

# 19th WARD Quarterly

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Matthew J. O'Shea

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## 95th Street and Western Avenue Development to Undergo Renovations and Welcome New Tenants in Spring 2019

The commercial center at the southeast corner of 95th and Western Ave. will be redeveloped into a \$7 million reconfiguration project announced this month. Under this plan, the now vacant building at 2347-2353 W. 95th St. will be demolished later this year. The existing building, vacant since the departure of Potbelly Sandwich Works, will be a smaller, newly constructed commercial building at the corner of 95th and Western Ave. which will allow for an additional 18 parking spaces to the east. The reconfigured location will house a mix of new and existing tenants including a dental clinic, an upscale salon, and other health related users.

Following the demolition of the corner building, the parking lot will be reconfigured and repaved allowing for additional spaces. In

addition, a new access point from 95th Street will be created with right turn in and out of the center. This construction is expected to create approximately 40 jobs.

The development is presently leased at near capacity. Secured tenants include: Addus Healthcare, Aspen Dental, AT&T, and Sola Salon with two small retail spaces available. A letter of intent is currently signed with a sandwich shop for one of the two remaining locations.

"The modifications that will be

made to the existing building on the corner of 95th and Western will



help to ensure an easier access to the businesses located within the development, as well as the addition of much-needed parking spaces," said Matt O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward. "It will also bring in well-recognized businesses that have a strong existing customer base, for our residents to enjoy. My office

looks forward to working with the developer and the tenants to ensure their success moving forward."

The project is expected to be

completed in Spring 2019 or sooner.

"The 95th Street Business Association is looking forward to the implementation of the new design for the building at 95th and Western," said Erin Ross, president, 95th Street Business Association. "The changes will make this parcel an integral part of our business district on 95th Street."

"We are happy to be able to reposition the asset in a strong retail corridor with nationally recognized credit tenants," said Steve Panko, of Key Development Partners. "This corner will always be desirable."

For leasing information, please contact Pam Miskowicz or Lynn Bracket at CBRE at 630.573.7000.

For more information on the 95th Street development, please contact the 19th Ward office at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com) or 773.238.8766.

## Registration Now Open for the 10th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5k, Presented by CIBC Bank

Registration is now open for the 10th annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk, presented by CIBC Bank, on **Saturday, November 24**, beginning at 9 am at Christ The King School, located at 9240 S. Hoyne Ave. Participants will have the opportunity to run or walk the beautiful tree-lined streets of the historic North Beverly neighborhood. Proceeds from this year's 5K will once again benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation.

Runners and walkers of all ages and levels can register now for the 5K Run or Walk, Team Registration, or the untimed Family Walk, by visiting [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com). Those who register before November 1st, will be guaranteed a Beverly Hills Turkey Trot hooded sweatshirt. After November 1st, hooded sweatshirts will be available on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Registration and packet pick-up will also be available at the CIBC Bank

branch in Mt. Greenwood, located at 3052 West 111th Street, on November 16. Packet pick-up will also be available at Running Excels, located at 10328 S Western Ave., on Friday November 23.

### Registration fees are:

- 5K Run Individual, Adult (ages 20 and up): \$35 until race day, then \$40
- 5K Run Individual, Young Adult (ages 19-14): \$30 until race day, then \$35
- 5K Run Individual, Youth (ages 13 and under): \$25 until race day, then \$30
- 5K Untimed Walk Individual, Adult (ages 20 and up): \$35 until race day, then \$40
- 5K Untimed Walk Individual, Young Adult (ages 19-14): \$30 until race day, then \$35
- 5K Untimed Walk Individual, Youth (ages 13 and under): \$25 until race day, then \$30
- 5K Untimed Family Fun Walk (limit 4 sweatshirts): \$75 until Nov

16, \$80 starting Nov 17

The 5K will be chip-timed on a CARA certified 5K course, while the family walk will be untimed. Runners will be divided by age and gender according to CARA recommended guidelines, with awards given for each age group. All participants will receive a t-shirt and a gift bag.

"Over the last decade, the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot has evolved into an annual Thanksgiving weekend tradition," said Matt O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward and founder of the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. "It is a really fun and exciting day and helps to fund two great causes. I hope all our residents are able to join us this year, or cheer on the more than 2,000 people expected to participate."

The 19th Ward and Original Pancake House – Beverly – will host a pancake breakfast immediately following the race. Admission is \$5 per person; or \$25 for a family.

The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, also known as Live Like John, is one of the beneficiaries of this year's race. The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation was founded in 2012 by North Beverly residents Ed and Ann McNicholas, after their son John passed away from a brain tumor at the age of 15. The Foundation began with a sole

goal: to eradicate pediatric brain tumors. Since it began, the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation has pushed for the advancements in the care and treatment of pediatric brain tumors by facilitating better coordination of information between patients and providers, improving the quality of life for patients, and funding specifically targeted pediatric brain tumor research and treatment options with the ultimate goal of eradicating pediatric brain tumors.

The 19th Ward Youth Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports and hosts a wide variety of safe, healthy, educational youth activities for children in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood. All programs are made available at little or no cost to participants and are intended to help children and teens make new friends and stay active in the 19th Ward community. Some events include the Easter Egg Hunt, Children's Film Festival, Holiday Dodge Ball Tournament, Summer Movies in the Park, Beverly Hills Turkey Trot, Family Ice Skating Party, Paper Shredding Days, Pumpkin Patch, and support to countless community causes.

For more information on the 10th annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K, please visit [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com) or (773) 238-0288.

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# CAPS Meeting Calendar

## BEATS 2211 & 2212

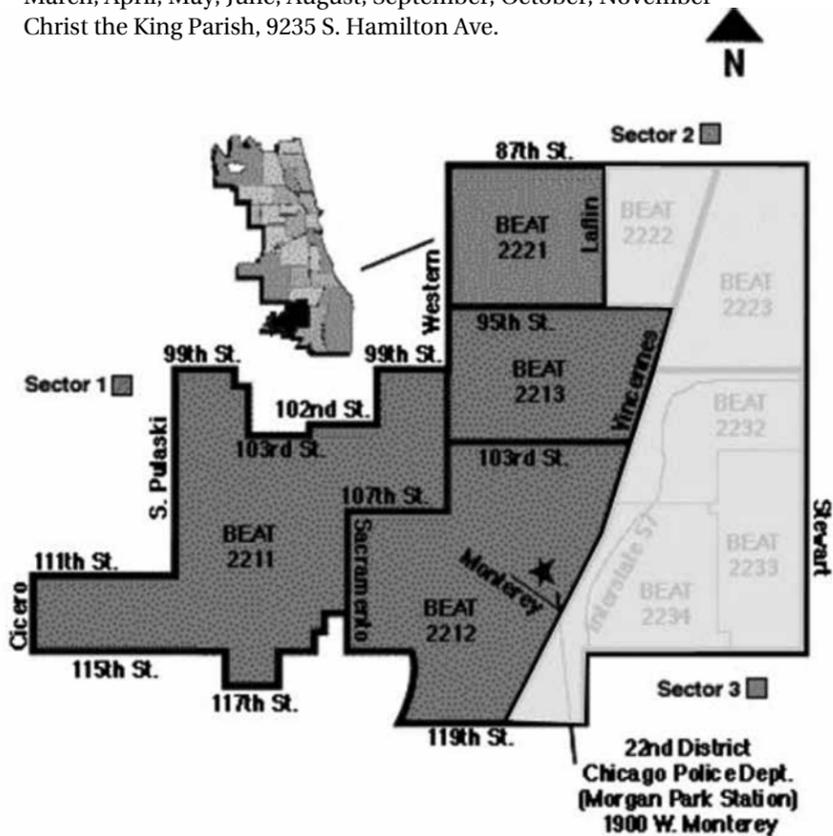
First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm  
 March, May, June, August, October, December  
 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

## BEAT 2213

Second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm  
 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, August, September, October, November  
 Christ the King Parish, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave.



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A publication for families of Beverly,  
 Morgan Park, and Mt. Greenwood  
**Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman**

### Beverly / Morgan Park Service Office

10400 S. Western Ave.  
 Chicago, IL 60643-2508  
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 (773) 672-5133 (fax)  
 colleen@the19thward.com

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### City Hall Office

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 Chicago, IL 60602  
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# 2019 \* \* \* \* Roof & Porch Repair Program

A grant program for income-eligible Chicago homeowners to make repairs on their roofs or porches. Interested parties must register in a lottery for a chance to apply for the funds.

### MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME (2018)

Size of Household	80% Area Median Income
1 person	\$47,400
2 people	\$54,200
3 people	\$60,950
4 people	\$67,700
5 people	\$73,150
6 people	\$78,550

### ONE-DAY LOTTERY REGISTRATION

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018  
 online at [www.cityofchicago.org/roofandporch](http://www.cityofchicago.org/roofandporch)  
 or call 311

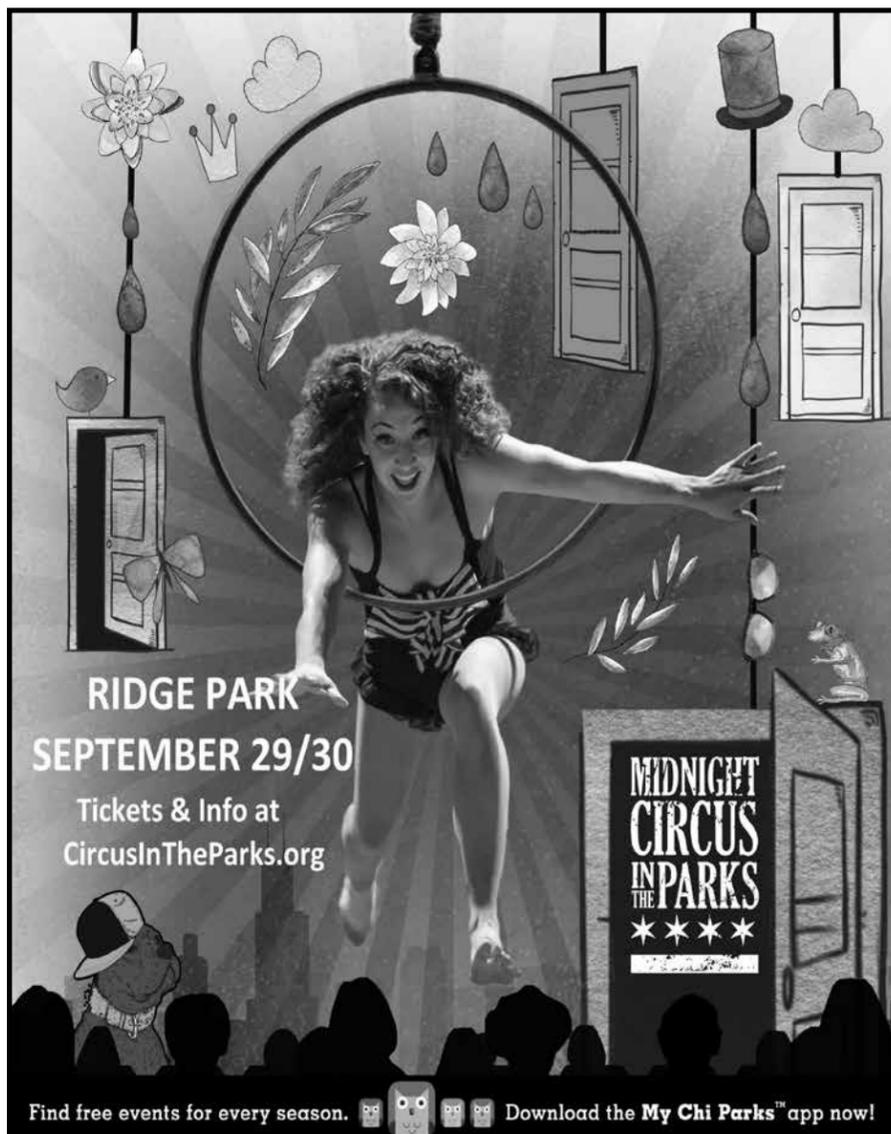
The lottery drawing will take place in late October at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Results will be posted online the following week.

### For more information

312-744-3653  
[www.cityofchicago.org/dpd](http://www.cityofchicago.org/dpd)  
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## SXU hosts 18th Annual Cougar 5K Walk/Run

The cougar community will be on the prowl again through the streets of Evergreen Park during Saint Xavier University's (SXU) 18th Annual Cougar 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 22. The race is a South Side trademark, and it attracts new yearly participants as well as the returning running enthusiasts. It is a tradition grounded in spirit, a benefit to the whole community. The Cougar 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. on SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 West 103rd Street. Runners, walkers and joggers will navigate the neighborhood and conclude on SXU's main campus.

The cost of pre-registration is \$35 for runners/walkers. For faculty, staff and alumni, the amount is \$30, and for students, the amount is \$25. There is a family rate for up to three people from the same immediate family, each additional member is \$20. Anyone who registers the day of the race will be charged an additional \$5, and the family rate option will not be available. Registration can be completed online at [www.sxu.edu](http://www.sxu.edu), keyword: cougar 5K.

**September 22, 2018**  
9 a.m.

Saint Xavier University  
3700 West 103rd Street  
Chicago, IL 60655

Each participant will get a long sleeve performance moisture wicking t-shirt. Shirts are 100% polyester and feel like cotton. Stop into the Shannon Center after August 15 to try on sizes.

Axion is the sponsor of the prize money that is awarded to the top three runners in men's and women's categories. First place winners receive \$150 each; those who come in second are given \$100 each; and the third-place participants get \$50 each. If contestants break a record, they will receive a \$100 award from Axion. The current record for women is 18:34, and 15:21 for men. SXU will also award the top three male and female winners for each age group with gold, silver or bronze medals.

The Cougar 5K is also one of four courses that are part of the "I Run Evergreen Park" Challenge for 2018. People who participate in at least three will receive a medal, a certificate and a \$10 Jimmy Johns gift card.

The 2018 Cougar 5K is sponsored in part by the presenting sponsor, Meijer; Axion, Country House and Northwest Credit Union, Athletico, Aquafina, Barraco's, Gilhooley's, GO Promotions, Impact Physical Therapy, Jackson Capital, Jimmy Johns, Kohl's Cares, Matrix, Running for Kicks, Sports and Ortho, Core Fitness, Lunettes Eye Care, Shannon Center members, SXU's Office of Alumni Relations, Devine Nutrition, KIND Bars, Wojos the Beverly Review and the Village of Evergreen Park.

For more information, please call the Cougar 5K hotline at 773-298-3592.

game changer, and we, along with health care professionals and researchers, are committed to finding a cure." Said Rugai. "It is imperative that these research efforts persist at an accelerated pace and that can only be done with your assistance and donations, because today, someone's mother, wife, sister, friend or neighbor will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The fight against breast cancer involves us all and with your support we will be victorious!"

Everyone is invited to come out and support the cause by joining a team, bidding on raffle prizes and coming to cheer on the ladies. A highlight of the day is the 3-inning survivor game where survivors playing maybe newly diagnosed or 25 years cancer free. While this game is fun, it is more about courage, strength, hope and faith, by playing they give back to others and share the strength of their journey.

Come out and join our team August 25th as we work to support Dr. Macleod in her important research that has the potential to save many lives and end breast cancer.

## Dunkin Donuts to Open Morgan Park Location

A Dunkin Donuts franchisee has filed an application to acquire the City owned land at 1955 W. Monterey Ave. (111th St. & the Metra line) with plans to build a new location. The current plans call for a 1490 square foot building with a drive through and ten parking spaces. The parking lot will also include landscape elements to enhance the appearance of the property.

The project has a projected budget of \$1.57 million dollars; should it move forward it will create approximately 25 construction jobs and 18-20 permanent jobs. The property's value has been ap-

praised at \$51,000 and the developer is requesting a land write down to acquire the parcel for \$1. Revenue estimates suggest that this business would generate approximately \$110,000 annually in sales tax and \$15,000 in property tax.

This project is still in its earliest stages. The application to acquire City land must still be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Commission, Plan Commission, and full City Council. That process alone is expected to take 4-6 months. No timeline for construction has been set.



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## 19th Ward Blood Drive - 9/30

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, Alderman Matt O'Shea and Lifesource will host a blood drive from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S Longwood Drive. Blood donors must be at least 18 years old (16 or 17 years old with signed parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good physical health. A Be The Match representative will also be on-site to provide information about marrow donation and you will have an opportunity to help save lives by joining the registry. Completion of a registration form and cheek swab will be done by those who wish to join.

Be sure to eat a healthy meal (low-fat and iron rich foods) at least two hours before donating blood and drink plenty of noncaffeinated beverages in the days leading up to

your donation. Do not smoke for at least one hour before donating and do not chew gum, mints or candy immediately before or during your appointment. Also, avoid exercise or strenuous activity before and immediately after donating. On the day of your donation, please make sure to bring a driver's license, passport, state ID, or birth certificate with accompanying photo ID. A student or employee ID with full name and photo are also accepted. You will also need a list of medications you are taking and list of places visited outside the United States in the past three years.

To avoid a significant wait time, reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com) using code 094B or by calling (773) 238-8766.

## Streetscape Improvements Continue on 95th Street

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Department of Transportation recently announced plans to extend streetscape improvements on 95th Street from Damen Ave. to Wood St. Funding for the project has been secured and design is underway. The third phase of the 95th Street streetscape project will build upon the success of the first two sections of the 95th Street streetscape with construction beginning in the spring of 2019.

When designing new projects, CDOT uses a Complete Streets approach that prioritizes safety and accessibility for all users of the right of way.

**The 95th Street project highlights include:**

- Full width roadway resurfacing
- New curb and gutter
- New sidewalk with ADA ramps
- Sidewalk parkway pavers
- Site furnishings including bike racks and waste containers
- New shade trees
- New decorative street lighting with energy efficient, LED light
- Light Pole Community Identifiers
- In ground sidewalk planters
- Decorative Stamped crosswalks

# Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment - 10/18

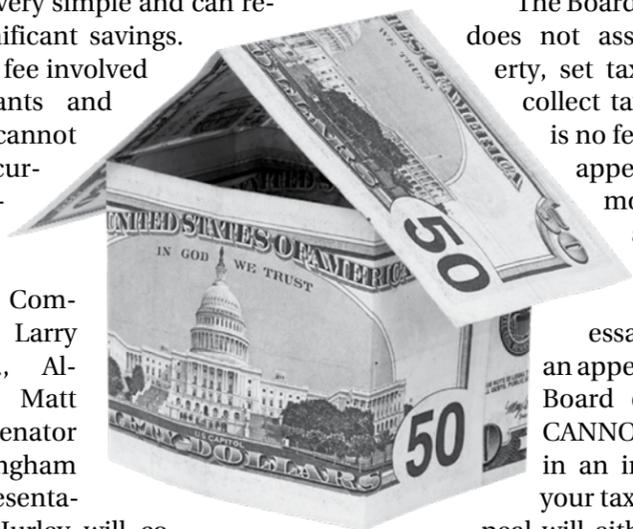
The Cook County Board of Review is now accepting property tax appeal applications for homeowners in our community for 2018 taxes (payable in 2019). The appeal paperwork is very simple and can result in significant savings. There is no fee involved for applicants and appealing cannot increase current assessments.

Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers Jr., Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham and Representative Fran Hurley will co-host an appeal assistance night on Thursday, October 18th, 6:30 pm at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. 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, you can also file an appeal online at <http://www.cook-countyboardofreview.com/>.

If you have any questions, contact Colleen White in Alderman O'Shea's office at (773) 238-8766 or [colleen@the19thward.com](mailto:colleen@the19thward.com).

The Board of Review does not assess property, set tax rates, or collect taxes. There is no fee to file an appeal, and in most cases an attorney is not necessary. Filing an appeal with the Board of Review CANNOT result in an increase in your taxes; the appeal will either reduce

your taxes or leave them at the current level. Board of Review complaint forms can be obtained at the office of Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr. in the Cook County Building located at 118 N. Clark St. - Room 601. They may also be found and filed on the Board of Review website at: [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com). For more information about appealing property taxes, contact Commissioner Rogers' office at (312) 603-5540. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm.



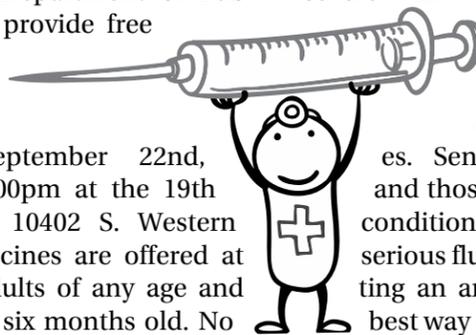
# Free Flu Shots - 9/22

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, September 22nd, 10:00am - 3:00pm 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.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness. The most serious cases can result in hospitalization or even death in extreme cases. Senior citizens, children and those with serious health conditions are at a high risk of serious flu complications. Getting an annual flu shot is the best way to prevent the illness.

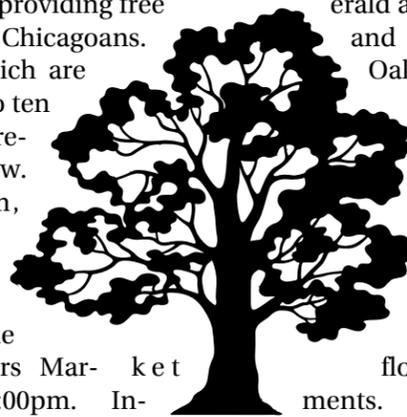
For more information, please contact (773) 238-8766 or [ward19@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward19@cityofchicago.org).



# Free Oak Saplings

This Fall, Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District are providing free oak saplings to all Chicagoans. These saplings, which are approximately six to ten inches tall, can be reserved online at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com), and will be available for pickup on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at the 95th Street Farmers Market from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Instructions for planting and care will also be provided.

The tree population throughout the City has been decimated by emerald ash borer infestations and extreme weather. Oak trees help provide an energy saving green canopy for the community and help absorb rainwater that might otherwise flow into the sewer system and possibly flood residential basements. A medium size oak tree can absorb up to 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year.



# Farmers Market

The 95th Street Farmers Market continues through the end of October with the last market for the season taking place on October 28, 2018. Operating each Sunday in the commuter lot at 95th and Longwood Drive from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., the market offers something for everyone. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Beverly Bank, the market offers live music each week from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The 19th Ward Youth Foundation, Fran Hurley, and Bill Cunningham sponsor complimentary face painting from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Southtown Health Foods sponsors children's activities like Erin's Farm. Support from Alderman Matt O'Shea, BAPA, and Pacor Mortgage allow us to offer other experiences at the market. A complete schedule of events is outlined on the 95th Street Business Association website. The redesigned

website also offers an application for the Community Tent if your organization is interested in applying to occupy the tent and share information with our community. Please visit [www.95thstreetba.org](http://www.95thstreetba.org) to learn more about upcoming events at the market, peruse our list of vendors, and apply for the Community Tent.

We are also excited to host local chef, Alvin Green, for a cooking demonstration at the market. Alvin will prepare dishes using ingredients from the vendors at the 95th Street Farmers Market. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us on Sunday, September 16, 2018, to watch Alvin work his culinary magic. We will share more details on our 95th Street Farmers Market page and on our website as the date approaches. Please be sure to like our 95th Street Farmers Market page on Facebook.



## 19<sup>th</sup> WARD MT. GREENWOOD TOWN HALL MEETING

THURS., OCT. 25, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR  
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
3857 W. 111TH ST.

Please join us for a discussion of community events. Representatives from various government agencies will also be present to address any concerns or questions you may have.

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## Donations Sought for 9-11 Steel Project

On November 2, 2012 Chicago Fire Department Captain Herbert "Herbie" Johnson died tragically in the line of duty. Following his death, the New York City Fire Department presented a steel beam from the World Trade Center to the City of Chicago in recognition of Herbie's work organizing volunteers to travel to ground zero in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Now, Herbie's friends and family are raising funds to have that steel installed artistically, in his honor, at King Lockhart Park (10609 S. Western Ave).

Once completed, this project will honor Captain Herbie Johnson and all first responders. Our community is home to countless fire and police families. It is fitting that this beam be on display here, as a reminder to all residents of the incredible sacri-

fices made by our first responders.

It is our hope that you might consider financially supporting this endeavor. The project has a \$30,000 budget and will be a permanent tribute to those who put their lives on the line each day to keep us safe. Donations can be made payable to the Chicago Parks Foundation at mailed to the 19th Ward Office - 10400 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60643.

Through a collaboration with the Chicago Park District Foundation, a 501-(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. It is our hope you can join us in honoring Herbie, and all first responders. Any consideration of our efforts is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or ideas for fundraising, please email [mattoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:mattoshea@the19thward.com).



*Steel beam recovered from the Twin Towers after 9/11 that will be used for a Memorial in King Lockhart Park*

## Clinics Help Residents Save on Utility Bills

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is hosting two free clinics to help 19th Ward residents learn ways to reduce their utility bills by potentially hundreds of dollars a year. The event is in association with the 19th Ward Public Service Office of Ald. Matthew O'Shea.

Attendees should bring copies of their gas, electric and phone bills for a free one-on-one analysis with one of CUB's experts. CUB's utility bill clinics will be:

**11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Thursday, September 6**  
19th Ward Office  
10400 S. Western Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60643

**Note:** Space is limited! To reserve your spot, please call CUB at 312-263-4282, ext. 11, or email CUB at [events@citizensutilityboard.org](mailto:events@citizensutilityboard.org) using the subject line "Chicago 9/6".

**6 p.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Monday, September 24**  
19th Ward Office  
10400 S. Western Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60643

**Note:** Space is limited! To reserve your spot, please call CUB at 312-263-4282, ext. 111, or email CUB at [events@citizensutilityboard.org](mailto:events@citizensutilityboard.org) using the subject line "Chicago 9/24".

CUB will give consumers information on:

- How to spot unnecessary charges on natural gas, electric and phone bills.
- Energy efficiency programs and rebates that can help people cut their utility bills.
- Programs such as Peak Time Savings and Hourly Pricing that could save consumers money.
- How to avoid scams from alternative electric and gas suppliers and make the right choices in Illinois' energy markets.
- CUB services, including its toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-669-5556.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, it has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, 1-800-669-5556, or visit its award-winning website, [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org).

## Chicago Board of Elections Seeking Election Judges

The Chicago Board of Elections is seeking interested individuals to serve as election judges for the Primary Election on November 6, 2018. Election judges administer election procedures in polling places and ensure that voters' rights are protected and respected on Election Day. Election judges receive pay for their services.

Election judges are the officials responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct polling place. Responsibilities include opening the polling place and setting up the voting equipment by 5 am on Election Day; conducting a fair, impartial and secure election in the polling place; and tabulating the vote totals for the precinct and transmitting the results to the Election Central after the polls close at 7 pm.

"Election judges serve an incredibly important role in our democratic process, by ensuring an unbiased and uncompromised voting location," said Alderman O'Shea. "Being an Election Judge is a great way for people to not only meet residents of their community, but also take an active role in the election process."

Among the requirements to become a Judge of Election, individuals must:

- Be registered voters in Cook County (U.S. citizens at least 18 years of age);
- Be able to speak, read and write English; be able to perform basic math;
- Be of good understanding and capable;
- Not be a committeeman, precinct captain or candidate and must agree not to serve as a judge if they become one;
- Notify the Board of Elections if a person who shares his or her residence becomes a candidate, and must not serve as a judge in that election in any precinct where that candidate is on the ballot;
- Be of good repute and character and not a registered sex offender anywhere in the United States and not have committed a crime that would require registering as a sex offender anywhere in the United States,

Election judges who have completed training are paid \$190 for their service. Those who do not complete training are paid \$140.

To become an election judge, interested residents should apply at <https://chicagoelections.com/en/serving-as-a-judge-of-election.html>

For more information on being an Election Judge, please visit [www.chicagoelections.com](http://www.chicagoelections.com)

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## Morgan Park High School Sees Changes Ahead of 2018-2019 School Year

There is always a buzz around schools come August, but this year the buzz at Morgan Park High School (MPHS) is noticeably different. The reason for that stems from the fact that there is a new principal at MPHS, Beverly resident Dr. Femi Skanes. Skanes comes to MPHS after spending six years as the principal at Al Raby High School in Garfield Park. Although officially hired on April 30th, in May and June Skanes was tasked with splitting time between both schools to help the new principal at Al Raby transition while simultaneously getting started at MPHS. Since July, she has been busy getting MPHS ready for students' first day of school on Tuesday, September 4th.

Joining Skanes in this work is a team of three assistant principals; Mr. Daniel Buys, Ms. Kai Erquhart, and Mrs. Lakeya Poston. All three bring a different combination of experience and skills to the table that will compliment and build upon the recent accomplishments at MPHS. The biggest priority of the new administrative team is to streamline all of the good work happening at MPHS.

This starts with the continued

support of students. At Al Raby, Skanes championed a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) that was widely recognized throughout the city. That same model will be adopted at MPHS. This closely relates to the second priority of instilling a school culture and climate where all students feel safe and welcome. As a wall-to-wall International Baccalaureate (IB) school, there will be a focus on continuing to push the instructional rigor and academic excellence to new heights. Simultaneously, there is a mission to maintain the athletic excellence of recent years, while also ensuring that students have equally impressive non-athletic extracurricular activities to join.

All of these goals will be accomplished through constant collaboration with both parents and the community. No strong school can operate without both of these key components. Above all else, there is a renewed mission at MPHS to ensure that every student and family in the neighborhood feels as if Morgan Park High School is their first and best choice for a quality education to prepare them for wherever their paths in life take them.



## High School Admissions 101: A Seminar for Parents

Attention parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Now is the time to start your search for the right high school. Alderman Matt O'Shea will host High School Admissions 101, a seminar designed to help guide parents through the high school selection process on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00pm at Clissold Elementary School, 2350 W. 110th Place. Representatives from Chicago Public Schools will be on hand to explain the process for applying to selective enrollment high schools. Additional information will be provided about the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences and Morgan Park High School.

19th Ward families have a lot of choices when it comes to high school. How can you make sure the school you choose is the right fit for your student? Speakers will explain the CPS application process, provide an overview of the private school admissions process, give guidelines for how to choose a school that is a good fit for your child, explain criteria for various public and private high school programs, offer tips on navigating open houses and high school shadow days, and more.

Space is limited and reservations are appreciated. Adults only please. Reservations can be made at [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com).

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# O'Shea Named President of Special Olympics Chicago

SCC/Special Olympics Chicago (SOC) announces Matt O'Shea, has been named president of the organization, effective immediately. O'Shea has served on the Board of Directors of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago since 2015, and will replace Kevin Magnuson, who completed his two-year term in mid-March as president of the organization. Magnuson remained in an interim position, as president, to lead the organization through the 50th Anniversary celebration, which concluded Saturday evening.

As president, which is a volunteer position, O'Shea will be responsible for overseeing the operations, fundraising efforts, and corporate sponsorships to support Special Olympics Chicago programs and events. He will also be responsible for continuing to increase the awareness of the organization to the public, as well as assisting in recruiting new athletes and growing the program in the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District.

O'Shea is the Alderman of the city's 19th Ward which is home to hundreds of athletes with disabilities who attend the Mt. Greenwood Park Special Recreation program and the Chicago Agricultural High School for the Sciences. O'Shea has been one of the top fundraisers for the Chicago Polar Plunge, the organization's largest fundraiser of the year. He has dived into the icy waters of Lake Michigan each March since the event began in 2000, and has actively recruited thousands of high school students and city officials to participate. He is also an avid runner, and has been a part of the Special Olympics Chicago Marathon team for several years. He has also participated in the Midway Fly



Away 5K each September since it began five years ago.

"I am truly honored to be appointed as president of this incredible organization that changes the lives of thousands of people with intellectual disabilities and their families, each and every day," said O'Shea. "Special Olympics has been incredibly important to myself and my community over the last several decades. I have seen first-hand how the organization strives to provide memorable experiences for our athletes. As president, I will continue the work of my predecessors and will focus on doing what is in the best interest of our athletes. We currently have 7500 athletes who actively participate in the Chicago program, and it is my hope to grow the program, by expanding programming at the Chicago Park District and Chicago

Public Schools."

Special Olympics was founded in the city of Chicago at Soldier Field on July 20, 1968, and has since become a world-wide organization with nearly five million athletes in over 170 countries.

This past week, Chicago became the epicenter of a nearly week-long celebration from July 17-21, in honor of the organization's 50th Anniversary. Scheduled activities included the first-ever unified cup tournament, a star-studded concert featuring Chance The Rapper, Usher, Francis & The Lights, Jason Mraz, Smokey Robinson, and Daya, a Global Day of Inclusion, and the dedication of a Special Olympics Eternal Flame of Hope at Soldier Field.

A lifelong 19th Ward resident, O'Shea lives in West Beverly with his wife Cara, and his children, Brigid, Patrick and Eileen.

## 95th Street Fall Fest - 10/6

The 95th Street Business Association is excited to announce the return of Fall Fest on 95th Street! The event sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea, Beverly Area Planning Association and the 95th Street Business Association will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 12-3 p.m. in the Barraco's parking lot, 2105 W. 95th Street. The event features several activities for



kids including complimentary face painting, crafts, and Erin's Farm. Joel Barr will provide live music for your entertainment, and we will feature college football games on the televisions located inside the cafe area. Barraco's will sell pizza by the slice, and we will have some local artisans selling their products as well. Please plan to bring the family for a fun afternoon on 95th Street!

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# Cunningham: Legislative session boosts college affordability for middle class

The state's recently adopted budget and a series of related legislative measures will help hold the line on rising college costs for Illinois families, according to State Senator Bill Cunningham.

"Higher education was a major casualty of Illinois' budget stand-off during the first two and half years of the Rauner administration," Cunningham said. "Our community colleges and state universities were denied state funding, which forced students and their parents to shoulder additional costs. We desperately needed to undo both the financial harm and repetitional damage that was suffered by our campuses. Thankfully, the bipartisan budget the legislature agreed to this spring will do just that."

The new fiscal year budget, which was approved by large majorities from both parties in the General Assembly and signed by Governor Rauner, will increase higher education funding by \$60 million. The commitment of new state funding was welcome relief at campuses throughout the state, which received between zero and 50 percent of their normal state appropriations during the budget crisis. Thanks to the new funding, administrators of several state schools, including the

University of Illinois, announced they would hold tuition flat next school year.

The General Assembly took a step further in creating tuition relief by establishing a new scholarship program specifically designed for middle class students, most of whom don't qualify for financial aid packages that are primarily intended for low income students. The AIM HIGH Grant Program will be a merit-based scholarship for Illinois residents with qualifying GPAs and test scores who wish to attend public universities and colleges in Illinois.

"Middle class families in Illinois struggle now more than ever to afford college tuition for their kids, but they are often told their income is 'too high' to qualify for certain grants and scholarships," Cunningham said. "The AIM HIGH Grant is designed for these families. It is merit based and it is available for students who come from families with incomes up to \$150,000 a year."

The new scholarship program will be backed by \$25 million in state funds annually. In addition to providing financial help, the AIM HIGH program is intended to encourage Illinois students to stay "in-state"

and attend Illinois schools. Studies show a growing number of Illinois students are attending college in neighboring states, where many universities have discounted tuition in order to lure Illinois students.

The General Assembly also made a key change to the rules of an existing state scholarship, the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Currently, the state's MAP tuition grants are provided to students on a year-to-year basis. The rule change will allow the grant award to cover the entire four years of college (provided the student maintains good grades,) which will help provide cost certainty. Out-of-state colleges have been able to attract Illinois' MAP-eligible students with full, four-year scholarship offers, so the new rules will make it easier for Illinois schools to compete for Illinois students.

Cunningham was the chief senate sponsor of another piece of legislation designed to protect college savings plans and allow families flexibility to spend their savings on disability-related expenses if their child has special needs. House Bill 4751 limits the management fees the State Treasurer's office can charge on the Bright Start and Bright Direction funds, and it updates state



tax law to align Illinois with recent changes to the federal tax code, allowing contributions to college savings plans to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

To help families faced with unexpected costs relating to disabilities, the measure also allows college savings account owners to roll funds into an Illinois ABLE account without incurring tax penalties. Illinois ABLE is a tax-advantaged investment program that provides persons with disabilities the option to save for disability-related expenses without putting their federal means-tested benefits at risk.

"If circumstances change and college is no longer a goal, families dealing with the burden of disability expenses need to have the option to tap into their Bright Start or Bright Direction funds," Cunningham said.

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## 65th Korean War Armistice observance at Kennedy Park made possible, thanks to support from local community

Thanks to the support of the local community and several sponsors, an event organized by Windy City Veterans, Chicago's 19th Ward and Smith Senior Living drew more than 150 Korean War veterans, other veterans and their families from across Northeast Illinois and Indiana to mark the 65th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to stop the Korean War. The observance took place on Saturday morning, July 28, at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Ave.

"Kennedy Park, right across the street from Smith Village, is home to the country's first monument to Korean War Veterans. Both Smith Crossing and Smith Village are hon-

ored to recognize all veterans and especially those who call our communities their homes," said Kevin McGee, president and CEO of Smith Senior Living, sponsor of Smith Village, 2320 W. 113th Place, and Smith Crossing in Orland Park.

The tribute to Korean War veterans included a picnic for everyone who attended the ceremony thanks to the generosity of Jewel, Fat Tommy's, Smith Crossing and Smith Village. During the ceremony, a wreath, donated by Steuber Florist & Greenhouses, was placed at the monument, and new flags donated by Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center, were raised at the monument.

Smith staff helped produce the event and appreciated all the assistance from the staff at Kennedy Park and the 19th Ward, according to McGee. "Expressing our gratitude for Korean War veterans and all veterans and military personnel was especially important during these times," McGee added.

The observance commenced with the arrival of a motorcycle caravan of Patriot Honor Riders from Alsip's VFW Post 450 escorting Korean War vets from the Illinois State Veterans Home-Manteno. Held in front of a stone monument that is the first ever dedicated to Korean



Veterans salute the American and Republic of Korea flags. Photo by Russ Ingram

War veterans, the observance included raising of U.S. and Republic of Korea flags, laying a wreath provided by Steuber Florist, as well as remarks from an array of dignitaries representing the U.S. Marines, local veterans' organizations and the countries of Turkey, the Philippines and Republic of Korea.

Said Illinois Veterans Affairs Director Stephen Curda, "We're here to salute all who served in the Korean War." U.S. Marines saluted the contributions of the fallen, wounded and veterans from 17 allied nations—Republic of Korea, the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Turkey, Columbia, Australia, Philippines, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Greece, Thailand, France, Belgium, South Africa, Netherlands

and Luxembourg—as represented in the ceremony's roll call Flag of Nations.

Curda and several veterans advocated for U.S. Congressional Bill HR-5222 to collectively award the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal to all combat veterans who served in the Korean War.

A Chicago Fire Department hook and ladder truck outfitted with a huge American flag and a Veterans Garage's display of vehicles from the Korean War added to the spirit of patriotism with a bagpiper playing God Bless America and a bugler who blew Taps. And Beverly native Joe Werner, who helped establish Veterans Garage, brought authentic vehicles used in the Korean War to display at Kennedy Park.



Representing local elected officials, Illinois State Rep. Fran Hurley (D-35th District), right, talks with Paul M. Van Halteren, honorary consul of the Consulate of the Kingdom of Belgium, at the recent Korean War veterans' observance. Photo by Russ Ingram.



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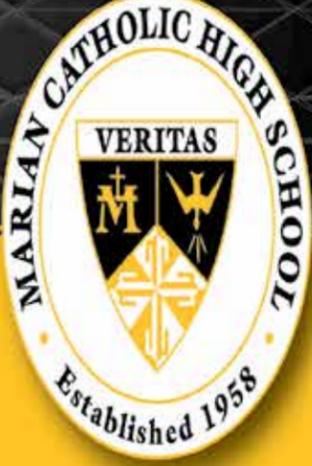
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# BAPA: Supporting Our Community

## Fun With A Purpose

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The Beverly/Morgan Park Home Tour showcases beautiful homes to potential home buyers; the Ridge Run and Memorial Day Parade bring thousands of athletes and spectators to the historic district to show off the community's rich architecture and outstanding lifestyle; and events like Family Fun Nights and the Beverly Hills Cycling Classic/Bikes and Brews Festival are designed to boost community connection.

Three upcoming events – Sip n' Shop (Thurs., Sept. 20), Tap Into BAPA Pub Crawl (Sat., Nov. 3) and the Holiday Cookie Crawl (Sat., Dec. 8) – are designed to bring customers to neighborhood commercial strips to learn more about local establishments and foster shopping locally.

The Sip and Shop was premiered last year by BAPA and the Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association to rave reviews from shoppers and business owners. This year the 19th Ward Office will join in planning and presenting the event on the third Thursday of September. Businesses in the train station districts at 99th and 103rd Streets will participate in the event that features special sales, beverage and food tastings, music and more. A modest admission fee covers all the goodies and give-aways.

On Sat., Nov. 3, the Tap Into BAPA pub crawl fund raiser returns to Western Avenue. The late afternoon/evening event opens the doors to several pubs and bars which will each be serving drink specials. Live music, food and fun will also be served up at this congenial event for the 21-and-over crowd.

BAPA invites area families to sweeten up the spirit of the season at the 3rd Annual Holiday Cookie



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BAPA and the 19th Ward Office are working with the Chicago Architecture Foundation to make Beverly/Morgan Park a destination neighborhood for the citywide Open House Chicago architecture tour on Oct. 13 and 14. Several sites not usually open to the public will be featured on Open House Chicago and volunteers are now being recruited to help out at the neighborhood locations. For information on the benefits of becoming a volunteer and a volunteer application visit [openhousechicago.org/volunteer](http://openhousechicago.org/volunteer).

Every year, 800+ volunteers help BAPA welcome more than 10,000 people to Beverly/Morgan Park for community events. Whether you join us as a helper or a reveler, don't miss out the fun! Keep up with event details at [www.bapa.org](http://www.bapa.org), in The Villager or with The Villager Weekly Report enews. Info: 773-233-3100 or [bapa@bapa.org](mailto:bapa@bapa.org).

Founded in 1947, BAPA is a community-based not-for-profit organization located at 1987 W. 111th St.



## BAPA Expands Trades Referral Program for Area Businesses

Since the 1970s, the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) has been connecting area residents with local tradespeople when they need help maintaining and repairing their homes.

"Every day we get calls from people looking for a reliable local business to hire for small and large jobs," said BAPA Executive Director Susan Flood. "People trust BAPA and trust the businesses we recommend."

BAPA is currently accepting applications for trades referrals listings from carpenters, contractors, roofers, electricians, plumbers, painters, plasterers, handymen, exterminators, landscapers and more.

The popular trades referral program requires that participating businesses provide three letters of recommendation from local customers, and be fully licensed and insured. Businesses that receive complaints are subject to being removed from the list.

For area residents looking for tradespeople recommended by their neighbors, BAPA's referrals are available at [www.bapa.org](http://www.bapa.org) under business resources or by calling 773-233-3100 weekdays during business hours. Business owners interested in applying can email [bapa@bapa.org](mailto:bapa@bapa.org) or call 773-233-3100 for information and applications.



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# A New Direction Hosts Fall Benefit

A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park (AND), the community local domestic violence agency, will host its 2018 fundraiser on October 27th at Ridge Country Club, 10522 South California, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Musical entertainment, open bar and hors d'oeuvres highlight this annual event, along with a grand raffle and silent auction. The annual ANDi award also will be presented during the evening to Shelton Matsey and the staff at Fit-Code for their outstanding support of AND during the annual Work Out to Wipe Out Benefit Day.

AND provides confidential counseling and advocacy services at no charge to victims of domestic violence as they navigate their journey to safety. Most of AND's client are from Beverly, Morgan Park, Mt. Greenwood, and the surrounding suburbs. AND's vision is to have every home be safe and free of domestic violence and abuse.

The benefit is AND's largest fundraiser of the year and all money generated helps the agency sustain their services, including Legal Advocacy, Education and Counseling Services, the Children's Therapy Services and the Teen Outreach Program. The Legal Advocacy and Counseling Services are under the leadership of Rita Ryan, an Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional with over 30 years of experi-

ence. AND's Children's Therapy Services work to break the cycle of domestic violence by counseling children who witness abuse or experience it firsthand. AND's children's therapist has 15 years of experience and specializes in the impact of trauma in children and adolescents.

The Teen Outreach Program, developed by AND Board member Marie Ferro Lusk, began with presentations at Mother McAuley and St. Rita High School. Lusk is working to expand the program and visit several other local high schools this fall. With one in three adolescents becoming a victim of abuse from a dating partner, this early intervention program seeks to educate teens about healthy relationships.

In addition to agency services, A New Direction Beverly Morgan Park continues its efforts to create awareness about

domestic violence outside the community. AND Board President, Jessica McCarihan, along with 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea, serve on the Chicago Says No More's Steering Committee. Through Chicago Says No More's Listen. Support. Connect program, McCarihan also has provided one-hour train-

ings to salon professionals to help them recognize signs of domestic violence in their clients and help them connect to domestic violence resources. This program is one of the first of its kind in the country.

Currently, AND is looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor the event or to donate items for the silent auction. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Monica Carey at [monica@anewdirectionbmp.org](mailto:monica@anewdirectionbmp.org) or Jessica McCarihan, [Jessica@anewdirectionbmp.org](mailto:Jessica@anewdirectionbmp.org).



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# Smith Village resident, author encourages parents to support young readers

For many years, Jane Hurley made her home on Air Force bases and in small villages in Germany, Italy and England. In these places, she raised her six children—Ellen, Jane Ann, William, Michael, Patrick and Matthew—while her husband, William, served in the Air Force. William Hurley, now deceased, eventually retired as a brigadier general.

As a mother, Jane Hurley always regarded reading essential to her children's education—no matter where her family was living. As a retired educator and author, she hopes to encourage parents to foster a love of reading that will serve children throughout their lives.

Hurley grew up on Chicago's South Side. She earned a bachelor's degree in European History and master's degree in Education from DePaul University, and a second master's degree in Library Science/Research from Chicago State University. In addition to teaching education courses at a U.S. Air Force branch of Troy University (Alabama, USA) in Germany, Hurley taught education at Loyola University Chicago.

With the new school year on the horizon, Hurley offers tips for encouraging children to read:

1. Use formats kids like—whether that's colorful bound picture books, chapter books, children's magazines or a tablet offering access to eBooks and other reading materials.
2. Help children select books and articles about subjects and people they find interesting. Their eagerness to learn more will naturally strengthen reading skills.
3. Give subscriptions to book clubs and magazines as presents.
4. Provide a quiet place or atmosphere for reading and set aside a regular time of the day for relaxation and reading.
5. Make regular trips to your local bookstore and library.
6. Accompany young children to library story time activities.
7. Encourage children to discuss and share books with their friends. Encourage them to join or form a book discussion club for young readers.
8. If you belong to a book discussion group, suggest the group read and discuss a children's selection and invite your children to attend.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Hurley and her husband authored books about U.S. history for elementary schools that were distributed nationwide. For example, *Afro-Americans: Then and Now*, published in 1969, featured profiles about Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Chicago's first permanent resident; Percy Julian, one of the most influential chemists in American history; Ethel Waters, singer and actress; and Gwendolyn Brooks, poet laureate of Illinois.

Hurley and her family eventually settled in Oak Park and later Palos Heights. She moved to Smith Village in December 2016. One of her favorite pastimes is conversing with fellow residents over dinner. She also enjoys flower arranging, watching movies, attending musical events. She attends daily rosary sessions at Smith Village.

Four of Hurley's children live nearby and visit frequently. She has 11 grandchildren.

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Smith Village is sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924. The life plan community, located at 2320 W. 113th Place in Beverly Morgan Park, provides spacious residences and engaging programs



*Smith Village resident Jane Hurley, a retired educator and author, encourages parents to foster a love of reading in their children. She also enjoys flower arranging. Photo by Smith Village*

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