelly McCarthy

The Green Sanctuary Group accepts household hazardous waste, including computer and electronics waste. The next collection date is Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 8:30am-11:00am



The following items will be accepted, on the condition that any hazardous chemicals are properly sealed: antifreeze, used motor oil, old gasoline, oil-based (NO latex, NO acrylic) paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, lawn chemicals, solvents, drain cleaners, cleaning products, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, mercury, fluorescent lamps and projector bulbs, and cell phones. This is a service that we will offer to residents of Beverly, Morgan Park and vicinity. Modest contributions to help offset transportation costs are appreciated.

We CANNOT accept any water based paints, Freon gas, incandescent bulbs, water soluble calk or mortar, land line or cordless phones, appliances, or bio-hazardous waste. We have to refuse these materials.

There will also be bins for eyeglasses, athletic shoes, cell phones and printer cartridges.

Village of Evergreen Park, 3225 W. 93rd Street
708-422-1551, Village Hall
evergreenpark-ill.com/archives/37/recyclingguide2012.pdf

Evergreen Park has an electronics recycling program and the collection site is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8-3. The village also lists local businesses on its website which collect all items from automobiles to televisions. Please contact the business to see if fees are charged.

Village of Oak Lawn, 5532 W. 98th Street
708-636-4400, www.oaklawn-il.gov

Electronic Waste Recycling Facility will take residentially generated electronics. The hauling of any and all items from your vehicle to the collection containers is your responsibility. For more information, please check the website.

Hours of Operation Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 2 pm – 4 pm & the 2nd Saturday of the month 10 am – noon.

City of Chicago, 1150 N. Branch Street
www.cityofchicago.org

The Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Facility accepts a range of items, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, solvents, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers and related equipment to name a few. It does NOT accept business/commercial sector wastes, explosives, fireworks or latex paint. Please review the full list of items in both categories before you visit.

The facility is open for drop-offs on the following days only:
Tuesdays 7 am – 12 pm Thursdays 2- 7 pm & 1st Saturday of every month 8 am – 3 pm

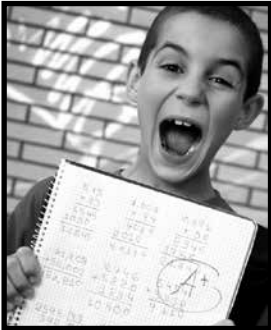
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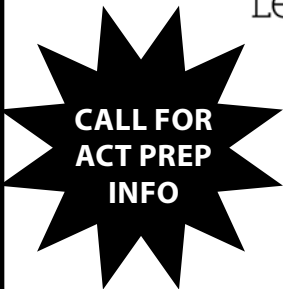
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Apprentices in the electrical construction program learn to assemble, install, maintain, and test electrical equipment and wiring systems in residential, commercial, and industrial settings. The apprentice program is five years in duration, and is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training. Registration will take place at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute (6201 W. 115th St.), Monday through Friday, March 4th - March 15th, from 9:00am-11:00am.

Apprentices in the communications program learn to install and maintain electronic and information systems in commercial, industrial, and residential set-

tings. Registration will take place at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute (6201 W. 115th St.), Monday through Friday, March 18th - March 29th, from 9:00-am-11:00am. Applicants who are selected into the program from this registration will begin classes in 2013.

All applicants must bring a valid driver's license and your original Social Security Card, along with the following documents that will be kept by EJATT: a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee; a copy of your U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S.

Passport, U.S. Citizenship or Naturalization, or Permanent Resident Alien Card; a copy of your high school transcript or diploma, or a GED certificate, (current high school seniors may register with acceptance contingent upon graduation); and a transcript that proves one full year of high school OR post-high school level algebra course (the GED math certification does not satisfy this requirement).

For more information, please visit www.ejatt.com.



Celebrating Community

By: Kathleen Walsh Mulcahy

I went traveling about the neighborhood this afternoon. I mailed a letter and greeted someone at the mailbox doing the same. I passed a funeral at a nearby church and said a prayer. I stopped in Calabria's to pick up a few specials of the week and saw long time friends eating lunch and we exchanged hugs. I continued on making many more stops. I went to Kean to get gas, County Fair for groceries, Standard Bank, a friend's home to drop off a contribution for the Wounded Warrior Project, Dance Gallery, the Ward Office, the Cemetery....During my travels I passed many schools, playgrounds, churches, the Beverly Art Center, Smith Village, Beacon Therapeutic Center and many small businesses that I had such a lovely time shopping in while preparing for the holidays.

Many residents cycle, walk or run our historic streets. They escape from the everyday routine and see all the beauty our community possesses. These people are present in our world. We all need to become more present in our neighborhood. Each and every one of us needs to build and foster the mission of community. It is no accident that we live here in this Village at this time.

When I arrived home I made some hot tea and read some of the past 19th Ward Quarterly publications. I made a list of the many businesses that were advertising in the Quarterly. I realized from my list that sometimes

I focus on what I want or what I don't have rather than acknowledging and utilizing what I already have accessible to me in my community. I have decided to visit a few businesses every time I travel away from my home and throughout the neighborhood.

My goal this New Year is to get to know my neighborhood business owners and their staff. These people are my neighbors too. We all need to become the story of our community. If you are with me so far, think about attending a CAPS meeting, start a neighborhood e mail for your neighbors and friends. Join the Beverly Art Center this year and see a film or take a class. Shop, eat and drink local when you venture out. Join Cash Mob. Inquire about the Deal of the Day. Be the gift of giving and support a local charity like I Am Who I Am, Special Olympics Chicago or the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. Volunteer to beautify our community in the Spring.

If you are a new resident stop in the Ward office and register to vote. Head over to BAPA and pick up information from the Staff that will be helpful in finding your way around the community.

We all need to be more open to the growth of ourselves and the growth of our community. When visiting businesses, along my way, I plan to visit the King - Lockhart Memorial Park on 106th and Western and give thanks for the many blessings that surround me every day in my Ward.



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