

19th WARD Quarterly

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

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10th Annual Turkey Trot

The 10th annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk, presented by CIBC Bank, returns on Saturday, November 24th, offering participants the opportunity to walk or run the beautiful tree-lined streets of the historic North Beverly neighborhood. The race kicks off at 9 am at 9201 S. Hamilton Ave. Proceeds from this year's 5K will once again benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation.

More than 2,000 participants are expected to take part in the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K, which has been an annual Thanksgiving weekend tradition for families with children of all ages, for a decade. On the morning of the Turkey Trot, 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.

Runners and walkers of all ages and levels can register now or on-site for the 5K Run or Walk, Team registration, or the untimed Family Walk, by visiting www.the19thward.com.

10th ANNUAL
Beverly Hills Turkey Trot
5K RUN & FAMILY WALK
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018



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 long-sleeved race t-shirt and a goody bag.

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

CIBC Bank to Rebuild Mt. Greenwood Branch

CIBC plans to break ground on a new banking center in spring 2019 to replace the current facility at 3052 W. 111th St. The new building will be built next to the current CIBC location, and will replace it upon completion. There will be no interruption in service while construction is ongoing.



The new building will continue to offer a full range of services including personal bankers, drive-up lanes and an ATM, but will be upgraded to a more modern look and feel in keeping with the recent revitalization of 111th street. Another feature of the new construction will be a community room, which will allow CIBC to host and participate in community events after regular bank hours.

"We are excited by the commu-

nity-oriented features of our new construction," said Helen Socha, Head of Retail Banking, CIBC, "the

new building will be in keeping with the direction we've seen 111th street take over the past few years with increasing walkability and new development. We look forward to the increased opportunities our new building and

community room will give us to host events accessible to the entire community, and to participate in events like the annual holiday stroll."

CIBC is a frequent participant in local events, including the annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot. We are pleased to welcome CIBC bank for a 10th year as Turkey Trot presenting sponsor. For more information about CIBC, visit their website at CIBC.com/us.

Esmond & Mt. Greenwood Elementary Schools Annex & Renovation Projects Near Completion

Annexes at Esmond Elementary School and Mt. Greenwood Elementary School are being built in the Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood neighborhoods respectively. Both annexes are on schedule and

will be complete by January 2019.

The two-story 20,000-square-foot annex at Esmond Elementary School in the Morgan Park community will replace a deteriorating stand-alone modular building. The annex will include a standard classroom, computer lab, science lab, art room with storage, library, dining room, hybrid kitchen and dining

area, administrative office, bathrooms, building storage, an elevator and building support space. The project will also include a renovated parking lot, load area, refuse enclosure, storm water management infrastructure, a new outdoor playground, community garden, and a turf field. Renovations to the existing building include a new roof and repairs to the exterior envelope.

Electrical and Communications wiring is in process, while door frames, drywall and roof installation is nearing completion. Brick installation has begun and is on schedule.

The two-story 27,000-square-foot annex at Mt. Greenwood Elementary School in the Mount Greenwood community will house thirteen standard classrooms, a science lab, offices, storage and utility rooms, bathrooms and an elevator. The project also includes a new outdoor playground and stormwater management infrastructure.

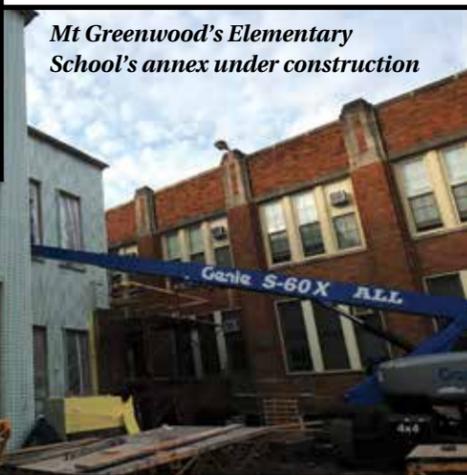
Roof mechanical equipment installation is complete. Interior

mechanical, electrical and plumbing rough-in work is also complete. Equipment installation, wiring and interior finishes (paint, tile and marker boards) are in progress.

"The annexes at Esmond and Mt. Greenwood Elementary are progressing on schedule and will create extra space and state-of-the-art learning facilities necessary for students in the 19th ward to learn, grow, and thrive," Carina E. Sanchez, Executive Director of the Public Building Commission of Chicago said. "These investments will provide engaging learning opportunities for generations to come."



Rendering of the new annex



Mt Greenwood's Elementary School's annex under construction



Rendering of the new annex

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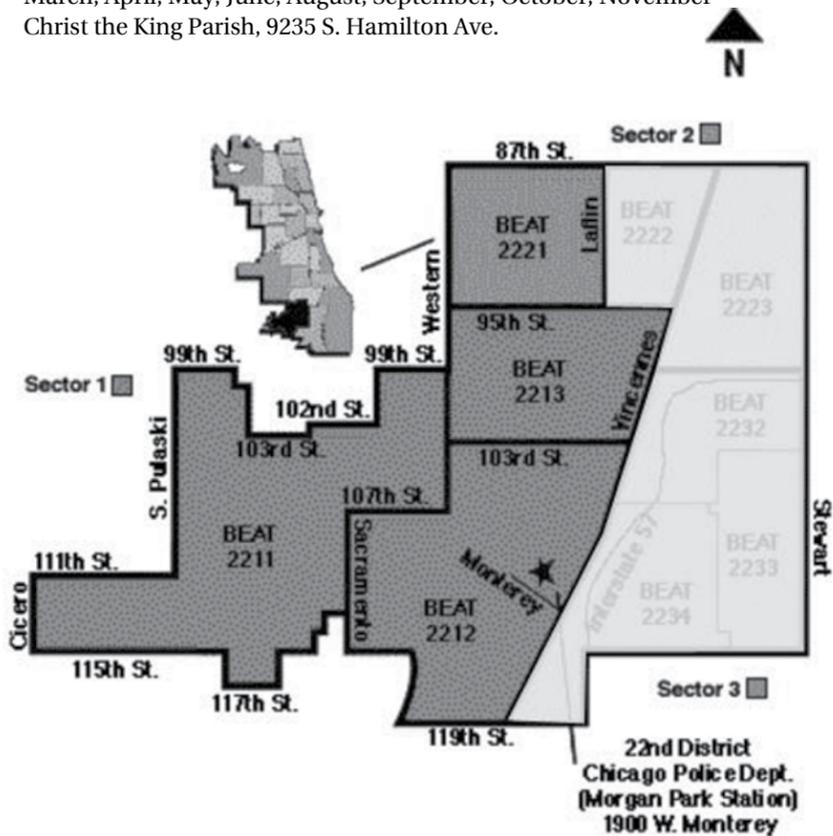
First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm
 March, May, June, August, October, December
 22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

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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Report Shows Strong Gains for Area Schools

Six local public schools have attained a Level 1+ rating, the highest possible rating, under Chicago Public Schools (CPS) recently released 2018 School Quality Rating and Policy results. The most significant increase was seen at Esmond Elementary School which jumped two full ratings while servicing a student population that is over 95% low income. Construction is currently underway on a new annex and artificial turf field at Esmond, representing a

\$20 million investment in the community.

Sutherland Elementary also made strong gains jumping from Level 1 in 2017 to level 1+ this year. Other 1+ schools include Keller, Kellogg, Mount Greenwood, and the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. These ratings show that families in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood continue to have access to high quality public school options.

Holiday Food Drive

Alderman Matt O'Shea is teaming up with the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry to ensure that all families have access to a high quality, nutritious holiday meal this Holiday Season. If you would like to help a family in need, consider dropping off non-perishable food items at the 19th Ward Office at 10400 S. Western Ave., Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, or at the 19th Ward Mount Greenwood Service Office, 3207 W. 111th St., Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Donations are being accepted now through November 30th.

In addition to canned goods and other non-perishable food

items, the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry is also seeking monetary donations to purchase additional products wholesale. Checks can be made payable to the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry. When making your Thanksgiving shopping trip, please consider purchasing a few extra items for a family in need. The Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry is located at 11030 S. Longwood Drive and serves approximately 1,200 families per month in the 60643 or 60655 zip codes. For more information on the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry, please call (773) 239-3013.

Arne Duncan Coming to Morgan Park High School

On Tuesday, January 8th, former United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, will visit Morgan Park High School (MPHS) as the keynote speaker for a career day program. A group of students will interview Secretary Duncan at an assembly for all Junior and Senior class members; immediately following the interview, Duncan will take questions from students. Duncan's appearance will kick off a full day of different presentations in individual classrooms from professionals working in various fields throughout the Chicagoland area.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Arne Duncan served as chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools. From 2001 to 2008, Duncan won praise for uniting the city's stakeholders behind an education agenda that included opening 100 new schools; expanding after-school, summer learning, early childhood, and college access programs; dramatically boosting the caliber of teachers; and building public-private partnerships around

a variety of education initiatives. Duncan graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1987, majoring in sociology. At Harvard he served as co-captain of the basketball team and was named a first team Academic All-American.

Duncan currently serves as managing partner at Emerson Collective, where he works to improve the lives of young adults in his hometown. Through partnerships with local business leaders, community organizers, and nonprofit groups, Duncan aims to create job and life

opportunities for disconnected youth between the ages of 17 and 24.

Career Day at Morgan Park High School is sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. Our goal is to expose students to a wide variety of careers as they consider their options after high school. Volunteer speakers are still needed; if you are interested in participating, please contact Tristan Angus at (773) 238-8766 or tristan@the19thward.com.



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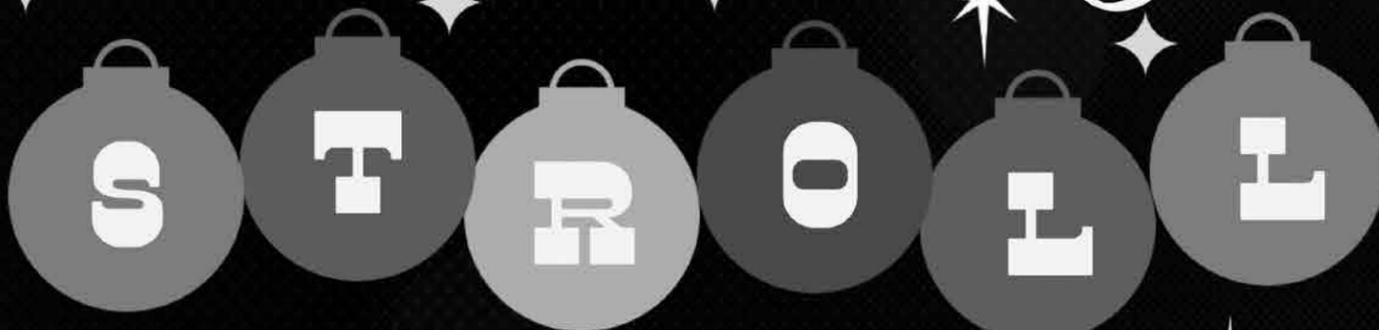
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O'Shea Requests Investigation on Lead Testing

The Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) recently released preliminary results of their ongoing Chicago Water Quality Study. Thus far, DWM has tested water in 4,400 homes through the 311 consumer sampling program. Approximately 6% of samples (representing 275 homes) have found lead levels in excess of federal guidelines. Of those 275 samples, 176 came from homes with water meters and 99 came from non-metered homes.

The city is currently conducting a variety of follow up tests at the 275 homes to learn more. Currently, I am unaware of any conclusive evidence to prove or disprove a direct correlation between water meters and elevated lead content in water. Given the available data, it is possible that there are other factors impacting this issue. However, the City will be conducting a comprehensive study on this matter to better understand and address the situation. In the meantime, I am calling upon DWM to halt any water meter installation until that work is complete.

Moving forward, I am committed to working with our community and DWM to ensure our drinking water remains safe. Additional information on Chicago's water quality can be found at www.ChicagoWaterQuality.org.

org. If you are concerned about lead in your water, please call 3-1-1 or visit www.chicagowaterquality.org to request a lead testing kit. If you are eligible for a water filter set, DWM will be contacting you.

Lead exposure is a very serious matter. Residents who are concerned about lead levels are encouraged to continue to flush, or run water continuously for at least five minutes, before consuming water. Studies show that in almost every case, flushing remains an effective approach to lowering lead levels and exposure. Ways to flush include showering, as well as washing clothes and dishes. Recently, many Chicagoans have questioned the handling of this matter by the Department of Water Management. Based on their concerns, I have formally requested an investigation into this matter by the Office of the Inspector General.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward

State Sues Company for Causing Pollution in Mt. Greenwood

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court against a Merrionette Park trucking company for causing air and noise pollution that has adversely affected its neighbors in Mount Greenwood.

The complaint targets AAA Freight Inc., which occupies a two-square block lot between 117th and 119th Streets on Central Park Avenue in Merrionette Park.

"During the last several months, the trucking company has transformed what used to be a relatively quiet construction supply lot into a major interstate trucking facility, and it's all happening right across the street from a residential neighborhood," said State Senator Bill Cunningham, who has lead local efforts to hold AAA Freight accountable.

"Mount Greenwood residents who live immediately north of the facility have been forced to deal with the smell of diesel exhaust fumes and loud noises from 18-wheelers that are idling less than 100 feet from their homes, 24-hours a day," Cunningham said. "This is the kind of operation that should be located in an industrial park or just off an interstate highway in a rural area, not in a city neighborhood."

Along with State Representative Fran Hurley and Alderman Matt O'Shea, Cunningham helped convene a series of meetings between the trucking company, area residents, and Merrionette Park officials. But promises to move idling trucks away from homes along 117th Street went unfulfilled and, in an effort to expand the lot and accommodate more semis, the trucking company began removing trees from the banks of a drainage creek

that runs to the east of the property.

That prompted a complaint to the Attorney General's environmental division, which conduct an investigation of the problem. In October, under the direction of Attorney General Lisa Madigan, a complaint was filed against AAA Freight, allegedly that "dust, exhaust fumes and odors from the defendants' operations were discharged or emitted from the site into the surrounding neighborhood, which cause residence to...have difficulty breathing, headaches, eye irritation and coughing and have limited use of their homes, yards, neighborhoods, or personal property."

The complaint identifies two state environmental laws that the trucking company is alleged to be in violation of and asked the court to assess a fine of \$50,000 for each violation. The complaint also asked the court to order AAA Freight to pay \$1000 a day for each day they were in violation of the state statutes and seeks to force the company to take corrective action.

"We anticipate this battle will go on in court for several months, but the resolve of the community to battle the trucking company should not be underestimated," Cunningham said. "The residents who live near the lot have done a great job of organizing and researching this issue. They are really committed to fighting for the health of their neighborhood."

Cunningham praised Attorney General Madigan for intervening on behalf of the residents and also credited Water Reclamation District President Mariyana Spyropoulos, whose agency has cited AAA Freight for disturbing soil around the drainage creek without a permit.

Ordinance Combats Trafficking

Earlier this year, Alderman Matt O'Shea introduced an ordinance in the Chicago City Council designed to ensure that the city does not purchase goods or services from companies that engage in human trafficking.

"Local governments have the greatest understanding of challenges facing our communities and are well-positioned to design and implement policies to prevent and address problems like human trafficking," said Mayor Emanuel. "This ordinance allows the City of Chicago to leverage our buying power to ensure that our tax dollars are not supporting human trafficking."

This ordinance will help to protect vulnerable individuals from exploitation by requiring city contractors to affirm that neither they, nor their suppliers and subcontractors engage in human trafficking or forced labor. Should a contractor be found in violation of this requirement, the ordinance empowers the City's Chief Procurement Officer to terminate the contract.

Every year in the United States, thousands of men, women and children are exploited and trafficked for labor or sex. The International Labor Organization estimates 24.9 million people are trapped in forced labor globally, and the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that 139 types of commodities and goods are made using forced labor or child labor. Human trafficking particularly impacts communities of color, indigenous and tribal communities, immigrant communities - including

those who are undocumented - LGBTQ youth, people with disabilities and those with a history of substance abuse.

Human trafficking has been historically viewed as a law enforcement problem and much of the anti-trafficking work in the United States has focused on a criminal justice response. While the importance of law enforcement engagement cannot be overstated, it does not

typically address prevention, in particular the root causes of trafficking.

"As elected officials, it is incumbent upon us to do all we can to protect the most vulnerable among us," said Alderman O'Shea. "I am proud to work with Mayor Emanuel to take an innovative approach to address the problem of human trafficking."

The City of Chicago is part of Pathways to Freedom, a first-of-its-kind anti-trafficking challenge to develop citywide approaches to better prevent human trafficking and support survivors. The challenge, created by Humanity United and led by the NoVo Foundation, is a public-private partnership dedicated to spurring innovation in the fight to end human trafficking. As part of the Pathways to Freedom Challenge, Chicago is seeking to address trafficking in new ways by recognizing its role in helping to end human trafficking as a purchaser of goods and services and upholding its responsibility to ensure taxpayer dollars do not contribute to human trafficking.

Sign Up for Smart 911

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) recently announced the launch of Smart911 as part of the city's effort to strengthen the accurate, timely and effective dispatch of emergency resources in crisis situations. Smart911 is available to all residents and visitors of Chicago, making the city the largest single user of Smart911.

What is Smart911?

Smart911 is a free, online platform that allows users to securely enter important medical and household information in their Safety Profile to help plan ahead for an emergency situation. This information will automatically display for dispatchers when the user dials 9-1-1. Currently, Smart911 is trusted by 32 million people in thousands of communities nationwide to stay safe.

How can you sign up?

Sign up at www.Smart911.com or download the free app in the iTunes & Google Play stores now and have life-saving capabilities at your fingertips, 24/7.

How can Smart911 keep your family safe?

Today, 75% of 911 calls are made from cell phones, making it difficult for call takers to determine the exact location of an emergency. By creating a Smart911 Safety Profile with up-to-date information, 911 dispatch staff is better prepared to help you and your family in an emergency.

When creating your Safety Profile, you can include things about:

- **Allergies** – Does someone in your family have an allergy to food or medication? 911 dispatchers will be able to immediately inform first responders.
- **Autism** – Does your child have Autism? Do they have a tendency to wander or hide when scared? Uploading a photo and a physical description of your child makes them easier to locate in case of an emergency.
- **Alzheimer's** – Do you have a parent or older relative living with you that suffers from Alzheimer's or dementia? First responders will be better prepared to help.
- **Animals** – Do you have pets? This information can assist firefighters in their search to bring everyone, including your pets, to safety.
- **Hearing Impairments** – Do you have a loved one who may be deaf, hard of hearing or nonverbal? A 9-1-1 operator can initiate a text message with a notification on Safety Profiles that text is preferred. In addition, if the caller is disconnected from the call or has poor cell phone coverage, a 9-1-1 operator can initiate a text to stay connected.

...as well as **current medications, physical disability, mental health, home layout, emergency contacts**, and more.

Know someone who doesn't speak English? Don't worry. They can add their information in any language and Smart911 will automatically translate it for them. Residents can also indicate that they or someone in the household has difficulty communicating in English. By having that information included in the profile, when 911 is called, the call taker can immediately engage the language interpreter in the primary language to better assist residents in an emergency.

The screenshot shows the Smart911 web interface. At the top, it says 'Hi, Jane' with a 78% completion rate. Below this, there are sections for 'People / Household' and 'Addresses'. A prominent section titled 'CHRISTIE REQUESTS SMS: DEAF' shows a detailed profile for Christie Smith, including her gender (Female), age (35), primary language (English), and various medical conditions like allergies and asthma. The interface is clean and user-friendly, with clear navigation options.

What
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What 9-1-1 call takers see

Staying healthy, staying involved



Mercy Circle resident Sister Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM with rehab manager Joanna Ruzick

Thanks to Mercy Circle's short-term rehab, I'm already back in step as a volunteer at Mother McAuley High School. I taught music at McAuley for more than 30 years. Now helping out there is a great encore.

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Chicago Board of Elections Seeking Election Judges

The Chicago Board of Elections is seeking individuals to serve as election judges for the Municipal Election on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. 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 Election Central after the polls close at 7 pm.

"Election judges serve an 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

Referendum to Fund Police/Fire Pensions

Alderman Matt O'Shea recently proposed increasing the real estate transfer tax on property values in excess of \$1 million to help fund Chicago Police & Fire pension funds. The City of Chicago currently taxes real estate transfers at a rate of \$3.75 for every \$500 of property value; O'Shea's plan would increase that rate by \$1 for values in excess of \$1 million. To be enacted, O'Shea's concept would first need to be passed by the City Council and then placed on the ballot as a binding referendum in the February 2019 Municipal Election. An analysis of previous real estate transfers shows

that this increase would have generated \$26 million (2016), \$14 million (2017) and \$14 Million (2018).

"Today more than ever, it is important that we are protecting those who protect us, and make sure that the hard working men and women of the Chicago Police Department and Chicago Fire Department are able to retire with the pensions they earned," said Ald. O'Shea. "While this referendum will certainly not fix our pension crisis, it is a new form of revenue that will not hit the average home buyer, and will help in providing much needed funds for the Chicago Police and Fire pensions."

Used Children's Book Drive

Is your house cluttered with old books? This December, Alderman Matt O'Shea is hosting a used children's book drive in conjunction with Open Books. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unneeded books at the 19th Ward Office, 10400 S. Western Ave., now through December 10th.

The most commonly requested books include Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants, Judy Moody, Divergent, Hunger Games, Percy Jackson, and Maze Runner. While children's books are in the highest demand, especially during the holidays, Open Books will accept any gently used books. All books will be

donated to Open Books, a non-profit social venture that provides literacy experiences for tens of thousands of readers each year.

Open Books sells the books in their stores and online to help fund literacy programs, use, and give them away in their instructional and book grant program, and recycle any that are unusable. For more information on Open Books, please visit www.open-books.org. If your school, church, or other organization would like to collect books to support this drive, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com.

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10:00 a.m.
Incredibles 2

2:00 p.m.
Wrinkle in Time

On Friday, December 28th, the 19th Ward Youth Foundation will host the 11th Annual Children's Film Festival at the Beverly Arts Center. Admission is \$1 per person, per film, and includes the movie and

snacks during the show. Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis and space is limited.

The Film Festival will feature a 10:00am showing of Incredibles 2 and a 2:00pm showing of Wrinkle in Time. I hope that you and your family can join us for a fun day at the movies! Parent chaperones are appreciated.

Please note, this year there will be no reservations, tickets can only be purchased the day of the event.

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Alderman Matt O'Shea's Holiday

DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

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Hurley Addresses First Responder Suicide Crisis

State Representative Fran Hurley (D-35) chaired a special committee hearing at the Michael A. Bilandic Building in Chicago on October 10, 2018 to examine mental health services available to Chicago area first responders. Representatives of the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, mental health experts, and family members of first responders who have fallen victim to suicide were invited to give testimony.

There have been too many first responder tragic suicides in my district this year," Hurley said. "It is well beyond time for city and state policymakers to ask why this is happening and what we can do to stop it."

As Chair of the House Police and First Responders Committee, Hurley led the hearing where speaker after speaker testified on the repeated trauma witnessed by first responders on a near-daily basis.

"It is easy in this line of work, of course, to become jaded and callous and bitter over the years as these incidents pile up," said Father Dan Brandt, a CPD chaplain. "Police officers see more in one eight- or 10-hour tour than most people see in a lifetime."

Kevin Graham, president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7, which represents the CPD's rank-and-file officers, also testified at the hearing. Graham suggested that legislation be introduced requiring police departments and municipalities to pay for first responders' mental health treatment.

A recent U.S. Justice Department report found that the suicide rate among Chicago Police personnel is 60 percent higher than the national average for police officers. And, a recent Florida State University study found that as many as 37 percent of firefighters nationwide suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The same study found that nearly half of current and retired firefighters reported having suicidal thoughts at some point in their lives, which is roughly 12 times higher than the general public.

"We have a mounting mental health crisis in our state and nation among our first responders and it demands immediate action," Hurley said. "Future meetings and committee hearings will be taking place to pinpoint changes in state law and policy that are necessary to address this problem."



Kickstarter Campaign Launched to Create a Coffee Bar in the 95th Street Metra Station

Two Mile Coffee Bar will be a tiny, grab-and-go establishment serving Intelligentsia coffee. It will be committed to both activating a beautiful train station and enhancing the community.

"For years, I've noticed a real need for something like this on 95th," mentioned Nathaniel Hollister, architect and co-owner of Two Mile. "By opening within the unused kiosk at the historic station, Two Mile will activate and celebrate the beautiful but underused building and fill it with human connection. For me, this is about more than coffee – it's about investing in the neighborhood and giving back to the community we call home."

Nathaniel has teamed up with co-owner Gretta Dertinger, a veteran of the high-end coffee industry (as well as Nathaniel's sister). "At

Two Mile, we will certainly provide all of the coffee shop classics," said Gretta. "But we are committed to crafting those classics carefully and correctly... all to ensure that we are serving a thoughtful, consistent product."

Through the Kickstarter, you can pre-order drinks or purchase other rewards to help bring Two Mile Coffee Bar to the neighborhood!

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To participate, individuals must register to run for the Chicago Marathon by **May 31, 2019**. Special Olympics Chicago team members will enjoy a number of benefits, including: waiver of the \$205 Marathon fee; free training program with Chicago Endurance Sports (CES); a tech training shirt; indoor preparation facilities on the morning of race day; free pre-race continental breakfast; free post-race beverages and massage.

Those registering before November 29, 2018 are asked to raise \$1250 for the Special Olympics team. Participants registering after

November 29th are asked to raise \$1750. Registration is available by visiting www.crowdrise.com/soc-marathon.

“The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is one of the most exciting events to be a part of, and it really is a life-changing experience when you run for the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago,” said Matt O’Shea, president of SCC / Special Olympics Chicago and a Bank of America Chicago Marathon runner. “Special Olympics was born in the city of Chicago, and has become a worldwide movement. What better way to take part in the Chicago Marathon than giving back to the Special Olympics athletes where it all began?”

In 2018, Special Olympics Chicago launched its first-ever unified running team for the Chicago Marathon, which pairs a Chicago Marathon runner with a Special Olympics athlete. The teams trained together for months and ran the 26.2 mile course together on Marathon day.

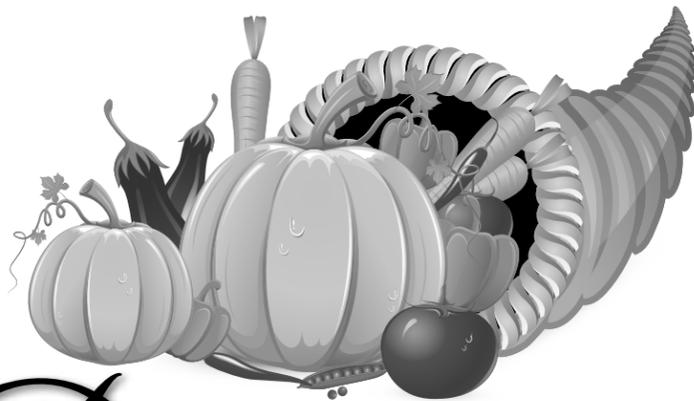
Special Olympics Chicago has been a charitable partner of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon since 2009, and has had a team of at least 100 participants every year since. The 2018 Special Olympics Chicago Marathon team was the largest to date with over 105 participating and \$186,000 raised for the athletes of the program.

For more information on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, please visit www.chicagomarathon.com.



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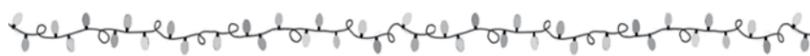
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Sister Champion Maguire RSM: Mentor to Generations in a Community of Families Who Support One Another

In a teaching ministry for 65 years, in a neighborhood where “everyone is related to someone”

Sister Champion Maguire RSM admits the degrees of separation are slim between her and the many people she interacts with at Mercy Circle, Christ the King Parish, the 19th Ward, and Mother McAuley High School, to name a few. On a strictly professional level, students she taught in grade school or high school are now working in public and parochial schools in the city. “At least three graduates of Christ the King are public school principals and many others serve in various roles as educators,” she explains.

Sister Champion is particularly proud of the accomplishments of Christ the King graduate Ald. Matt O’Shea, “He comes from a very close-knit, high-achieving family. Matt always was generous and participated in school and parish activities that engage others. Our faculty got strong support from his parents even when Matt arrived in my principal’s office for a visit,” she says.

“Credit for the success of my students should go to their family’s expectations for their children because that’s where it starts. So many

of those children now are professionals—doctors, lawyers and City of Chicago employees— and live in the houses where they grew up, or their children are raising the next generation in those homes. Here, we benefit from a strong family attachment to the parish and the school.”

Though she was co-principal at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the north side of Chicago and had a nine-year stint as principal at a grade school in Davenport, Iowa, Sister Champion’s strongest ties are on the south side of Chicago. She attended St. Justin Martyr grammar school and St. Joseph High School.

She taught at Christ the King for three years and was principal there for 11 years. Often her own schoolmates surprise her by remembering their days together in grade school. And, she enjoys catching up with her students and their parents from her teaching days.

Sister Champion has her share of unforgettable students. “One was a special needs girl for whom other students, especially the boys, were very protective. They would check with her to see what the homework

assignments were. For many years after high school, she worked at County Fair here in Beverly. When her class from Christ the King had a reunion four years ago, her classmates picked her up and brought her to the party.”

Discipline was never a problem at Christ the King, Sister Champion says, although Ald. Matt O’Shea did share time with his principal occasionally. “Kids didn’t get too much out of line because the parents would hear about it from the other kids before we got a chance to call anybody.”

She even runs into people she knows at Mercy Circle: Former colleagues and parishioners who now reside in assisted living and want to stay in the neighborhood near their families. Sister Champion recently visited the Christ the King convent where she lived for 14 years, which now is being renovated into a pre-school and kindergarten education center. “The associate pastor Father Matt Litak, who took me on a tour, grew up in Evergreen Park and now is back here and involved in serving the parish at Christ the King.”



Ald. Matt O’Shea and Sr. Champion Maguire, one-time principal of Christ the King parish school, reminisce about his occasional visits to her office.

Photo Credit: Mark Ballogg

Beverly Resident Marks 20 Years with Smith Senior Living

While in his senior year at Marist High School in 1992, Kevin McGee, now president and CEO of Smith Senior Living, visited his grandmother, Helen O’Connor, at Washington and Jane Smith, Smith Village’s forerunner. As an active Beverly resident, she had just taken up residence at the life plan community located at 2320 W. 113th Place.

Now marking 20 years of service at Smith communities, McGee points to the organization’s most recent achievement—95 percent occupancy at both Smith Village and its sister community, Smith Crossing—as an affirmation of the wisdom and dedication of Smith trustees and staff as the not-for-profit celebrates 94 years of uninterrupted service to older adults.

It may have been those first impressions that inspired McGee to study sociology at Eastern Illinois University. In 1997, McGee completed an internship at Smith while earning a master’s degree in gerontology, also at Eastern Illinois University.

“After my internship, I took a job with another organization for seniors, but it just didn’t have the same personal approach to residents and employees,” McGee said. When he received an offer to become admissions coordinator at the Smith Home in 1998, McGee recalled, “I was reluctant at first because at the time Smith was a single-site organization, but then I was assured there were plans for growth

and that I would have opportunities for advancement.”

The Beverly resident and father of four with Dr. Moira McQuillan McGee has seen many changes. “When I first started at Washington and Jane Smith, some residents were WWI veterans,” McGee said. “Then came the Greatest Generation. Now, we’re welcoming those who served during the Korean War and starting to talk with Vietnam veterans.”

Today’s age-62-plus adults are forward-looking and concerned about the quality of their lifestyle. Thanks to the GI Bill, more have had the benefit of higher education and enjoyed opportunities to travel. And, they’re more health conscious, according to McGee.

“Residents today want more amenities, both in their apartments and in their community,” McGee said. “They want full

kitchens in their one- and two-bedroom apartments, but they also want to enjoy healthy meals prepared by an executive chef. They also exercise more, so our fitness centers are state-of-the-art. HUR exercise equipment automatically adjusts to wristbands residents wear to monitor their individualized workout routines. Like Smith Crossing, Smith Village has a

salon and spa, onsite movie theater and library. At Smith Village, we’re in the process of adding a pub.”

In 2000, McGee was promoted to associate executive director at Washington and Jane Smith. In 2003, he completed an MBA with a concentration in healthcare at St. Xavier University and took the helm for Smith Crossing in Orland Park, a life plan community then still under construction.

“Smith’s Board has a history of being prudent stewards of resources for our organization as well as our residents,” McGee said. “So, in the late 1990s, it was a big commitment to open Smith Crossing on a 32-acre campus that was once farmland. While Smith Crossing was still under construction, it became apparent it was essential to reinvest in the Beverly Morgan Park community and redevelop the Smith Home into what is now Smith Village.”

As part of Smith Senior Living’s renewed commitment to the 19th Ward, McGee assumed responsibilities as Smith Village executive director in 2007. In 2012, the Smith Senior Living board of trustees promoted McGee to serve as CEO.

Like many Smith Senior Living trustees and staff whose relatives

live at Smith communities, McGee has welcomed several of his own to Smith Village: his great aunt, Betty O’Connor; his aunt and uncle, Rita and Charlie O’Connor; his mother-in-law, Pat McQuillan; his mother’s first cousin, Walter O’Grady and—as of April 2018—his father and mother, Phil and Noreen McGee.

“I have enough relatives living at Smith Village for a good size Thanksgiving dinner,” he said. “Having relatives live here, shows how much Smith trustees and staff believe in Smith communities. My extended family is ‘all in.’”

In recent years, McGee has shepherded the federally mandated transition from paper files to electronic medical records, and he’s overseen major expansions and enhancements on both Smith campuses. Most recently, Smith Crossing broke ground for another wing with 46 private suites for short-term rehabilitation programs.

Through everything, Smith Senior Living communities have maintained a five-star rating with the federal regulating agency, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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Marking 20 years with Smith Senior Living, Kevin McGee, president and CEO, recognizes the importance of commitment to community by providing high levels of service. Photo by Marc Monaghan



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The senior IB Diploma Programme (DP) students recently visited the University of Chicago's Smart Museum. Currently, there are exhibitions featuring artists from the South Side of Chicago during the '60's and '70's and women and other artists of color. Our DP visual arts students must complete a Comparative Study for their DP Art Exam, as well as create artwork and curate their own personal exhibitions. The intention of the museum visit was to foster a learning experience where students could begin to create personal connections with significant artworks and their environments. These connections are imperative to building a deeper relationship with the visual arts as they entail a very demanding workload. This field trip was Funded by DePaul through the Terra Foundation and Art Design Chicago.

MP partner **buildOn**

One of Morgan Park High School's new partnerships is with the global organization, buildOn. The group's mission is to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy and low expectations through service and education. Their goal is to empower urban youth to transform their neighborhoods through intensive community service. buildOn's Service Learning Programs engage students in 40 high schools in six under-served urban areas, including Chicago. The Service Learning Programs empower youth from America's challenging neighborhoods to explore the difficulties facing their communities and take action to address these issues through service – helping the homeless, seniors and children in their communities.



Frank Morrison (shown here at Jazz Fest) won his audition for ILMEA All-District Jazz. He won a spot in the All-District Jazz Combo. His next step is to audition for All-State Jazz. This is a first for Morgan Park High School to win All-District Jazz.

Arts in the Dark parade



Students participated in Arts in the Dark Halloween Parade of Artists last month. Participants wore caped costumes while they carried Day of the Dead artistic creations on the windy parade route downtown. Transportation to-and-from the event was provided by the Beverly Arts Center, an MP partner.

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