

O'Shea Announces Public Safety Technology Investment

To better use the newest technology to help fight violent crime, Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Police Department recently announced the placement of more than a dozen public safety cameras and license plate readers on main streets in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood. The locations were designated by the Chicago Police Department and installation is being funded by the Aldermanic menu program.

"Public safety cameras are an effective policing tool. We must give the Police Department the tools

they need to help keep our community safe," said O'Shea.

Two of these state-of-the-art cameras were installed last month and are feeding video to the 22nd District's Strategic Decision Support Center – a technology hub staffed by officers that monitor video feeds and other technology resources. That information is shared with beat cars in real time. Officers armed with high quality video are more likely to make an arrest.

"These cameras are just part of a larger suite of technology that Chicago police rely upon as an extra set

of eyes to keep people safe," Joyce said. "The information these devices provide is essential to maintaining safety as well as solving crime and prosecuting offenders."

Last year, following the senseless and tragic murder of retired Fire Lt. Dwain Williams at 118th and Western Ave., video footage shared by a business owner was instrumental in identifying and arresting the four individuals responsible. Equipping the 22nd District with the best available technology will

help stem the tide of violent crime and contribute to public safety.

Installation of these cameras is ongoing. All locations are expected to be online in the coming months.



Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast 2021

Alderman Matt O'Shea's 7th Annual Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 21st. This year, pre-purchased pancake breakfasts will be available for pickup or delivery. Each to-go breakfast container will include pancakes and sausage for two people, syrup and butter. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign, which purchases bullet proof vests for Chicago Police Officers.

Pancake orders can be made online at www.the19thward.com or in person at the 19th Ward Office during regular business hours. In addition to breakfasts, a limited amount of Chicago Police Memorial Foundation merchandise will be available for purchase.

Get your friends and family behind the vest this year as a virtual table captain. Sell or purchase 25 breakfasts and get a Chicago Police Memorial Foundation hat. You and your friends can setup a zoom and enjoy breakfast together knowing that you purchased a lifesaving bullet proof vest.

In addition to the pancake breakfast, Ald. O'Shea will once again be working with local schools to organize student-based fundrais-

ers to support this cause. You can also help by filling up your tank at Kean Gas Station! For every gallon of gas sold at Kean between March 14th-20th, 15 cents will be donated to the Get Behind the Vest Campaign. This effort is sponsored by Kean Gas Station, Beverly Bank & Trust, and AthleteX.

"Now more than ever, we need to do all that we can to protect those who protect us. My community is home to thousands of Chicago Police Officers, who understand how important lifesaving equipment is on the job. It is my hope that even though this event will look different this year, we can continue to help replace bullet proof vests for our officers and help ensure their safety on the streets" said O'Shea.

In the past seven years, the foundation has replaced over 11,000 vests and aims to replace 500 vests a year moving forward. Bullet proof vests need to be replaced every five years. Alderman O'Shea sits on the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Advisory Board and the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry Board of Directors. The Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast is generously co-hosted by Saint John Fisher Parish, the Harrigan Family and the Original Pancake House-Beverly.



Cunningham Bill Targets Carjacking

State Senator Bill Cunningham has filed legislation in Springfield to help combat a recent wave of carjackings by juvenile offenders. Cunningham's proposal would help ensure juveniles aren't immediately released after being charged with gun-related violent crimes.

"Past studies have indicated that a large portion of juvenile offenders are freed within hours of being arrested for carjacking, armed robbery and other violent offenses," Cunningham said. "This sends the worst kind of message to young offenders. It tells them they won't be held accountable for committing serious crimes."



According to data released by the Chicago Police Department, roughly half of all suspects arrested for carjacking offenses in 2020 were under 18 years old. Cunningham pointed to a 2018 report in the Chicago Sun-Times that showed a majority of juvenile carjacking suspects are released to their parents or on electronic monitoring within 24 hours of arrest.

Cunningham's legislation would attempt to stop the quick release of young offenders by changing the legal standard followed in juvenile court detention hearings that typically occur within hours of a suspect's arrest.

Under the current law, a legal presumption exists that a juvenile should be released to his parent's while the criminal trial is pending. Cunningham's proposal would eliminate that presumption for car-

jacking and armed robbery cases. Instead, if the court finds probable cause that a minor likely committed a carjacking offense, the minor would be held in juvenile detention. While detained, the juvenile would undergo a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation, which would be used at a subsequent hearing, along with other factors, to decide if the minor should be further detained, or receive counseling or other necessary services.

Ironically, the detention and evaluation process is currently employed in juvenile court for minors who are caught possessing a gun on school grounds, but not for juveniles who use firearms while committing a carjacking or robbery.

"It makes no sense for the juvenile justice system to treat juvenile gun possession more harshly than the act of actually using a gun in a robbery," Cunningham said. "Both offenses are bad, but carjacking should be treated more seriously. My legislation would end this inconsistency."

"If a 15 year-old points a gun at someone while committing crime, we know that something drastically wrong has occurred in that young person's life," Cunningham said. "The justice system should never turnaround and immediately release the offender without determining whether or not he is a danger to the community or himself. That determination can simply not be made within a matter of a few hours."



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Pilot Cuts Metra Fairs

On January 4, 2021, the Cook County Board and Metra Leaders launched a three year pilot project that reduced fares on the Metra Electric and Rock Island Lines by fifty percent. The Fair Transit South Cook pilot program aims to reduce costs and make transit more convenient for residents and essential workers in south Cook County. Under the pilot, all riders on the Metra Electric and Rock Island Lines will pay Metra's reduced fare rates – which are typically offered to seniors and K-12 students – for all tickets.

The reduced fare tickets are available now from ticket agents, ticket machines and the Ventra app. The paper and mobile tickets will be marked for use on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines only. The County is underwriting costs for this pilot program.

"This is a great pilot program that will increase service and decrease costs for 11th district Metra riders and is an excellent example of government agencies working to-

gether to address the local community's transportation needs in an equitable manner" said Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley.

"I'd like to thank Commissioner Daley and the entire Cook County Board of Commissioners for their leadership on this issue. Fair Transit South Cook offers a significant cost savings to all Metra riders when it is needed most. I hope everyone takes advantage of this great opportunity" said 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea.

"With this effort, we are promoting transit equity and supporting essential workers and those most in need. We are making transit an easier choice and a better choice. It's truly a win-win situation for everyone," said Metra Board Chair Romayne Brown.

Information about pilot initiative can be found on the County's website at: www.cookcountyil.gov/fairtransit. You may also email fairtransit@cookcountyil.gov to join our mailing list or ask questions.

Lawsuit Filed to Enforce Flavored Vape Ban

Vapes.com has violated several municipal laws, including the sale of flavored vaping products and the sale of vaping and tobacco products to minors according to a lawsuit filed recently by the City of Chicago in federal court. The complaint also outlines other tobacco related code violations including marketing tobacco products to minors. The lawsuit aims to end the illegal practices of Vapes.com and impose financial penalties against the company.

The sale of flavored vaping products was prohibited in Chicago under an ordinance sponsored by Alderman Matt O'Shea last September. "Studies have shown that 80 percent of youth tobacco users started with a flavored product, and 80 percent of youth and young adult users say they would quit if flavored tobacco products were unavail-

able," said Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady.

Vapes.com has a strong social media presence catering to minors. Their Instagram page includes content specifically directed at minors including a section titled "Underage." They also offer product promotions including the opportunity to get a free fidget spinner with purchase. These tactics have historically been used by big tobacco companies with serious public health repercussions. Legal action is the City's best option to protect our young people from bad operators.

"This lawsuit not only takes these companies to task, but sends a clear message to anyone who thinks they can push vaping products onto our kids and get away with it" said Alderman Matt O'Shea.

COVID Tele-Townhall Meeting

On Wednesday, February 24th, Alderman Matt O'Shea will host a COVID-19 telephone townhall meeting at 7:00pm. O'Shea will be joined by Dr. Jennifer Seo from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to discuss the City's response to the pandemic and the vaccine rollout as well as Dr. Brisa Aschebrook-Kilfoy from the University of Chicago Medicine to discuss her work with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Representatives from other government agencies and departments will also be present to ad-

dress your concerns.

This call is open to all 19th Ward residents. Please note, while the call will provide information on the vaccine rollout and provide the opportunity for people to ask questions of public health experts, we do not have the ability to schedule vaccine appointments directly. To register for the call, please visit www.the19thward.com. After registering, expect a call to the phone number you provide at 7:00pm on February 24th. For more information email mattoshea@the19thward.com.

Traffic Calming Signs Available

The 19th Ward will be offering a limited number of free "Please Slow Down - Kids Play Here" yard signs for 19th Ward residents. Yard sign requests will be accepted February 15th – 28th and delivery is expected in mid-March. The speed of traffic through our community is a growing concern. All residents are asked

to be more mindful of their vehicle's speed when driving. Also, refrain from texting while driving.

Please note, while there is no fee for the sign, there is a limit of two signs per block. Requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis. To

request a sign, please visit www.the19thward.com.



Senior Tax Exemptions

Residents born in 1955 or earlier are now eligible to apply for a senior exemption on their property taxes. If you received the senior exemption last year there is no need to re-apply, it will automatically rollover. Also, **for this year only**, residents that received the senior freeze last year do not need to re-apply for the 2020 tax year. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the state legislature passed a law automatically renewing the senior freeze exemption for anyone that qualified in 2019. This also applies to the persons

with disabilities exemption. Senior residents that make \$65,000 or less are eligible to apply for the senior freeze. If this is the first year you are eligible for any exemption you will need to fill out the appropriate application. Forms for all exemptions will be available for download at www.cookcountyassessor.com or can be obtained at both 19th Ward service offices. If you have any questions please call the 19th Ward service office at (773)238-8766 or the Cook County Assessor at (312)443-7550.

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Saturday, March 6th
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19th Ward Spreads Love with Valentines for Vets

Residents at Smith Village and middle school students at St. Cajetan School joined forces to show love and respect to veterans with the fifth annual Valentines for Vets program. Five years ago, Alderman Matt O'Shea initiated the idea for the multi-generational cupids who find a fresh way every year to create works of art and fill gift bags. This year, Smith Village residents also recorded a sing-a-long to brighten the lives of 33 veterans who benefit from mental health programs at the Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center.

"The 19th Ward is home to many of Chicago's first responders," says program sponsor, 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea. "We know what service means. Our annual Valentines for Vets is one more way our community respects and supports those who serve. This year's collaboration between Smith Village residents and St. Cajetan Student Council members is a testament to the fact that even a global pandemic cannot get in the way of their tradition of generosity."

Indeed the support touches many hearts. "The veterans were surprised at first and then absolutely delighted that people think of them on Valentine's Day," says Modie Lavin, Senior Family Outreach Coordinator at the Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center

and Gold Star Mother. "Isolation is a consequence of living with PTSD so receiving this expression of love and support really boosts their spirits. Some of the veterans had tears in their eyes when they read the messages and studied the paintings created by St. Cajetan students and Smith Village residents."

Arrangements for the annual program were adjusted this year to follow best practices for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. A canvas for each of the 33 veterans started with residents at Smith Village who outlined a heart and added a blue handprint. Then, St. Cajetan Student Council members completed the design by adding their handprint in red to complete the heart and wrote an inspiring message on its perimeter. Gift bags went in reverse order with students decorating the bags before sending them to Smith Village for the residents to fill.

"At St. Cajetan we are known for giving back," says Student Council President Cara McLean. "When we have the opportunity to show our love and sympathy through projects such as Valentines for Vets, it is truly wonderful."

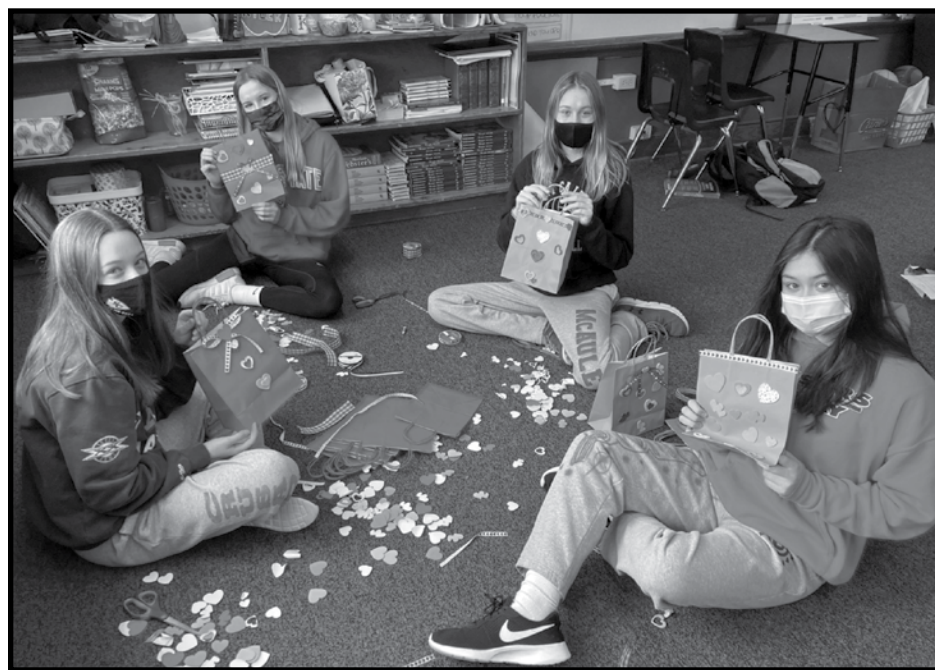
"The students take this collaboration seriously," says St. Cajetan teacher and Student Council Moderator Samantha Medrano. "They are excited to make something for the veterans and they love working

with the residents at Smith Village. This year is particularly special because they can't do as much in the community because of the pandemic. This gives them a great way to connect. Still, they missed being with the residents at Smith Village in person which always is a bonus for our students."

Instead of shrinking its plan this year, Valentines for Vets added a new creative element. Residents at Smith Village produced a virtual sing-along for the veterans, recording some of their favorite tunes, including "This Land Is Your Land" and "You Are My Sunshine." The

veterans added their voices when this video was shown during a community gathering at Rush University Medical Center. The sing-along offers one more way to connect and share joy.

"It is a pleasure to honor the service and commitment of our veterans," says Smith Village executive director Marti Jatis. "We aspire to lift their spirits. And every year working with the Student Council at St. Cajetan touches our hearts as well. We look forward to welcoming students back to our community to spend time with residents. In sharing love, we find that we also get it back."



St. Cajetan School Student Council members (l-r) Erin Connolly, Cara McLean, Gabrielle Goyer and Cecilia Soraghan make gift bags for veterans

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

On Monday, January 25th, the City of Chicago entered Phase 1B COVID vaccination rollout. Phase 1B includes frontline essential workers, including teachers, and people aged 65 and older. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) advises eligible residents to contact their primary care physician to schedule a vaccination.

Some retail pharmacies are also making appointments for older residents OR allowing people to sign up for texts and emails regarding the vaccine. Links to several pharmacies are below. **Please note, there does not appear to be any appointments available now, but more may be added as additional vaccines become available.**

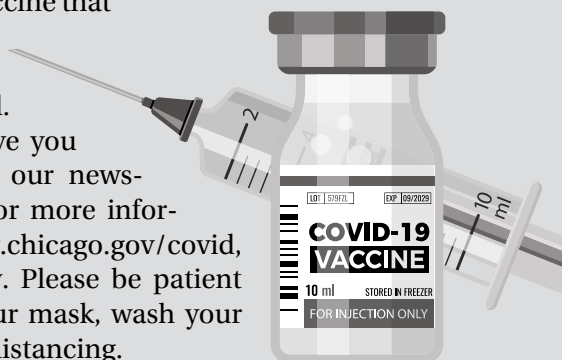
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- Walgreens - www.walgreens.com/covid19vac

As a reminder here are the four phases of the vaccine plan:

- Phase 1A: Health care personnel and long-term care facility residents
- Phase 1B: Frontline essential workers and persons age 65 & older
- Phase 1C: Persons age 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions, and essential workers not recommended for vaccination in Phase 1B
- Phase 2: All persons age 16 years and older not previously recommended for vaccination

Please be aware, CDPH has released a statement warning residents not to fall victim to COVID-19 vaccine scams. If you receive a message about early access to the vaccine that is not from your doctor's office, it is NOT legitimate, and you should not respond.

We will continue to give you up-to-date information in our newsletter as we learn more. For more information, please visit www.chicago.gov/covid, which is updated regularly. Please be patient and remember to wear your mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.



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Special Olympics Polar Cannon Comes to Marist High School

Alderman Matt O'Shea and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local 130 are bringing the Polar Cannon to Marist High School to support Special Olympics and the 20th Annual Chicago Polar Plunge the week of March 1st. Marist students will run through the powerful six pronged "polar cannon" to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics programs in Chicago. This 2021 Chicago Polar Plunge is being held remotely out of safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amidst the safety concerns of large, in-person events, Alderman O'Shea partnered with the Plumbers Union to offer this fun, safe option at Marist, which has traditionally had strong participation in the Chicago Polar Plunge. The Plumbers Union created the Polar Cannon using the equipment that is used to dye the Chicago River green for

Saint Patrick's Day. The Cannon will be mounted in an outdoor space at Marist and students will raise funds for the opportunity to run through it instead of jumping into Lake Michigan this year.

Over the past 20 years, the Chicago Polar Plunge has not only become the "must-attend" winter event, but it has also received national and international attention by attracting celebrities such as "The Tonight Show" host **Jimmy Fallon**, international pop star **Lady Gaga**, "Today Show" host **Al Roker**, actor **Vince Vaughn** and the casts of Chicago Fire, Chicago PD, and Chicago Med to dive in the frozen water of North Avenue Beach on Lake Michigan. The Chicago Polar Plunge is Special Olympics Chicago's largest fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit the 7,500 athletes that participate in Special Olympics.

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Although Chicago Park District programs and Chicago Public School's programs came to a halt in March of 2020 due to the pandemic, SOC/SCC purchased laptop computers for coaches to use to provide virtual programming and activities. In addition, the organization has delivered thousands of meals and activity packets to athletes, provided weekly bingo games, cooking classes, trivia nights, online fitness classes and much more.

In typical times, athletes compete and train in 22 sports throughout the year in over 100 Chicago Public Schools throughout the city

and in 23 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 polarplunge@sochicago.org. To register for the Chicago Polar Plunge, please visit www.chicagopolarplunge.org

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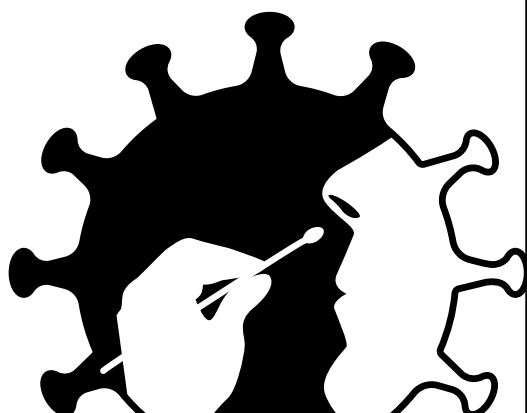
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Improvements Coming to Munroe Park

‘This Spring, work will begin on a new pickleball court and replacement sand volleyball court at Munroe Park. This second phase of improvements follows the construction of a new playground at the park. This project, with a budget of \$75,000, is expected to begin this April and take several months to complete.

The project will include a full size pickleball court that will be surrounded by a six foot fence. The

volleyball court will be completely rebuilt. It will remain a regulation size court with the same extra ten feet of sand playing field around. A concrete curb will be added to hold the sand and new poll structures that will allow the height of the net to be adjusted.

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Hurley Highlights Priorities for New Term

Following the 102nd General Assembly inauguration earlier this week, state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, highlighted her policy priorities, including advocating for students with developmental disabilities, fighting for ethics reform and supporting first responders.

“Educational programs offered through schools are so important for students with developmental disabilities, as they provide important skills to help students transition to adult life and live as independently as possible,” said Hurley. “Taking students out of this positive, enriching environment in the middle of the school year is an unnecessary, abrupt change to their routine. I am working to ensure students with developmental disabilities have continuity and access to the resources they deserve and need to thrive.”

As a part of her continued efforts to expand opportunities for students with autism and other developmental disabilities, Hurley has reintroduced legislation that will allow students with disabilities, who turn 22, to remain eligible for special education services even if their birthday occurs during the school year, ensuring that the student can finish the school year. Under current law, when a student with developmental disabilities turns 22 they are no longer able to receive public education services from the state.

Additionally, Hurley is leading the effort to pass legislation which would prohibit the appointment of a sitting General Assembly mem-

ber’s spouse to a paid position on any state board, commission, authority, task force or similar body.



“Our state has an infamous reputation when it comes to government corruption. We must enact reforms that put an end to bad actors using their position to get rich,” said Hurley. “Rather than letting positions be handed to insiders, my legislation will ensure the most qualified candidates are appointed to important boards and commissions to help build a government that Illinoisans can put their faith in.”

Throughout her time as a legislator, Hurley has been an outspoken advocate for first responders. Over

the course of the last few years, Hurley has fostered continued discussions on policies to better support first responders, and convened the First Responder Suicide Prevention Task Force. She is now working to implement recommendations made by the task force to help improve the mental health and wellness of first responders.

“Working as a first responder can be extremely stressful and cause depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health issues. Unfortunately, due to the trauma many experience on a daily basis. First responders are now statistically more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty,” continued Hurley. My legislation will better support them for all of the critical work they do in our communities to keep our families safe.”

Burke Fights to Expand Workers’ Rights

State Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Oak Lawn, is pushing to expand workers’ rights by implementing reasonable limitations on employers’ non-compete and non-solicitation agreements.

“In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic when many are facing financial uncertainty, we must ensure that workers are protected and able to seek employment to provide for themselves and their families,” said Burke. “By placing practical and reasonable limitations on an employer’s ability to require their workers to enter into agreements

that bar them from obtaining certain jobs in the near future, we can help expand opportunities for those in need of work across our state.”

Burke’s measure continues her efforts to expand workers’ rights by updating the Illinois Freedom to Work Act to make reasonable limitations on the state’s non-compete and non-solicitation laws. Non-compete and non-solicitation cove-



nants can prohibit employees from working for a competing business or starting a business that would

compete with their employer. Burke’s legislation clarifies these laws for employers and helps protects workers from undue financial hardship that may occur as a result of their inability to find work after signing such an agreement with a previous employer. The legislation also makes non-compete clauses in employment contracts void if an em-

ployee is terminated or furloughed as a result of COVID-19 business circumstances or government mitigation guidelines.

“Throughout the ongoing pandemic, one of my first priorities has been to implement stronger protections for our working families and provide support for displaced workers,” said Burke. “Passing this legislation would allow for better protections for working men and women while improving clarity for employers who use non-compete or non-solicitation clauses in their employment contracts.”

Seniors gain new skills with Smart Tech Seniors 3.0

February marks the culmination of Smart Tech Seniors 3.0 virtual classes presented by 19th Ward Alderman Matt O’Shea and BAPA Executive Director Mary Jo Viero.

This year, the third for the annual program, classes were moved online to encourage participation by 19th Ward senior citizens who stayed in their homes to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. “Because older adults are taking steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, learning how to leverage technology already at their fingertips is more important than ever,” says O’Shea. “By mastering more features on a variety of digital devices, we can stay connected, even while we must maintain physical distance.”

Sister Sharon Kerrigan, RSM, an independent living resident at Mercy Circle, serves on several boards including the Board of Trustees of Mercy Medical Center Cedar Rap-

ids in Iowa. For the last 10-plus months, Sister Sharon has replaced in-person meetings and events with online gatherings during the pandemic. She enrolled in Smart Tech Seniors classes to expand her



Photo Credit: Marc Monaghan
Mercy Circle resident Sister Sharon Kerrigan, RSM uses her tablet to attend virtual meetings with other board members for organizations in Chicago, Cedar Rapids and even Dublin, Ireland.

knowledge about the technology behind the tools she already was using. The information from the classes gave her additional background to expand her understanding which she was able to immediately use in important online meetings for the Amita Health Graduation and meetings with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

“The teaching was excellent,” she says noting she would recommend the classes even for seniors without any background knowledge in using technology. Although she looks forward to attending meetings in person again, using Zoom made it possible for Sister Sharon to participate in meetings and events as far

away as Ireland. She believes these technologies will be in use long after the pandemic crisis is behind us.

Beverly resident Eric Moon learned about the Smart Tech Seniors classes in the BAPA Villager. Timing was perfect because he had just gotten a new Samsung phone and had a number of questions about it. He appreciated the question and answer period at the end of each session that allowed him to get some clarification on issues specific to his new phone. The trainer, Melody Camp, even followed up with him after the session to clarify some details.

“The great thing about the classes is that it gave me a sense that there is someone around to help.” Having separate classes for Apple and Android products was important to Moon because the instructor could offer more specific, practical and directed instructions. Moon noted there was a significant range of expertise among people in the classes, but notes “We are all more device savvy than we used to be.”

Neighborhood seniors participated in sessions on setting up online visits, taking and sharing photos, using Alexa and Echo Dot,

downloading useful applications and online safety. The 19th Ward and Beverly Area Planning Association tapped local experts Melody Camp and Claire DiCola for a series of concurrent training sessions—one for people with Apple devices and the other with Android devices.

“Smartphones and tablets have so many features, yet even experienced users only use a few instead of leveraging the power of what we hold in our hands,” says Viero. “These classes help participants use their devices more effectively.”

Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham, Illinois State Representative Fran Hurley, Illinois State Representative Kelly Burke, Illinois State Representative Justin Slaughter, Mercy Circle and Smith Village were proud sponsors of the program.

Anyone interested in exploring the content from the Smart Tech Seniors classes can view recordings of all classes and review the presenters’ notes at the 19th Ward website, the19thward.com, and the BAPA website, www.bapa.org.

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Smith Village Residents Share Love Story

Jim and Violet Bailey walk hand in hand when they're in their home at Smith Village, a life plan community in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, just like they have for more than 37 years no matter where they are.

"We hang on to each other so we don't get lost," Jim jokes, but then adds thoughtfully, "If you don't touch, you lose touch." As the nation celebrates love and Valentine's Day this month, the Baileys' story reminds us that often the most poignant love stories are built from a thousand ordinary moments stretched over time.

The two met during a party at a friend's house nearly 40 years ago. Both were young widows. Neither one can remember where they went on their first date, but they remember the important parts.

"I remember as we were getting acquainted, we just clicked," says Violet. "The relationship just worked."

When they married, he was the principal at the Juliet Low Upper Grade Center in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood and she was a nurse at Saint Francis Hospital in Blue Island. "I admired Jim's open-



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Marc Monaghan
*Violet and Jim Bailey,
Smith Village residents*

ness," Violet recalls. "And I knew right away that she was just a really wonderful person," adds Jim.

Together, they were parents to three teenagers. While they felt 100 percent confident in their feelings for each other, they had some concerns about blending their families. Yet they look back now and consider how easily the children acclimated. It seems that their families clicked as well.


As the years passed, the Baileys enjoyed square dancing, reading and spending time with family. And through it all, the couple always has held hands. Jim and Violet moved to Smith Village in September of 2018 from their home in Oak Lawn. Their house had become too big for them, so one day they decided to tour Smith Village with one of their children. They immediately liked the community and moved in six weeks later. Once again for Jim and Violet, they knew instinctively when they have found the right match.

And in fact, that is Jim's advice for a healthy marriage. "Be sure of your feelings for your partner," he says. "When it works, you can just tell."



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Senior awarded coveted Posse scholarship

Senior Kobe Forbes has been awarded a full ride scholarship through the selective Posse Foundation, and was celebrated by administrators, staff, family, and friends during a parade held in January.

Nominated for his academic achievement, leadership qualities demonstrated, and social skills, Forbes will receive a four-year scholarship worth over \$100,000, with the exception of room and board.

Forbes was overwhelmed with emotion when a parade, coordinated by the principal, Dr. Femi Skanes, made the short trip over to his home, led by the green-and-white-and-orange Mustang bus, greeting him with balloons, a yard sign, a custom warm-up jacket, and other gifts for his accomplishment.

The many others who joined the celebration included the administrator from



Senior and Posse Scholar Kobe Forbes is surprised by Principal Dr. Femi Skanes, shown here, as he receives a goodie bag, balloons, cupcakes, and other gifts in recognition of his accomplishment. Forbes was celebrated during a parade held in January, during which attended by various administrators, staff, family, friends, local officials, and media.

when he attended Esmond Elementary School, Principal Angela Tucker, plus 19th Ward Alderman Matthew O'Shea, staff and administrators from MP, as well as his family and friends.

The senior has chosen to attend Cornell University, a pri-

ivate, Ivy League institution located in Ithaca, New York. Ivy League schools are generally considered to be among the most prestigious among all colleges in the U.S., which includes Yale, Harvard, and Brown universities, among others.

Artwork Selected for All-City Senior Portfolio Exhibition

Artwork produced by Elijah Roberson was accepted to the All-City Senior Portfolio Exhibition in January. The show gives seniors the chance to exhibit their artwork and to gain exposure among selected admissions representatives of various colleges and universities.



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IN THE NEWS



As featured on WTTW, Mustang alumnus Kierra Wooden (shown here, center) started Southside Cleanup. (Southside Cleanup/Instagram)

WTTW recently highlighted Class of 2016 IBDP alumnus Kierra Wooden for her activism. This past summer, she organized cleanups of Chicago communities after the protests, and has continued to grow her work by adding food drives and other philanthropy.

Mother McAuley to Host a Virtual Celebration

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will hold its Celebration Gala -- this year, virtually -- on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Registration is free and open to all. This annual fundraiser benefits tuition assistance for Mother McAuley students.

The online event will run from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and include entertainment, a raffle for a Peloton bike, special guest appearances and a silent auction. The highlight of the event will be the virtual paddle raise in support of McAuley financial aid and scholarships.

“Our greatest need during any year, but especially during this pandemic with its accompanying economic downturn, is scholarship assistance for our students,” said McAuley President, Mary Acker Klingenger ‘75. “Our virtual Celebration has many fun things in store, reminiscent of a true McAuley party, and all with the intention to raise funds in support of families who choose McAuley for its rigorous

curriculum, leadership development opportunities and faith-based experiences. It is well-known that investing in a McAuley girl nets infinite returns.”

Registration for the event is free and can be completed online at mothermcauley.org/celebration2021. Details on the silent auction and entries for the Peloton raffle also can be found on the website. Raffle entries cost \$100 each or 6 for \$500. The silent auction will go live the week of February 15 and items include a stay in Florida on Anna Maria Island, a getaway to a beautiful Airbnb in Southwest Michigan Wine Country, an Echelon bike, wine tastings, original artwork and more.

If you would like to support Celebration by providing sponsorship, auction item (we can offer ideas!), or placing an ad in our program, please contact Peggy Rourke, director of alumnae relations and development, at (773) 881-6547 or at prourke@mothermcauley.org.



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Home Energy Savings with CUB, Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00pm
This webinar will focus on new consumer protections during the COVID-19 pandemic, free programs that can save you money and energy, ways to decode your gas and electric bills, spot errors, and avoid scams. CUB will also touch on the latest Illinois energy policies and their impact on you.

To register for this seminar, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y53xlzqr>.

Cable Options & Reducing Robocalls with CUB, Thursday, March 18th at 1:00pm
This webinar will focus on ways to cut cable costs, information on available streaming services, how to avoid common robocall scams, and call-blocking services. CUB will also outline new federal legislation passed to help reduce robocalls. To register for this seminar, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y52w5avf>.
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Sister Mary de Paul Palaszek offers insights into science and faith at Mercy Circle

As one of the newest residents of Mercy Circle, a continuing care retirement community in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood neighborhood, Sister Mary de Paul Palaszek, RSM, reflects on a life that embraces religion through science and contemplates the relevance of both as the world combats the COVID-19 pandemic.

When Sister Mary de Paul joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1952, she was drawn to a ministry that would provide essential support for hospitals. With several dentists, doctors and nurses in her family, she was intrigued by the intersection of the worlds of religion and science. When she took her vows, she chose the Latin motto, "Propter Te, Domine," which translates to "For you, Lord" to guide her life of faith and ministry.

As a Sister of Mercy, she earned a doctorate in organic chemistry from Michigan State University in East Lansing and spent a year completing post-doctoral study in clinical chemistry at the University of Windsor in Canada.

Sister Mary de Paul treasured her time teaching chemistry at Mercy College in Detroit, Lansing Community College and Grand Valley State University. "Working with young people who asked such wonderful questions is a great pleasure," she says.

For several years, she worked in a hospital laboratory in Michigan and for two years volunteered at a hospital lab in North Carolina while working at NIEHS. "In the hospital world, chemistry is really about service to patients," she says. Yet working in a lab with test tubes, she didn't usually see the patients that benefitted. "I always admired the phlebotomists most of all. They met so many people. Some people were so afraid of needles, but the staff was able to help each patient."

She explains that she is not the only Sister of Mercy to be a chemist. In fact, she has been delighted to get to know Sister Frances Crean, RSM, who also holds a doctorate and worked in hospital laboratories, at Mercy Circle.

Facing COVID with science & faith

Sister Mary de Paul moved into an assisted living apartment at Mercy Circle in September 2020 when Illinois was reporting 1,500 to 2,500 COVID-19 cases a day, but she was not concerned. She has found tremendous comfort in her faith while coping with the challenges of this global pandemic. "I believe in the goodness in creation," she says. "Yet faith alone won't get us through the pandemic." She quotes St. James, "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead," and encourages ev-

eryone to take precautions.

She is a firm advocate that everyone must take personal responsibility and heed the guidance of scientists and medical experts. Wearing masks, maintaining social distance and employing hand-hygiene throughout the day are non-negotiables.

She also was eager to be among the first Chicagoans to receive the vaccine. At Mercy Circle, 99 percent of residents and 65 percent of employees (which is well above the national average) received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine on January 3 and their second on January 30. "I spoke with many of the residents who got vaccinated when I did," she says. "Everyone was eager to take the next step!"

Sister Mary de Paul's faith also inspires her global vision for sharing science. "One of my concerns is for the countries that don't have the same resources that we have," she says. "This virus is global and sharing resources around the world is vital."

Embracing positive change at Mercy Circle


Prior to moving to Mercy Circle, Sister Mary spent several years as a caregiver for her family. She is grateful to the Sisters of Mercy who made it possible for her to care for her mother, followed by two old-

er sisters, at the end of their lives. While doing so, she volunteered with the Prayer Blanket Ministry at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Volunteers make lap blankets and Sister Mary was part of a team that folded them, tied them with ribbon and blessed them with a prayer before they were distributed. She appreciated the fellowship of working with others to offer this peace and comfort to those in need and encourages others to find ways to help others.

Sister Mary enjoyed her life growing up and living in Michigan but, before her move, she struggled with shingles and had begun to fall. So, after her sister passed away, she was ready for a change. When she moved to Mercy Circle, she worked with a team of physical therapists who have helped her achieve a dramatic improvement in her balance, her stride and her ability to walk with confidence. She practices every day, feeling safe and supported as she travels through Mercy Circle hallways, and has lost her fear of walking.

Sister Mary is pleased she can manage her new apartment without assistance. Now, she treasures life's simple pleasures, like the fresh baked cookies that come with her lunch. Today she even got an extra one, still warm from the oven!

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This February, the 19th Ward partnered with your neighborhood McDonald's at 95th & Charles to host a black history month project contest. All 5th grade students at 19th Ward elementary schools were invited to participate. Students completed written or visual projects about a figure from black history that they respected or admired. While the contest is still ongoing, we wanted to share some of the students work here! Great job 5th Graders!

Rosa Parks

1. I picked Rosa Parks because she is a inspiring leader and she made the world a better place.

2. Rosa Parks was born on Tuskegee Alabama on February 4, 1913.

3. When Rosa Parks was a kid, her parents separated.

4. Her education was cut short because her mom got ill and Rosa took care of her.

5. When she was on a bus, a white man walked in and the bus driver told her to move. She refused to move so the bus driver called the cops.

6. Rosa had to pay a \$10 fine because at the time it was a law.


7. There was a bus boycott that led for 381 days. Finally, the U.S. Supreme Court stated that the segregation laws in Alabama were unconstitutional.

8. She married Raymond Parks.


9. Quote: "No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

10. Sadly, she died October 24, 2005 in Tuskegee, AL.

11. 4,000 people went to her funeral.



Ruby Bridges



I decided to write about Ruby Bridges because she was the first African-american child to desegregate an all white school, William Frantz Elementary School, in Louisiana. She was also the youngest civil rights leader, she was only six years old in doing so.

At first, her parents wanted her out of the school because people judged her color and said things that were cruel. Ruby Bridges wanted to stay and learn. She said she was scared but she kept moving on.

She was a role model to other black children who couldn't attend school with white children. When white families couldn't get Ruby out of school, they moved their children out of school and Ruby was alone for a while.

After a while, more black children came to William Frantz Elementary school and then white children came back to school. Not all of them but it slowly changed the way some people thought about attending school with African-Americans.

Ruby Bridges is important because she never gave up. If Ruby would have given up, things might not have changed. A person would think that someone so young would have wanted to leave and quit.

Ruby was intelligent, brave, and strong. That is why she is important to other people and also me because she is a role model. I want to be just like her.

Courtney Beals, Grade 5
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Congressman John Lewis' Funeral (1940-2020)




JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

John Robert Lewis was born in Troy, Alabama. John Lewis was a son of sharecroppers so he lived on a family farm most of his life. His parents were Willie Mae and Eddie Lewis. He had six brothers and three sisters. John had a very big family! As a child, Lewis didn't meet lots of white people. John Lewis was obviously around when the Civil Rights Movement was going on so he paid close attention to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He mostly listened to Civil Rights leaders over the radio. When John Lewis was 18, he met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and decided to work with him. His mother wasn't pleased when he left. She said, "... don't get in trouble." Lewis knew he had to get in "Good Trouble." He also knew one day if we all got into good trouble, we could change the world. In 1963, at the age of 23, John Lewis became Chairman of the SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee). The SNCC was a civil-rights group created to give younger black people a better voice in the civil rights movement. In 1965, Lewis led the first of three Selma to Montgomery marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. When John Lewis led this march, Alabama state troopers beat him and hundreds of Civil Rights Warriors (marchers) on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. This became known as "Bloody Sunday." John Lewis impacted the lives of many African Americans around the world. He died at the age of 80. I chose John Lewis because he was a Civil Rights Warrior, a man who believed in non-violence, and definitely a person we will remember.

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Fannie Lou Hamer

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Fannie Lou Hamer was a Civil Rights Activist who was not scared to change the world.

Fannie Lou Hamer was born on October 6, 1917, in Montgomery County, Mississippi. Fannie grew up on a field with her family. She joined the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Fannie is important because she really made a difference while she was living. She helped register African Americans and encouraged them to vote. Fannie was threatened many times in her life. If that happened to me, I would've given up. Not her! She never lost faith.

Fannie used to sing Freedom songs when she felt like people were losing hope. Fannie is known for her work with woman suffrage and her political activism. Fannie also helped poor people by giving them what they needed. Fannie Lou died of cancer on March 14, 1977.

Fannie was a real hero and everyone should know who she was.



"Nobody's free until everybody's free."

Dear Claudette Colvin,

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." These words stated by you reflect your life and how I admire you.

Throughout your life you quickly realized that there was a racial division in the South. I know most people think that Rosa Parks was the first African American to refuse to sit in the back of the bus. However, in March of 1955, (nine months before Rosa Parks,) you were arrested at the age of 15 for refusing to give up your seat to a white woman which was the law at that time.

I know people didn't look at you as an icon because they thought you were too young and did not have the right "look." Claudette, you are so important because you helped change the segregation laws in Montgomery, Alabama. You are my hero. I'm so happy that March 2nd is known as Claudette Colvin Day in Montgomery. You inspired me to stand up for things that I belive in and to do what is right.

Sincerely,
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