#### **An Annual Thanksgiving Tradition Returns!**

Registration Now Open For the 11th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5k Run & Family Walk, Presented by CIBC Bank



Registration is now open for the 11th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run & Family Walk, presented by CIBC Bank, on Saturday, November 30th, beginning at 9:00am at Christ The King School. Over the last decade, the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot has become an annual Thanksgiving tradition with participants running or walking the beautiful tree-lined streets of the 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/Walk, Team Registration, or the untimed Family Walk, by visiting www.the19thward.com.

#### Registration fees are:

- 5K Run Individual: \$35 until race day, then \$40
- 5K Youth Individual (age 19 or younger): \$30 until race day, then \$35
- 5K Untimed Walk Individual: \$35 until race day, then \$40
- 5K Untimed Family Fun Walk (limit 4 sweatshirts): \$75 until race day, then \$80

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 gift bag.

#### Packet pick-up will take place:

- Friday, November 22
   1 pm 6 pm
   CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.
- Saturday, November 23
   9 am 1 pm
   CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.
- Monday, November 25
   1 pm 5 pm
   CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.
- Tuesday, November 26
   4 pm 8 pm
   Treadfit, 10458 S. Western Ave.
- Friday, November 29
   1 pm 7 pm
   Running Excels, 10328 S. Western
- Race Day Saturday, November 30, 7 am Christ the King Gym

"The Beverly Hills Turkey Trot is one of my favorite events of the year, with thousands of residents taking part for two great causes that are positively impacting our future generations," said Matt O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward and founder of the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. "We expect this year to be one of our largest events ever, with more than 2,000 walkers and runners participating. It is a great morning to spend with family and neighbors while helping to fund life-changing research for pediatric brain tumors, and providing activities for our youth throughout the year."

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## Smith Village breaks ground for modernization of rehab and skilled nursing care wing with special message for families

Smith Village broke ground last month on a \$22.3 million, three-story, 10,204-square-foot addition and modernization of its interior to provide 66 private suites and rooms as well as 12 shared-suites for rehab and skilled nursing care residents. At that event on October 17, a family member joined civic leaders in lauding Smith Village's engaging lifestyle for independent adults as well as its superior care for those needing more support.

Kevin McGee, president and CEO of Smith Senior Living which sponsors Smith Village, announced Smith Village's plan to reduce its number of licensed beds for short-term rehab and skilled nursing care from 100 to 78 to ensure the finest care and to meet expectations of contemporary adults. McGee also noted infrastructure improvements include a new roof, all new electrical and HVAC systems, plus new windows.

Among those speaking as part of the ceremony was Cathi Carlin Hogan, whose mother lived at the Washington & Jane Smith Home, forerunner to Smith Village, and whose father, Phil Carlin, Ph.D., became one of the first residents to join the independent living community in the all-new Smith Village in 2008.

"Smith Village continues to be a wonderful place where seniors are given the respect they deserve and a caring place they need," said Hogan who grew up in Beverly and continues to reside here. "And when that need becomes greater, families are so grateful that their loved one doesn't have to leave but can transition to that wing of compassionate care that is the Johanson Wing."

The three-story expansion will provide state-of-the-art therapy rooms on the first floor and dining rooms on the second and third floors.

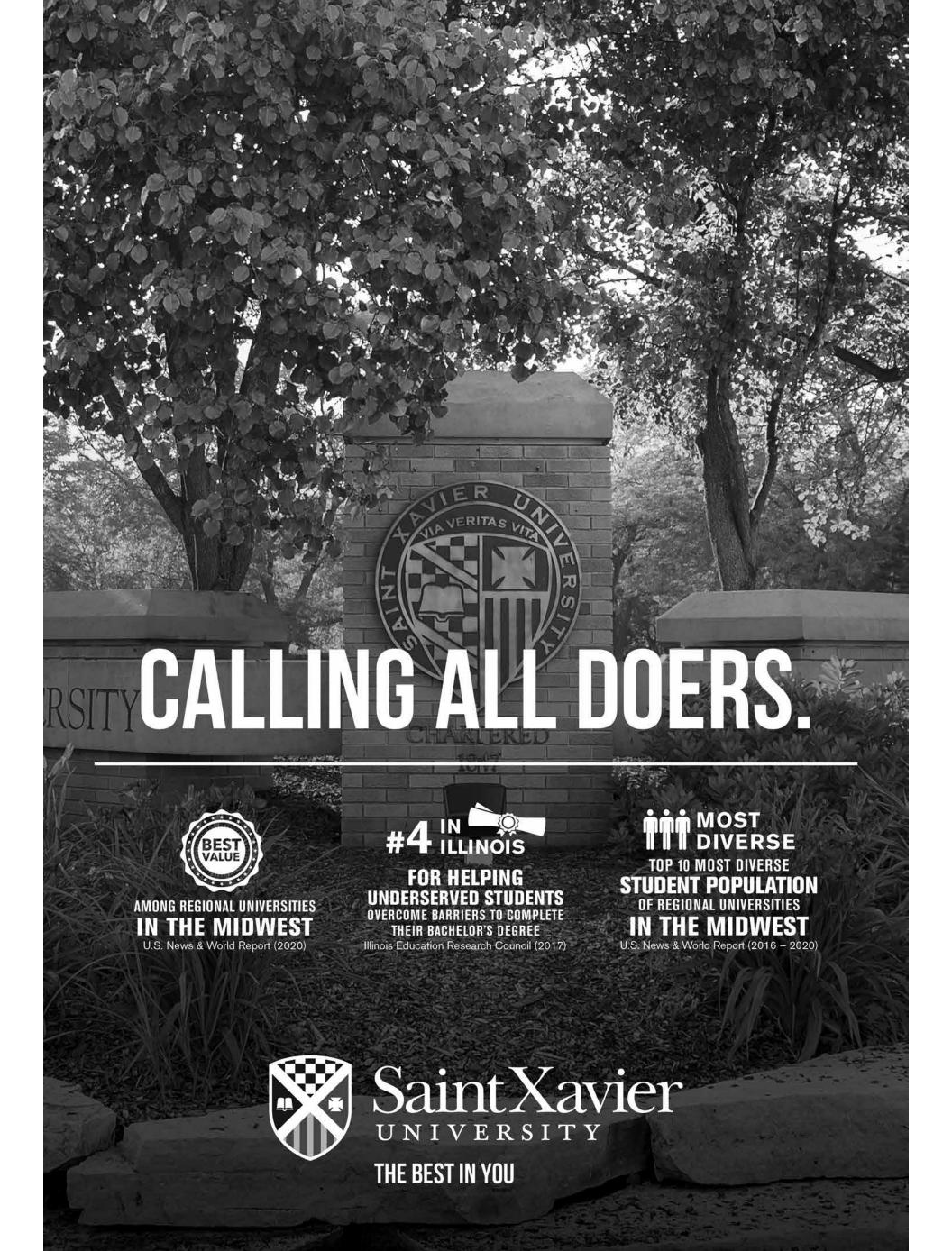
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A rendering of the new Johanson Wing to be constructed at Smith Village provided by RLPS Architects.

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There is no better way to give this Holiday Season than to help save lives. Please join us on December 15th for a Blood Drive, sponsored by the 19th Ward in partnership with St. Cajetan School, honoring two of our own Warriors, Molly Fetzer and Finley Bracken.

Molly Fetzer, the proud mother of two young boys, lived her life trying to help others. As a mother, daughter, sister and special education teacher, Molly always performed simple acts of kindness. She lived by the saying of Mother Theresa~ "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Molly lost her battle to cancer on June 11, 2019 at the young age of 38. Donating today will help carry on her mission of spreading kindness to others.

Finley Bracken is a loving and energetic two year old who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma on October 18th of this year. She has a tumor which travels from her chest, around her neck, and into her back. It's pushing on her left lung, trachea, esophagus, major blood vessels and her spine. Finley will be the recipient of many blood transfusions so let's help in her crusade to fight against this horrible disease.

Please contact 19th Ward Office at 773 238-8766 with questions

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# Citizens Utility Board Presentations

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will host two separate presentations to discuss cable and robocalls on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00 pm and Thursday, November

14th at 1:00 pm at the 19th Ward Office (10402 S. Western Ave.).

On Wednesday,
November 13th at
6:00 pm, there will
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in the TV market, ways to cut your cable costs, is it time to get rid of your cable, alternatives to satellite or cable, and streaming services available to consumers. On Thursday, November 14th at 1:00 pm, there will be a one-hour robocall presentation. A CUB representative will discuss the different types of robocalls, how to avoid common robocall scams, call-

they mean for your pocket, and new proposed federal legislation.

There is no cost for these events. Space is limited! To reserve your spot today, please contact Anairis Boror at aboror@citizensutility-

board.org with the subject line "19th Ward – 11/13" or "19th Ward – 11/14" or call her at (312) 263-4282, extension 111. For money-saving advice and consumer tips, visit www.citizensutilityboard.org.

# **2020 Shared Cost Sidewalk Program**

The City of Chicago's very popular residential Shared Cost Sidewalk Program will begin accepting applications at **6:00 am on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.** This will not be the same as previous start times of 12:01 a.m. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of participants is based on availability of funds. The program typically reaches capacity quickly. In previous years, the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program has closed in as little as 12 hours.

If you are interested in having any or all of your sidewalk replaced, call 311 or through the City's service request website 311.chicago.gov. Please note, any applications or requests made previously will not be fulfilled.

If you want to take advantage of the City's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program, this is the ONLY opportunity to sign up this year. Residents MUST use one of these two methods to apply; applications CAN NOT be processed by the 19th Ward Office.

# Rep. Slaughter Hosts Town Hall Meeting

State Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, is partnering with the 22nd Police District to host a Legis-

lative Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the 22nd Police District Station, located at 1900 W. Monterey Ave. in Chicago.

"Building a stronger Illinois and a better future for our families has always been one of my top priorities as a legislator," said

Slaughter. "This year, I supported a variety of measures to make health care more accessible and affordable, provide a living wage for working men and women, and ease the burden of taxes on middle class families. Hosting a town hall meeting like this provides an opportunity to share information on new laws

passed in Springfield and answer any questions that local residents may have."

Slaughter will highlight measures that passed during this year's legislative session and answer questions on new laws. Attendees will be invited to give feedback and share ideas for new legislation on issues that matter most to them. In addition, Slaughter will also discuss his

legislative agenda for next year. The event is free and open to the public.

"Hearing feedback directly from the residents I represent helps me to legislate more effectively and better represent their needs in Springfield," said Slaughter. "I encourage all local residents to attend, share their input and ask questions."

#### **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

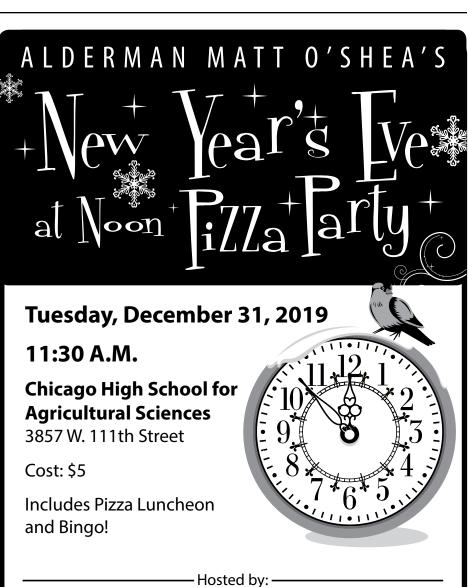
the books will be donated to Open Books, a non-profit social venture

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 pro-

grams, 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.















#### Tech Smart Senior Program Offered at Mercy Circle

Free, 3-week series meets Wednesday mornings starting November 6

"Tech Smart Seniors," a free, 3-part series led by Claire DiCola will help people tap the power of their smartphones and tablets at 10am on Wednesdays, November 6, 13 and 20, 2019, at Mercy Circle, 3659 West 99th Street in Chicago.

"We encourage all participants to bring their own devices so we can help them apply what we review to their own smartphones and tablets. Our goal is to provide helpful, hands-on information," said Claire Di-Cola.

While the classes are free, people are asked to make reservations for each one-hour class by calling the 19th Ward at



Claire DiCola

773-238-8766. Complimentary valet parking is available at Mercy Circle's main entrance. Refreshments will be served.

During each one-hour class, DiCola addresses specific topics:

- On **November 6**, she will review the **basics of using a smartphone and tablet** so participants can master standard applications including messages, emails, maps and cameras.
- On **November 13**, DiCola and a team from Facebook will demonstrate how to use devices to connect with friends and family on Facebook.
- And, on **November 20**, she will share tips about **using applications including calendars, messenger and photo albums**.

19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea and 36th District Illinois State Representative Kelly Burke recruited DiCola, whose company Amplify 7 helps businesses optimize their online profiles, because she excels in presenting howto tips in easy-to-understand ways. DiCola earned her master's in business administration in marketing with a concentration in social media at Saint Xavier University.

"We grateful to co-sponsor this series because we know first-hand how important it is for older adults to stay in touch and to access information using the devices most already have," said Frances Lachowicz, executive director of Mercy Circle.

Register at www.the19thward.com or call 773-238-8766 for more information.



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- Sister Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM

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#### Hurley, Cunningham bill to delay "aging out" of special needs students

Thanks to a cruel technicality in state law, there is nothing "happy" about the 22nd birthday of special needs students in Illinois. For them, their 22nd birthday is the date in which they "age out" of educational and vocational programs in the state's public schools.

"It doesn't matter if their birthday comes in the middle of the school year and they're in the midst of a special program," State Representative Fran Hurley said. "The day their 22nd birthday comes is the day they are unceremoniously kicked out of school. What should be a day of celebration is often one of the saddest days of their lives — a day they have to say goodbye to their friends and leave the security of a program that has helped them thrive."

Hurley and State Senator Bill Cunningham have filed legislation to change the law and allow special needs students to remain in education programs for the entirety of the school year in which they turn 22-years old, which will allow young people with developmental disabilities to complete instruction and ease their transition into post-school life.

"The current law places an unfair burden on special needs students and their parents," Cunningham said. "It's hard enough to find a job or day programs for young adults with developmental chal-

lenges, but it is made all the more difficult in the middle of the school year when programs have already been filled with participants."

Under federal law, school districts must offer services to any qualifying special needs student who is 21-years old or younger. As such, students from dozens of 19th Ward families are enrolled in CPS programs at South Side Occupational Academy and the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, which has a cluster program for special needs students. The Illinois School Code for special education was written to conform to federal regulations, so it only requires local school districts to keep qualifying students enrolled until their 22nd birthday.

Joshua Long, the principal of South Side Occupational, and Ag School Principal Bill Hook, both support changing the state law to enable their students to remain enrolled through the entire school year after they turn 22-years old.

The legislation proposed by Representative Hurley and Senator Cunningham (House Bill 3897 and Senate Bill 2281,) has been endorsed by Illinois' First Lady, M.K. Pritzker, who recently toured South Side Occupational Academy, where she discussed the "aging out" problem with school staff and 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea.







#### Smith Village modernization (Continued from page 1)

"We started conducting research in 2017 to ascertain the best way to update the Johanson Wing which was built in 1991," said McGee. "Based on our findings that larger, private accommodations were essential, we secured approval from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to proceed with our modernization plan."

Like other speakers appearing at the groundbreaking, McGee's parents, Phil and Noreen McGee, reside at Smith Village. Noreen stood among the group of 30-plus well-wishers gathered on the southeast corner of the Smith Village campus.



Smith Village executive director Marti Jatis addresses a crowd gathered at the recent groundbreaking for Smith Village's new \$22.3 million rehab wing expansion. Photo by Marc Monaghan

Alderman Matt O'Shea expressed support and congratulations, after greeting his father, Dan O'Shea, and his father's dog, Ace, both residents of Smith Village. "This is more than a \$22 million reinvestment in our city," O'Shea said. "It's a much-needed way to keep families together in our neighborhood and exactly what the market expects."

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley also commended Smith Village and the Smith Senior Living and Smith Village trustees for their commitment to expand common areas and to quadruple the number of private suites and rooms in the Johanson Wing. "Let me congratulate you," he said, adding that several close friends and family members have relied on Smith Village. "You care for people often at a vulnerable stage of their lives and provide such great support for their families."

Smith Village executive director Marti Jatis, welcomed dignitaries, members of the development and construction team, and guests. In her opening comments, she spotlighted the *US News & World Report* ranking that includes Smith Village among Chicago's top 19 skilled nursing care providers. Jatis' mother, Marianne, also resides at Smith Village.

The Johanson Wing was named

Smith Senior Living president and CEO Kevin McGee, left, visits with the daughter of Smith Village residents, Cathi Carlin Hogan, and Alderman Matt O'Shea during the recent groundbreaking ceremony for Smith Village's Johanson Wing. Photo by Marc Monaghan



Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley thanks Chicago Engine 120 firefighters and paramedics for their service and support of Smith Village. Photo by Marc Monaghan

in 2002 for Gary Johanson, who had served for 22 years as executive director of the Washington & Jane Smith Home, the previous name for Smith Village.

After site preparation, construction is slated to begin its first phase at the south end of the wing in November. Spring of 2022 is the anticipated completion date of this

multi-phase construction project because the Johanson Wing will continue to serve short-term stay and rehab residents. The development and construction team for the project includes RLPS Architects, Weis Builders, Kimley Horn Engineers, Merlino Design Partnership, Inc. and Eventus Strategic Partners, LLC.





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#### Turkey Trot (Continued from page 1)

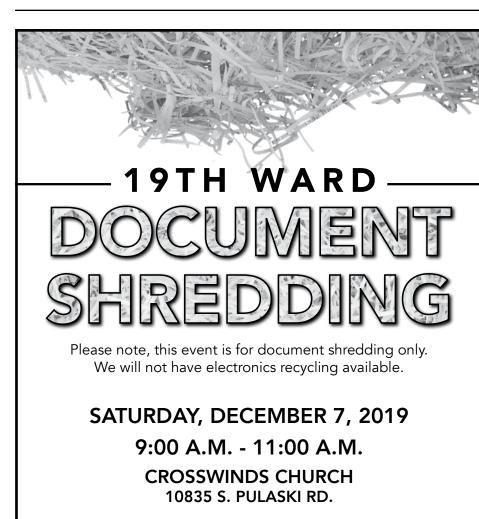
The 19th Ward and Original Pancake House (Beverly) will host a pancake breakfast immediately following the race. Admission is \$5 per person; or \$25 for a family.

The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Live Like John) was founded in 2012 by Beverly residents Amy and Ed 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 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 community. Some events include the Children's Film Festival, Holiday Dodge Ball Tournament, Summer Concerts & 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 11th annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K, please visit www.the19thward.com or email margie@the19thward.com.





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"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

- Be a registered voter 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;
- Agree that if the judge applicant is removed as an election judge due to misbehavior, neglect of duty or other cause, the person will not be paid for training or election day service;
- Agree that if a person fails to perform all of the services required of a judge, the compensation may be reduced accordingly;
- Agree that by law, the name, address and party affiliation are subject to public disclosure; and,
- Agree that the Board of Elections may use any personal data provided in the Judge Application for the Board's internal operations.
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# Registration Now Open for the **20th Annual Chicago Polar Plunge**

Registration is now open for the 20th annual Chicago Polar Plunge which will take place at North Avenue Beach on Sunday, March 1, 2020. The Chicago Polar Plunge benefits the 7500 athletes of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago. Hundreds of athletes in the Mt Greenwood/Beverly/Morgan Park area participate and compete in the Special Olympics Chicago program through Mt. Greenwood Park, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Barbara Vick Early Childhood Center, and Clissold Elementary

Registration is available by visiting www.chicagopolarplunge.org. Team registration is also available, as are opportunities for corporate partnerships. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$200. In honor of this milestone year, a number of fundraising incentives have been added. The first registered plunger to raise \$2,020 will receive a pair of airline tickets, courtesy of United Airlines.

The Chicago Polar Plunge is an enormously important event for Special Olympics Chicago, as it helps to fund the year-round activities and events enjoyed by more than 7500 athletes throughout the city. Funds raised from the Chicago Polar Plunge help to pay for transportation to competitions, uniforms, sports equipment, and more, for the ever-growing Special Olympics Chicago programs and athletes.

Over the last two decades, the Chicago Polar Plunge has grown tremendously in size. The first Chicago Polar Plunge took place on March 4, 2001 at North Avenue

Beach with nearly 200 plungers who braved the seven-degree wind chill to raise \$66,000 to support Special Olympics Chicago's growing needs.

In 2019, the Chicago Polar Plunge attracted more than 4000 plungers and raised over \$1.8 million dollars. This year, in honor of the 20th Anniversary, the organization hopes to reach \$2 million dollars.

Plungers through the years have included former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "The Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon, actors Vince Vaughn and Dax Shepard, musician/artist

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Lady Gaga, the casts of Chicago Fire, Chicago PD, and Chicago Med, and Al Roker from The TODAY Show.

Athletes compete and train in 22 sports throughout the year in over 150 Chicago Public Schools throughout the city and in 25 parks

through the Chicago Park District. The Special Olympics Chicago programs that are implemented at the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District are modeled across the country. Support is also provided for arts programming, special events and field trips, and an athlete produced cable access television show.

For more information on the Chicago Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, please call 312.527.3743; or email polar-plunge@sochicago.org









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While overall Metra ridership has increased over the past 15 years, the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines have lost a third of their total ridership due to higher ticket costs and infrequent train schedules. Families in southwest side neighborhoods and suburbs are instead forced to endure long commutes with multiple transfers to access jobs and educational opportunities.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's proposed pilot program to cut the cost of tickets for riders at stations in Chicago and increase service on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines would put our region on a long-term path toward sustainable, affordable transit options for all residents.

Riders in Chicago neighborhoods would see fares cut in half for a oneway trip to \$2.50, matching the Chicago Transit Authority's fare. This has the potential to save current Metra commuters close to \$1,000 per year. Chicagoans who currently choose to drive, use ride hailing services or who rely on bus transit options that are often timeconsuming and inconvenient would finally have the kind of efficient, affordable transit options that all Chicago residents deserve regardless of what neighborhood they live in. Commuters from suburban communities would also receive fare reductions and be able to take advantage of the more frequent Metra service that is included in the proposed plan.

This pilot program has the potential to increase Metra ridership in the communities that we represent by over 80,000 daily riders. While there are understandable concerns regarding how this might impact the CTA's bottom line, we must look past the numbers and prioritize the people in our communities who rely on public transit. Through collaboration between the county, city and our transit agencies, those dollars can be recovered. However, the hours upon hours that parents spend commuting instead of with their kids, or college students are crammed onto buses rather than studying, cannot.

This unprecedented collaboration between the Metra, Chicago Transit Authority and PACE would create a model for future improvements across the region while providing affordable options that commuters in our districts need now.

The Chicagoland region is at its best when all of our residents are connected. We urge President Preckwinkle, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and our transit agencies to collaborate and implement this proposed pilot program.

Sincerely,

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#### **Clean Out Your Closet** for Domestic Violence!



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Join Alderman Matt O'Shea, Representative Fran Hurley & WINGS to support families living with Domestic Violence.

The WINGS Program, a leading domestic violence agency operating safe houses throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, is collecting gently used clothing (for men, women and children), as well as jewelry and handbags for their re-

sale shops. Wings operates four resale shops to help fund their programs. By donating unused items from your home you can provide badly needed support to this amazing organization.

Please consider dropping off any used adult or children's clothing, jewelry or handbags at the 19th Ward Office (10400 S. Western Ave. or 3207 W. 111th St.) between November 15th and December 15th, 2019. All items collected will be donated to Wings for use in their resale shops.

The WINGS program operates two safe houses and 47 transitional apartments or homes throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Families who are actively fleeing a violent situation can find refuge with WINGS. They have served 1,481 individuals providing

> 80,475 nights of shelter and over 14,000 hours of children's services.

Please join us in supporting this incredibly important work. This drive is done in partnership OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE with A New Direction (AND), Senator

Bill Cunningham, and Representative Fran Hurley. For more information, please contact Alderman O'Shea's Office at (773) 238-8766 or mattoshea@the19thward.com. To learn more about the WINGS program, please visit www.wingsprogram.com.

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# **CIBC Returns as Turkey Trot Presenting Sponsor**

CIBC is back for its 11th year as Presenting Sponsor of the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot. Helen Socha, Managing Director and Head of CIBC's US Retail Banking Business, talks about CIBC's continuing commitment to our community.

**Q:** CIBC has sponsored the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot since its beginning. Why is this important to the company?

**Socha:** The Turkey Trot is one of my favorite community events. The day brings out everyone from serious runners to those looking to burn a few Thanksgiving pounds to families who make it an annual tradition to walk together. It's fun, it brings the community together and we raise money for great causes. At CIBC, we believe one person can make a difference, and when we come together, we can make a meaningful impact. We are proud to support the 19th Ward in its mission to raise funds for the 19th Ward Youth Foundation and The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Foundation.

**Q:** What's new for CIBC this year?

**Socha:** We are excited to break ground on our new Mt. Greenwood Banking Center in the spring. Our new facility will bring some the newest banking technology to the neighborhood to make it easier and quicker to do business with us. Earlier this year, we improved our myChoice and iCan checking products to provide simplified banking benefits. You can learn more on our website cibc.com/US or by visiting our Banking Center.

Q: As we near the end of the year, do you have any financial tips for us?

**Socha:** The holidays generally bring out our giving spirit. However, it's also important to make sure we make good decisions that we're not digging out from in the new year. Right now is a good time to make plans for holiday spending. Make a list of your expenses: gifts, entertaining and travel are some of the big ones. This is also the time of year when charitable organizations seek our support. Set a budget for yourself and stick to it. Getting an understanding of these expenses is a good way to set a savings plan for yourself for next year. Our CIBC team is ready to recommend options to help you create more saving discipline for yourself.



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In order to apply, all applicants must appear in person and bring the following documentation.

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# CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET — HELP FAMILIES TOUCHED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### **NOV 15 - DEC 15**

Drop items off at the

19th Ward Office 10400 S. Western Ave. Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

or at the

Mt. Greenwood Service Office 3207 W. 111th St. Monday - Friday 9am-2pm The 19th Ward is collecting gently used adult and children's clothing, jewelry and handbags from November 15th-December 15th. All items collected will be donated to the WINGS resale shops and proceeds will benefit WINGS and A New Direction.

The WINGS program operates a network of safe houses and transitional apartments or homes for families overcoming domestic violence. Their work, funded in part through several resale shops, needs our help to stock their shelves this holiday season!

Please note, WINGS can only sell items that are in good, usable condition. We hope that you will consider cleaning out your closets to support families living with domestic violence.

For additional information, please email mattoshea@the19thward.com.

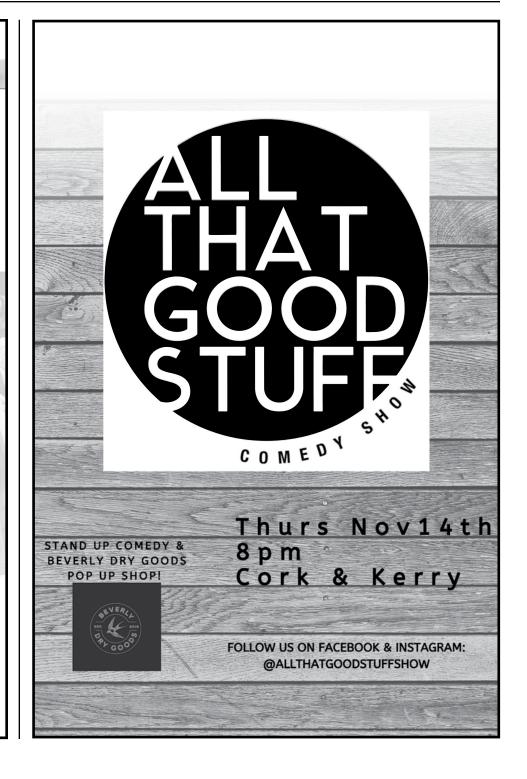
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#### Mercy Circle welcomes volunteers to enrich residents' lives

Orientation for new volunteers set for Monday, Nov. 18, 2019

As you're starting to anticipate the holiday season, why not include brightening the lives of others on your priority list?

Mercy Circle, a life-plan community located at 3659 W. 99th St., has scheduled a one-hour orientation for new volunteers at 9:00am on Monday, Nov. 18. Learn about a variety of enjoyable opportunities so you can share your interests and talents with Mercy Circle residents. Among the contributions volunteers can make are assisting residents with holiday cards and letters; transporting residents to activities and events; and helping organize community outreach projects such as food drives.

All volunteers are required to complete an orientation. To receive an application form and reserve your place at the orientation on Monday, Nov. 18, contact Mary Kate Moriarty, Mercy Circle life enrichment coordinator, at 773-253-3600.

"We currently have a group of dedicated volunteers, but more are always welcome. Our residents love making new friends and our volunteers treasure their sincere appreciation," said Mary Kate Moriarty, who also manages the program for volunteers.

One such dedicated volunteer is Janet Dahm, Psy.D., RNBC, who



Mercy Circle volunteer Janet Dahm (center) encourages resident Maria Bosch (left) as she ponders her next Scrabble move competing with fellow-resident Corrine Blackman.

likes nurturing her connection with the Sisters of Mercy because she was a professor for many years in the School of Nursing at Saint Xavier University, now serving there as an adjunct professor one day a week.

Dahm, who is certified in gerontological psychology, is a familiar face at Mercy Circle, volunteering a few days a week. She shares her many talents wherever needed and is often seen visiting one-on-one with residents who appreciate her kindness and insights in their casual day-to-day conversations. "I so enjoy spending time with the residents at Mercy Circle," explained Dahm, "and I find such joy in reflecting with them on their family stories and their accomplishments."

Moriarty added, "Our residents' eyes light up when they see Janet enter the room."

"We look forward to increasing our volunteer corps of men and women looking for a rewarding experience and finding it at Mercy Circle," said Frances Lachowicz, executive director of Mercy Circle. "Volunteers tell us they learn many valuable life lessons while imparting their time and talents with Mercy Circle's residents, an unexpected reward from new friends who have so much to share."





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Start/Finish Line, 92nd & Hamilton Ave. Where:

When: Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:00 A.M.

#### **Registration Fee:**

5K Run Individual: \$35 until race day, then \$40

5K Youth Individual (age 19 or younger): \$30 until race day, then \$35

5K Untimed Walk Individual: \$35 until race day, then \$40

5K Untimed Family Fun Walk (limit 4 sweatshirts): \$75 until race day, then \$80

#### Race course entertainment provided.

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\* Each participant who registers by November 1st will receive a hooded sweatshirt. Runners will be divided into age and gender categories based on CARA guidelines. The family walk is an untimed event.

#### **Packet Pickup Schedule:**

Friday, November 22: 1 pm - 6 pm, CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.

Saturday, November 23: 9 am - 1 pm, CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.

Monday, November 25: 1 pm - 5 pm, CIBC, 3052 W. 111th St.

Tuesday, November 26: 4 pm - 8 pm, Treadfit, 10458 S. Western Ave.

Friday, November 29: 1 pm - 7 pm, Running Excels, 10328 S. Western Ave.

Race Day, Saturday, November 30: 7 am, Christ the King Gym

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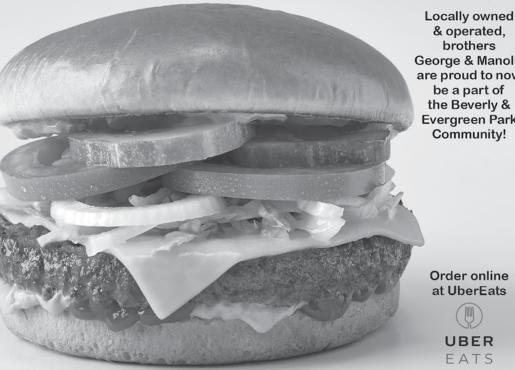
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## Join us at the Trot!

CIBC is proud to be Presenting Sponsor of the Beverly Hills TurkeyTrot 5k Run and Family Walk for the 11th consecutive year. Join us after crossing the finish line for a celebratory cup of hot chocolate.

