

## 19th Ward to Host a Resource Fair for Veterans

In response to recent reductions in services to veterans due to governmental budget cuts, the 19th Ward is partnering with Rosecrance Behavioral Health and the Road Home Program at Rush to host a resource fair for veterans on Wednesday, May 14th from 4-7 p.m. at The Vineyard, 2121 W. 95th Street. Complimentary appetizers and soft drinks will be available for veterans to enjoy while they visit with a

variety of organizations including Honor Flight Chicago, the Wounded Warrior Project, Project Headspace and Timing, Illinois Joining Forces, and more. “Now more than ever, our United States Veterans need our support. “By gathering a variety of resources for veterans in one place, we hope to educate veterans about services that they may not know are available to them,” explained Alderman

Matt O'Shea. Modie Lavin, Gold Star Mother and Senior Outreach Coordinator of the Road Home Program at Rush adds, “This community resource fair for veterans and their families is more than just an event – it’s a lifeline. It’s about us showing up for them not just in words, but in action. It’s a chance to connect our veterans with services they might not even know exist. More importantly, it sends a clear message: you’re not alone, we stand with you and this community truly has their back. By bringing together local organizations and community members, we are building a stronger, more informed, and more compassionate network of care right where it matters most – at home.” Also featured at the resource fair will be the Road Home Program’s traveling exhibit, “Artfully Facing Trauma” which gives voice to the silent battles our veterans face every day. Through these powerful masks, we see the contrast between how they appear on the outside and how they feel within – a striking reminder of the importance of mental health and the healing power of art therapy. More information about

the program is available on the Road Home’s website: <https://road-homeprogram.org/artfully-facing-trauma/> Traci Kerzich, Clinical Director of the Rosecrance Resilience Program had the following to share: “We are incredibly grateful for the service of our veterans. The unique experiences of military service can sometimes have a lasting impact on their mental health. To support our veterans, we have raised awareness of their behavioral health needs and advocated for the millions of Americans who have served in uniform. In addition, we created the Rosecrance Resilience Program specifically designed to address these unique challenges. This program provides a safe space for veterans to connect with one another during their treatment. Our dedicated staff, many of whom are veterans or have significant experience working with veterans, are committed to offering compassionate care and understanding through the healing process.” Please refer to our flyer for more information on participating organizations. We look forward to hosting our veterans on May 14th.



## Pints for Patriots – A Veteran’s Fundraising Event Benefiting the Road Home Program

The Road Home Program at Rush is partnering with Alderman Matt O'Shea and local breweries, Open Outcry and Horse Thief Hollow to host a fundraising event on Thursday, May 22nd from 4-7 p.m. Each location will feature a specialty beer crafted just for the occasion, and \$1 from every glass sold goes directly to support the Road Home Program. Open Outcry will serve “Land of the Free,” and Horse Thief Hollow will serve “Because of the Brave.” The event is designed to bring attention to the Road Home Program at Rush, helping veterans

and their families transition back to civilian life. Representatives from Road Home will be on site at both breweries to visit with veterans and answer any questions they may want to ask. Please mark your calendar and plan to stop by on the 22nd:

**Horse Thief Hollow**  
**10426 S. Western Avenue**

**Open Outcry**  
**10934 S. Western Avenue**

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# CAPS Meeting Calendar

**BEATS 2211 & 2212**  
First Thursday of the month @ 6pm  
Feb, March, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct  
22nd District Police Station, 1900 W. Monterey Ave.

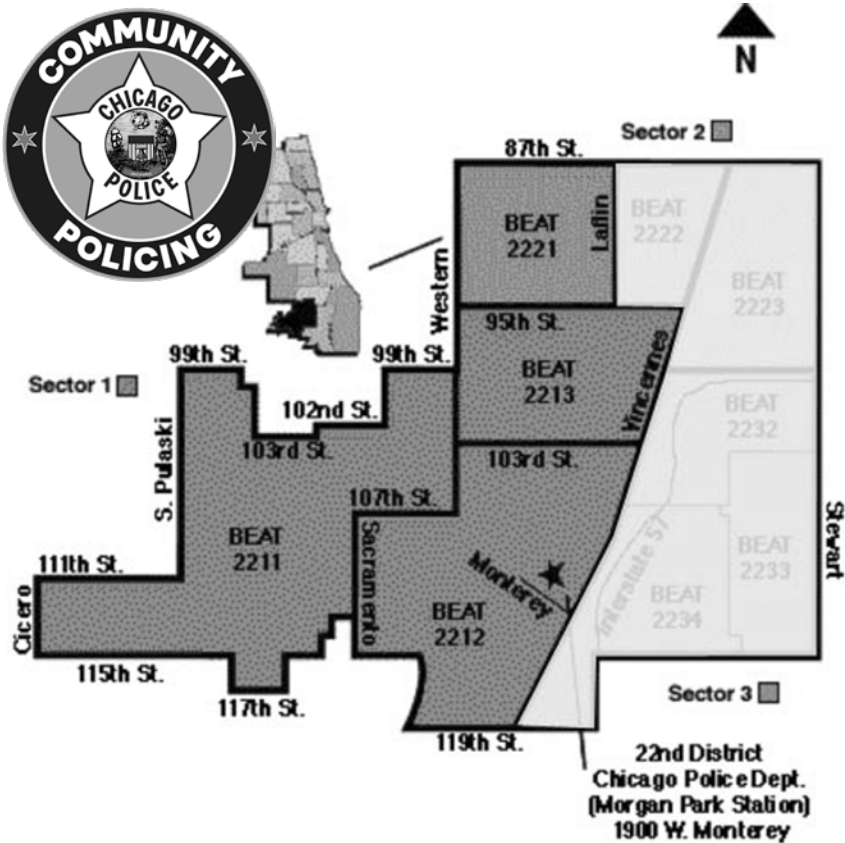
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**BEAT 2213**  
Second Thursday of the month @ 6pm  
Feb, March, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct  
Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr.

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**BEAT 2221**  
First Tuesday of the month @ 6pm  
Feb, March, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct  
Christ the King Parish, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave.

**Zoom.us**  
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**Call in:** (312) 626-6799



# CUB Hosts Virtual Presentations

Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, State Representative Mary Gill, and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will host two virtual presentations on Tuesday, June 3rd from 1-2 p.m., and on Thursday, June 5th from 6-7 p.m. These webinars are free. To reserve your spot today, please visit [www.the19thward.com](http://www.the19thward.com).

**Home Energy Savings:**  
**Tuesday, June 3rd, 1-2 p.m.**  
Are you concerned about the rise in utility prices? Join CUB for information about how to reduce your energy consumption. This event is designed to help you better understand the ins and outs of your bill, avoid utility scams, and learn about programs designed to save you money and energy. Please bring all your utility-related questions.

**Internet Options & Data Privacy:**  
**Thursday, June 5th, 6-7 p.m.**  
Learn how to protect your privacy online against trending internet scams and discover service options. Please join us to stay safe and informed in the digital world.  
For money-saving advice and consumer tips, visit [www.citizensutilityboard.org](http://www.citizensutilityboard.org).



# Interested in Securing a Rain Barrel?

Rain barrels capture rainwater and help prevent basement backups and street flooding. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District sells rain barrels to Cook County residents at a discounted rate. The barrels are available for a rate of \$21.50 or \$10.75 for those over 65 years old. The limit is two per household. Please visit their website, <https://mwr.org>, to place an order.



# Dog Waste Signs

Many neighbors have had issues with dog waste being left on their lawns. To help address this problem, the 19th Ward Office has yard signs available asking pet owners to be courteous and clean up after their pets. Signs also no-

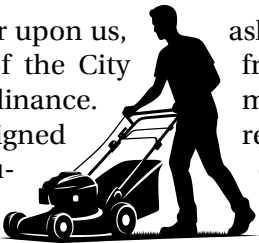
tify pet owners that failure to clean up can result in a ticket. 19th Ward residents can pick up a complimentary sign at the 19th Ward office, 10400 S. Western Avenue, beginning on May 12th. Signs are limited to one per household.



# Residents Asked to Respect the City of Chicago Noise Ordinance

With warm weather upon us, please be respectful of the City of Chicago's Noise Ordinance. This ordinance is designed to control noise pollution. Residents are

asked to respect quiet hours from 10 p.m. – 8 a.m. Please be mindful of your neighbors and refrain from using motorized equipment to cut your lawn during these hours.

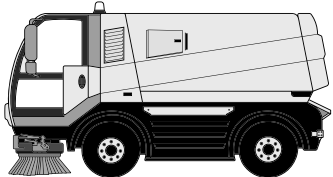


# City of Chicago Street Cleaning Alerts – Sign Up Now

The City of Chicago uses mechanical street sweepers to remove debris and litter from streets every year beginning April 1st through the fall season. The city offers residents the option to sign up for email or

text message notifications alerting them to street sweeping on their block through <https://www.wethesweeper.com>

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and helps residents remember to move their vehicles from the street prior to street cleaning.



# BLOOD DRIVE

## In memory of Cameron Fahey

Supporting the Cameron Miller Fahey Memorial Scholarship Foundation



Cameron Fahey spent his days in the halls of St. Barnabas and then Brother Rice High School. We continue to cherish his love of family, friends, loud and irreverent music and professional wrestling, as well as the compassion and love that he showed to those he knew and those he did not. Lymphoma took Cameron from the world in 2014 at age 17. During his final days, Cameron received many blood transfusions. By donating blood, you are helping to treat children throughout Chicagoland who, like Cameron, are in need of blood in order to continue their fight.

### About the Foundation

The Cameron Miller Fahey Memorial Scholarship Foundation honors Cameron's life and concern. Since its inception, it has awarded over \$120,000 in college scholarships to deserving Brother Rice seniors who exemplify Cameron's commitment to his fellow man and creativity in all forms. The Cameron Miller Fahey Memorial Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. For more information, visit [camscrusaders.org](http://camscrusaders.org) or call Brian Fahey at 312-315-8520.



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# State Senator Bill Cunningham Recipient of the Reuben Soderstrom Award for Being a Labor Champion

“Unions represent an essential pillar for protecting Illinois workers and our communities as a whole,” said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. “Standing in solidarity with labor is something one should do regardless of recognition, but I am happy to accept the award and encourage my colleagues to keep up the good fight.”

Reuben G. Soderstrom was a key figure in Illinois politics and changed American labor history. He was the first president of the Il-



linois AFL-CIO from 1958-1970, increasing the organization’s membership by five times. Soderstrom fought to end discrimination in

the workplace and spearheaded the AFL-CIO merger. The award is given to those who have raised their voice on behalf of organized labor

in the Illinois General Assembly. Cunningham received the award in part due to his work on extending workers’ compensation protections, strengthening pension benefits for retired workers, and making sure first responders received proper compensation and benefits for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cunningham has been an ally to labor his entire career, voting against anti-union measures, including so-called “Right to Work” laws back in 2017. Cunningham vows to continue his work to fight for labor groups.

# Gill Advances Plan Encouraging Better Investment in Emergency Response Vehicles

Municipalities would be required to set aside additional resources for ambulance and fire emergency vehicles under a plan recently advanced out of a House committee by State Representative Mary Gill. “When our firefighters and paramedics are called to an emergency, they deserve to have the tools they need to do their job safely and effectively,” Gill said. “Unfortunately, I have heard from fire union representatives that there have been times when sta-

tions have been unable to go to fires due to having no working fire engines on site. This is an unacceptable hazard, and we need to make sure municipalities are being proactive in responsibly investing in upkeep.”

Under Gill’s House Bill 2977, municipalities must place at least ten percent of all insurance reimbursements for ambulance and fire services into a fund dedicated



to purchasing and maintaining ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles used for emergency services. Gill introduced the plan after learning from union fire officials that reimbursements currently go into municipal general revenue funds. As a result, such funds can be spent on items or needs unrelated to fire or emergency medical services.

“When there is an emergency,

lives are at stake, and time matters, we need to make sure our emergency response vehicles are always ready to meet the moment,” Gill said. “Lets make sure we are taking the steps necessary to have modern, well-maintained equipment that is always available.”

House Bill 2977 passed the Police & Fire Committee with bipartisan support and now heads to the full House for consideration.

For more information, please contact RepMaryGill@gmail.com.

19TH WARD

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF**

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT**

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

CrossWinds Church

10835 S. Pulaski Rd.

This event is free, but is open to 19th Ward residents only.

Documents are shredded onsite.

Only documents that are loose can be shredded; please remove any staples or binders before you arrive.

Turn in your unused or expired household prescription medication for safe disposal.

Medications should be in original container or a sealed plastic bag.

Unacceptable Items:

Needles, syringes, lancets, injection pens

Medical waste

Liquids

Chemo/cytotoxic drugs

Contaminated materials, such as gloves, tubing or IV bags

Batteries, aerosol spray cans

Trash or other hazardous material

Illicit drugs (Schedule I controlled substances) such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin & methamphetamine

Matt O'SHEA

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## 🎁 Specialty Retail

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*15% off books for Mom May 2-11*

**Essential Creations Chicago**  
2112 W. 95th St. (773) 238-1700  
*Gift basket with embroidered towels & bath accessories*

**Markland-Hubbard Gourmet Provisions**  
1739 W. 99th St. (773) 233-0632  
*Gift baskets (custom or grab & go)*

**Mosaics Boutique & Tea**  
10448 S. Kedzie Ave. (484) 802-4481  
*15% off 4 oz. & 8 oz. loose leaf teas through May 10*

**Oleander & Artesian**  
9911 S. Walden Pkwy. (773) 661-7131  
*Unique gifts for moms & other amazing women*

**Running Excels**  
10328 S. Western Ave. (773) 629-8587  
*\$10 off regular priced shoes over \$100 + treat Mom to Lululemon, Oofos sandals, or Goodr sunglasses*

**Second Chance Thrift Shoppe**  
10444 S. Kedzie Ave. (708) 941-4481  
*50% off for Moms May 10-11*

## 🎁 Fitness

**Barre It All**  
2737 W. 111th St. (773) 727-8216  
*2 months of classes for \$250 (\$358 value)*

**Fit Code**  
10418 S. Western Ave. (708) 824-8415  
*3 weeks of training for Mom \$19 (\$147 value)*

**Live and Believe Nutrition**  
2505 W. 95th St. (312) 894-9589  
*May 5-11 free first class for Mom + 10% off Lab Nutrition*

**The Studio Beverly**  
2501 W. 103rd St. (773) 840-3590  
*Gift specials + 4 classes on Mother's Day*

## 🎁 Women's Boutiques

*Find apparel & accessories for Mom at one of these boutiques.*

**Andriana Furs** 1824 W. 95th St. (773) 779-7000

**Belle Up Boutique** 1915 W. 103rd St. (773) 233-2442

**Dez Deme House of Styles** 2142 W. 95th St. (773) 789-2859

**Djenne Collection** 1759 W. 95th St. (773) 445-0525

**Dream Girl Studio** 1838 W. 95th St., Suite B (773) 597-7167

**Emilia Gray** 2501 W. 103rd St. (224) 391-5146

**It's A Vibe Fashion House** 2144 W. 95th St. (773) 941-4842

**Root Consignment** 1913 W. 103rd St. (773) 980-1800

**XO Beautique/Royale** 1828 W. 95th St. (773) 567-2346



## 🎁 Food & Drink

**Americanos**  
11060 S. Western Ave. (773) 771-0743  
*Mother's Day Brunch + free champagne toast*

**AndySunflower Café**  
9920 S. Western Ave. (312) 961-3171  
*Free plant with latte purchase*

**Chief Executive Mom Kitchen & Bakery**  
(773) 306-6891  
*Zucchini, Lemon & Carrot Garden Loaf Trio \$25*

**Franconello Italian Restaurant**  
10222 S. Western Ave. (773) 881-4100  
*Special Mother's Day Martini*

**Horse Thief Hollow Brewing Co.**  
10426 S. Western Ave. (773) 779-2739  
*Brunch + complimentary Pink Pom Pom for Mom*

**The Drip Bakery**  
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*Mother's Day cakes & cupcakes + a rose*

**Wild Blossom Meadery & Winery**  
9030 S. Hermitage Ave. (773) 840-4642  
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## 🎁 Things to Do

**Beverly Theatre Guild**  
2153 W. 111th St. (773) 284-8497  
*2025-26 BTG Season Subscription for \$55 (reg. \$75)*

## 🎁 Salon & Spa

**Everything's Relative Salon and Day Spa**  
10548 S. Western Ave. (708) 674-3699  
*Gift cards for luxurious Hair, Nails, Skincare & Makeup services*

**Serenity Spa and Wellness**  
9101 S. Western Ave., Suite 1 (708) 785-9400  
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**T'Amour Wellness Spa**  
2150 W. 95th St. (773) 253-8416  
*May special: 1 hr. facial & 1 hr. massage \$100*

## 🎁 Wellness

**Bailey Acupuncture & Wellness**  
2737 W. 111th St. (312) 965-6234  
*Free 30-minute sauna session with May gift certificate purchase*

**Southside Acupuncture & Herbs**  
2501 W. 103rd St., Suite B05 (312) 471-0677  
*Buy a gift certificate in May & we'll treat a mom in need to free acupuncture*

**The Reiki Klubhouse**  
2150 W. 95th St. (773) 627-9535  
*A range of restorative Reiki gift packages for Mom*

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# Something to Look Forward to: BAPA Event Season

You know them, you love them – lets get excited about them all over again!

Warmer weather means BAPA neighborhood events! Mark your calendar with our highly anticipated events; for more event information, tickets and volunteer opportunities visit [BAPA.org](http://BAPA.org).

**Peek Inside Historic Homes**

**BAPA Home Tour:  
Sunday, May 18th 12-5 p.m.**

On May 18th, the doors will be open at five residences showcasing:

- outstanding vintage architecture
- eclectic and elegant decorating
- and a mixing of old and new styles designed to preserve the past, beautifully accommodate today's family lifestyle, and delight and inspire you

This year's tour will begin at the Morgan Park United Methodist Church designed by noted architect Harry Hale Waterman. The tour includes a rare American System-Built house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a 1926 Tudor Revival, a 1912 Arts and Crafts Morgan Park residence, an elegant 1960s Beverly Colonial Revival, and an 1878 Painted Lady Victorian. You can expect to see facades with bright colors and insides honoring historic and charming details. Each of



the houses will have a specially chosen experience to coincide with the atmosphere. These will include live music, delicious tastings from local businesses, and advice from local experts. Attendees also have the option to stop at the Ridge Historical Society to view the current exhibit about Waterman's unique contribution to the built form of Beverly/Morgan Park dating back to the late 1800s. Get your early bird tickets today!

**Together We Run,  
Together We Honor**

**Ridge Run & Memorial Day  
Parade: Monday, May 26th**

Thousands of athletes will gather to compete in BAPA's 47th annual Ridge Run, Chicago's oldest neighborhood race. Long recognized as one of the city's friendliest races, with Beverly/Morgan Park neighbors lining the route, playing motivating music, cheering for the runners and offering water. There are many ways to participate with a 10K run, 5K run/walk, 10K/5K challenge run, and the youth mile.

There is also the option to register as a team because running with your friends is so much more enjoyable! Stick around after the race for the Tot Trot, grab a beer, explore local vendors, and enjoy the parade. Register to race today!

Immediately following the Ridge Run is the Memorial Day Parade. Everyone is welcome to join BAPA in honoring the true meaning of Memorial Day by remembering the men and women who have given their lives in the United States armed services to protect our freedom as Americans. The parade will feature the Jesse White Tumblers, patriotic guests, local organizations, and music. Get ready for a fun-filled, family-friendly day you won't want to miss!

**Support Live, Local Music  
BAPA Porch Concerts:  
June through September**

If you have not attended a concert yourself, we are sure you have heard of them. These events are all



about supporting live, local music and the musicians that make our community so vibrant. There are four Porch Concerts that pop up around the neighborhood, once a month from June through September. It's like attending a giant block party with all of your friends and family. BAPA showcases at least one local food vendor at each concert and offers beverages and merchandise for sale. For the full lineup and details, please follow our social media or visit the Porch Concert page on the BAPA website, [BAPA.org](http://BAPA.org).

**Soak in the Beauty of the  
Neighborhood  
BAPA Garden Walk:  
Sunday, July 13th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

An event that was born during the pandemic has grown into a well-loved community event. Inspired by the exceptional beauty of our community, BAPA's Beverly/Morgan Park Garden Walk showcases at least five private gardens throughout the neighborhood. Walk through these unique spaces, and we bet you will be leaving inspired by each garden's distinctive style. See how each homeowner makes the most of their outdoor space. Enjoy food and beverage tastings, demonstrations, and entertainment along the Garden Walk. Follow along at [BAPA.org](http://BAPA.org) or on our social media.

# FLAG DAY

## ★ CELEBRATION ★

Please join the Mt. Greenwood Community Business Association and the local Scouting organizations as we celebrate our nation's flag, and retire unserviceable flags in a dignified manner.

**Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7 PM**

**St. Christina Fields**  
11100 S. Central Park Ave, Chicago

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- ★ Cub Scout Pack 3617
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# VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> • 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.**  
**The Vineyard, 2121 W. 95th St., Chicago**  
Enjoy complimentary appetizers and soft drinks and receive information about programs for Veterans

**ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDING:**

- ★ Cook County Assessor's Office
- ★ Cook County Clerk's Office
- ★ Honor Flight Chicago
- ★ Illinois Joining Forces
- ★ Jesse Brown VA

- ★ Project Headspace & Timing
- ★ Road Home Program @ Rush
- ★ Rosecrance Behavioral Health
- ★ Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County
- ★ Wounded Warrior Project

To register please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.19thwardmobile.com/veterans-resource-fair](http://www.19thwardmobile.com/veterans-resource-fair)

# Tickets Now on Sale for Southside Summer Festival, Featuring Poi Dog Pondering

Tickets are now on sale for the fourth annual Southside Summer Festival, which will take place on Saturday, July 19th from 4-10 p.m., at the Marist High School Stadium. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [marist.net](http://marist.net) or through the “Go-Fan” app.

This year’s line-up will feature performances by Red Pop Fury, Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root, and Poi Dog Pondering, who will headline the event.

Open to ages 21 and above, tickets are \$35 in advance (early bird rate ends Friday, July 18th at 11:55 a.m.), and \$40 at the door. Limited VIP tickets will be available for purchase and include beverages and light food.

All tickets are non-refundable. New this year, Southside Summer Festival will be a fully cashless event. Accepted payment for all transactions, including admission, drink tickets, and the raffle area, will include credit cards, debit cards, or Venmo.

Southside Summer Festival has quickly become one of the most highly

anticipated events of the warm weather months. More than 10,000 people have attended over the last three years. Previous headliners have included Tributosaurus, the Freddy Jones Band, and the BoDeans.

Sponsorship opportunities at a variety of levels are available, and volunteers (ages 21+) are needed.

For more information on sponsorships and for more information on volunteering, please email Maura Bruton at [bruton.maura@marist.net](mailto:bruton.maura@marist.net).

No outside food or beverages are allowed, and chairs are not permitted on the football field. Those wishing to sit on the lawn can bring blankets, otherwise seats are avail-

able in the stands. All seating is first-come, first-serve.

All money raised from Southside Summer Festival helps to support scholarships and financial aid for current and future students of Marist High School.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit [marist.net](http://marist.net).



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# 95th Street Farmers Market Prepares for the 2025 Season

Mark your calendars – the 95th Street Farmers Market returns on Sunday, May 4th for another vibrant season of fresh finds, local flavor, and community fun! The market takes place every Sunday rain or shine through the end of October from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the city owned commuter lot at 1835 W. 95th Street transforming it into a buzzing hub of activity.

We are bringing the energy with live music every week from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., and free face painting for kids every other Sunday. Families can also enjoy engaging craft activities and story time with the beloved team from the Chicago Public Library – Beverly Branch and learn about their summer reading program.

Longtime favorites like the Kellogg Garden Club will also return, along with a rotating line up of local organizations, artists, and vendors that keep the market fresh week after week.

Whether you are searching for farm-fresh produce, locally made goods, or just want to reconnect with your neighbors over coffee and music, the 95th Street Farmers Market is still the place to be on a Sunday morning.

We are excited to be highlighted by the City Cast of Chicago in their “1000 Things We Love About Chicago” but we are counting on our loyal regulars to keep bring-

ing the magic – so spread the word, bring a friend, and come see what’s new this season!

## Vendors returning to the market include:

- Andy’s Sunflower Café
- Anjoli Candle Company
- Aunt Lizzie’s Baked Goods
- Bee Line Microgreens
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## The market is excited to welcome the following new vendors:

- Al’s Cookie Mixx
- At the Root LLC
- Banter Banked Goods
- Blowing Smoke BBQ
- Brown Women Wellness
- Crafty Cassie’s Creations
- Honey Grove

- Red Angel Sauce
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Please visit [95thstreetba.org](http://95thstreetba.org) for weekly updates and a sneak peek at upcoming vendors and entertainment. You can also follow us on our Facebook page, The 95th Street Farmers Market.

Let’s make this season the best one yet!




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of the special education system. Whether enjoying a customized cookie creation or enjoying one of Al’s signature flavors, every bite is a celebration of craftsmanship, care, and community impact.

Al’s Cookie Mixx has popped up at the 95th Street Farmers Market many times over the last few seasons. They are excited to announce that they will be a weekly vendor beginning with the 2025 season. Customers can also visit their website, <https://alscookiemixx.com> to purchase a subscription box or explore gift options.





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# Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association is Ready for Summer

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**Margarita Mile**

The Margarita Mile turns five this year, and we are celebrating on Western and beyond! In June and July, sip your way along the Margarita Mile! Ten locations on a mile-long stretch of Western Avenue will be mixing artisanal margaritas from June 1st – July 31st for this special promotion.



- helping businesses expand their customer base by sharing information about Black Business Month in print, on social media, and this website
- creating a lasting resource – an online directory – for people to find Black-owned businesses in Beverly/Morgan Park

Most events are geared toward business owners though we hope to host an indoor market showcasing local Black-owned businesses. More information will be announced at: <https://villageinthecity.org/community-connections-committee/>

**Bevapalooza**

Bevapalooza is back for its second year with another exciting lineup of music! Join businesses in the 99th and 103rd Street Metra corridors for a family-friendly music, food, and shopping festival on Saturday, July 26th. Peruse sidewalk sales from food and retail businesses in both shopping districts. Enjoy children’s activities, more food options, beer from local breweries, live music, and DJs! More information coming soon at: <https://www.mpbhba.org/margartia-mile/>



**Sip & Shop**

Please save the date for this year’s Sip & Shop taking place on Thursday, September 18th. This popular event will be back for another year of supporting more than twenty small businesses on 99th and 103rd Street. Co-sponsored by BAPA and the MPBHBA each year, Sip & Shop features specialty beverages and small bites while shoppers peruse special sales, fall merchandise, and the latest trends.



**Black Business Month**

The Community Connections Committee will host Black Business Month in August. August is Black Business Month, a nationwide effort to recognize and support Black-owned businesses. In August of 2023, BAPA, the 95th Street Business Association, the Mt. Greenwood Community and Business Association, and the MPBHBA partnered with local businesses to bring this celebration to Beverly/Morgan Park and the 19th Ward. The CCC’s goals include:



- highlighting our Black-owned businesses and their unique offerings
- building community among local Black entrepreneurs so that they can support and promote each other

**On Western Website Unveiled**

The MPBHBA and BAPA have been meeting with bar and restaurant owners from Western Avenue for the last eight months to work collaboratively to attract more residents to dine, drink, shop, and attend events on Western Avenue. We are excited to finally debut “On Western,” the new go-to guide for everything happening along Western Avenue in Beverly/ Morgan Park! From local eats to can’t miss events and neighborhood gems, it is all just a click away. Check it out at [OnWestern.com](https://OnWestern.com).



## Peace by Piece Welcomes Knitters, Crocheters, and Fiber Artisans

Peace by Piece continues to meet each week at The Beverly Branch of the Chicago Public Library on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-2 p.m. The meetings are free and open to knitters, crocheters, and fiber artisans of varying skill levels. No registration is required. Participants provide their own supplies and work on a personal or charity project. Re-

cently, one of their charity initiatives has included making baby blankets, hats, and small garments for newborns. Patrons of Ms. Purl’s yarn store on 95th Street were invited to join Peace by Piece in creating baby gifts that are donated to Advocate Christ OB and Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic. Further information is available by emailing [peacebypieceknits@gmail.com](mailto:peacebypieceknits@gmail.com).



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# The Reuben P. Layton House: A Reminder of Beverly’s History\*

By: Carol Flynn

The Rock Island Magazine, produced by the railroad company that ran the commuter train lines through the south side Chicago communities, stated in 1921 that Chicago’s Beverly Hills was “one of the most beautiful residential sections of the city.”

The article described the neighborhoods along the Ridge Suburban Line, calling attention to “the continuous hill; the large, shaded lots, heavily wooded with oak trees; the forest preserve and parks; and the beautiful residences that make this section of the city one of the most desirable from the home standpoint.”

The Reuben P. Layton House at 10324 S. Longwood Drive is a fine example of one of those “beautiful residences” that established the community’s reputation.

At the time the house was built in 1890, the area was known as “Tracy,” taken from Tracy Avenue, the early name of 103rd Street, and the name of the Rock Island station on that street. Tracy was part of the Village of Washington Heights, which in turn became part of Chicago in 1890.

The Layton house, architect unknown, joined two other newly built residences along the Blue Island Ridge which became local landmarks.

The first was the Robert C. Givins House, also known as the Givins Beverly Castle, built in 1886-87 at the corner of today’s 103rd Street and Longwood Drive. Givins was a real estate developer, lawyer, and novelist.

The second was the Horace E. Horton House at 10200 S. Longwood Drive, built in 1890 for the founder of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.

Like Givins and Horton, Layton was a successful businessman. He was born in New York State in 1831 and moved to Chicago in the 1860s, where he prospered with interests in real estate, railroads, life and property insurance, and mining and petroleum companies.

Following the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, people started moving out of the city into the suburbs. Washington Heights became prime real estate, in large part due to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad commuter line that was established there in 1870, making travel to the city for business, shopping, and cultural events more accessible and convenient.

Layton and his wife, Harriet Norton Layton, and their daughters, lived farther east in Washington Heights for at least a decade before moving to Longwood Drive. They were involved in Washington Heights real estate transactions for many years, as well as community activities. In 1887, for example, Layton was appointed a member of the Financial Committee to raise funds to build the Church of the Mediator at 110th Street and Hoyne Avenue

for the first Episcopalian congregation established on the south side of Chicago.

The foresight of men like Layton to invest in real estate in the growing city and suburbs made them wealthy, and some built beautiful homes along the scenic Ridge.

The Layton family lived in the house until 1905. Other historically important families followed them.

Thomas F. and Ruth Seay and their daughter lived in the house in the 1940s-1950s. He was the founder of Seay and Thomas, Inc., prominent realtors, mortgage bankers, and land developers, and a leader of the Chicago Real Estate Board.

Seay was a Master Mason, and in 1956 while living on the Ridge, he became the Potentate of the Medinah Temple, overseeing the famous Shrine Circus. In 1967, he became the Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the highest position in the “Shriners,” which at the time was a world-wide organization with 800,000 members.

He was a director of the Illinois Masonic Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, and the Salvation Army, and active with Cerebral Palsy organizations and many real estate and business groups. A Salvation Army Center on the north side of the city was named for him.

In 1960, the house became the property of William A. and Patricia Boyd. Boyd was the founder and president of Vail Rubber Products Corporation, and “Pat” was a well-known community supporter, serving on the board of Little Company of Mary Hospital, and volunteering with St. Barnabas Parish, Meals on Wheels, the Beverly Arts Center, the Ridge Historical Society (RHS), and the Beverly Area Planning Association. The Boyd family owned the house for sixty years and nine Boyd children grew up there.

Every house has its secrets, and the Boyd family found one at the Layton House, a hidden room under the attic floor, accessible by a ladder. Inside the hidden room, they found two swords they had



authenticated as U.S. Civil War-era, a vintage woman’s shoe, and an old newspaper that they gave to RHS.

It was thought the room might have served as a hiding place on the Underground Railroad during the Civil War, but the house was not built until twenty-five years after the war ended. House plans then, however, did sometimes include hidden rooms for storing valuable, likely a solution for this mystery.

The Layton House is included in the Longwood Drive District, established by the City of Chicago Landmarks Commission in 1981. This historic designation protects the house from external alteration without approval. After recent issues with construction work at the house, there is optimism that the new owner will take corrective action.

In 1995, almost seventy-five years after the Rock Island Magazine article, the Chicago Tribune described Beverly/Morgan Park as an “outdoor museum of architectural styles.” No individual house quite reaches “world-class landmark status,” according to the Tribune, but due to the variety of styles, “it is, rath-

er, the collective visual richness of Beverly/Morgan Park that makes these neighborhoods a treat to visit and a delight in which to live.”

Every time a historic building is torn down and replaced with a new structure or significantly altered from the original, some of the uniqueness and charm, that makes Beverly so special is lost forever.

It is imperative to preserve a home like the Reuben P. Layton House to maintain the essence that preservationists refer to as the “visual cohesiveness” of the community, the look that everything fits together.

\*Editor’s note – The 19th Ward is pleased to share that a new owner has purchased this historic home and will soon begin restoring it working closely with direction from the City of Chicago’s Commission on Landmarks team. We asked local historian, Carol Flynn, to share the history behind the home.





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# Gill Effort Expands Awareness of Lifesaving Silver Alerts with Developmental Disability Community

A measure being led by State Representative Mary Gill would expand the ability for the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to expand awareness of their Endangered Missing Person Advisory system by better connecting with individuals with developmental disabilities and relevant organizations that serve them.

“Our Endangered Missing Person Advisory system, sometimes known as a Silver Alert, is a critical tool to help find vulnerable individuals who are lost and need proper care,” Gill said. “This measure will help expand lifesaving awareness of this critical program.”

Currently, ISP and IDHS manage a community outreach program to promote awareness of Silver Alerts in developmental disability facilities. Senate Bill 1548

would further enable them to use resources to conduct outreach to individuals with developmental disabilities and organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities.



Silver Alerts are a public notification system used by law enforcement to locate missing individuals that may be at risk of harm or injury.

“When someone becomes lost, hours and minutes matter,” Gill said. “Ensuring more people and more families know where to turn can

help deliver better outcomes and prevent unnecessary tragedies.”

Following bipartisan passage in the Illinois Senate, Gill is stewarding Senate Bill 1548 in the House. It is scheduled to be heard in the House Restorative Justice and Public Safety Committee.

For more information, please contact RepMaryGill@gmail.com.

# Community Blood Center Celebrates One Year Anniversary

Community Blood Center recently celebrated their one-year anniversary of opening their donor center at 9920 S. Western Avenue. This state-of-the-art donor center was CBC’s first permanent location in the city and supports the need for blood donations in the city of Chicago. The opening of this center marked a major milestone in the CBC’s goal to ensure that residents receive the lifesaving blood supply they need. The CBC provides blood to the University of Chicago Medi-

cine Hyde Park and the University of Chicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial.

Alderman Matt O’Shea was recognized with the Community Champion of the Year Award for all the support he has provided to CBC since they joined our community.

Community members are encouraged to donate blood at CBC by making an appointment through [communityblood.org](http://communityblood.org) or by calling (800) 280-4102.



# Heaven Didn’t Wait: A Self-Appointed Therapy Dog Finds His Flock

On May 1st a three-year-old named Duke willingly submitted to being feted and fawned over by his adopted family – that is the family he adopted, not the other way around.

Duke, a Chihuahua-Papillon mix, arrived at Mercy Circle on the morning of November 1, 2024, and as recounted by Avis Clendenen, the senior living community’s director of pastoral care, “scampered in like he knew exactly where he was and where he intended to go.” Both of those assessments turned out to be true, but it took a little while for the humans to catch up.

Annie Riedmuller quickly took charge. The life enrichment coordinator for residents in Baggot Street, the memory care wing at Mercy Circle, Riedmuller has a certain way with animals, leading to her lifelong reputation as a “dog whisperer.” She had the pup checked for an identification chip – no such luck – and then contacted local police and posted a photo on social media. Later that day, she received a call from the dog’s owner.

Duke had been brought into his previous family’s life to provide a comforting presence after a house fire, which had traumatized one of the children. He did his job well. But now, with the parents at work

most days, they knew Duke needed a more stimulating environment. He already had occasionally felt the call of the open yard; this time, they weren’t sure he would come back at all.

As it turns out, Mercy Circle was already looking for a dog: Duke was literally the answer to their prayers.

A few days earlier, Riedmuller and executive director Francis Lachowicz had mused about finding a therapy dog for the residents at Baggot Street. Both women were keenly aware of studies (as well as first-hand observations) that show the calming effect and pure joy that animals can bring, especially to those struggling with dementia. The conversation ended with Lachowicz saying, “Pray God sends us the perfect dog.”

Duke strolled in on the evening of All Saints Day, leading Clendenen to observe: “That’s when the season of All Saints/All Souls – when the veil between this

world and mystery grows thin – started working its magic.” Duke has since poked his way into the daily routine at Mercy Circle, where his ministrations on Baggot Street, and throughout the community, have continued to cheer staff as well as residents. And Lachowicz gets to take the “perfect dog” home each night.

As Riedmuller commented, “You can’t make this stuff up.”



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# At Smith Village, C.N.A. Chuck Patano Seeks More Responsibilities as an R.N.

During his clinical rotation at the University of Chicago, Chuck Patano noticed something odd about one of his patients, a five-year-old boy with burns over seventy-five percent of his body. “When the boy’s mom would visit by herself, everything was fine,” says Patano, a personable certified nursing assistant at Smith Village’s Greenleaf Rehabilitation center. “But whenever she came in with the boy’s stepfather, he showed signs of distress. The kid just started having a meltdown.”

C.N.A.s are trained to be observant, and Patano’s studies had taught him that such a reaction raised alarms. He reported his suspicion to his supervisors. “That’s how we learned the real source of his injury.” The hospital had been told the burns resulted from an accident, but further investigation revealed that the stepfather had abused the child by scalding him with boiling water. Patano’s quick thinking might have saved the boy’s life.

“His mother kept acting as if nothing was the problem,” he recalls. “It opened my eyes to how vulnerable children, and the elderly really are.”

Marti Jatis, Smith Village’s ex-

ecutive director, describes Patano as “a very caring individual. Together, we got through COVID-19,” she says; both worked long hours to contain the pandemic at Smith Village. “That was the most challenging time since I had been certified as a C.N.A.,” Patano admits. “Getting up and coming back, after a 16-hour shift for two weeks straight, after maybe three hours sleep.”

Jatis had become a mentor to Patano guiding him to pursue a career in nursing to become a registered nurse, which will happen once he passes his board exam this summer, and following his May graduation from Judson University in Hoffman Estates. “Chuck really gets a team to rally around him,” Jatis adds. “He’ll be an excellent R.N. I’m happy he’s following this path to fulfill his dream.”

That path winds through Patano’s biography – his mother and a cousin are nurse – but Patano did not pursue nursing at first. The Oklahoma native tried studying journalism, then criminal justice in college, and then his dad said, “You’re wasting our money there. Figure it out.” In 2011, he relocated to Oak Lawn, where he spent a summer deciding that healthcare



was the path after all. Having previously gotten his C.N.A. license, he went to work at Smith Village in 2012, where his familiarity with medical terms and hospital procedures served as a solid foundation for his duties.

While he sees healthcare administration as an eventual land-

ing spot, Patano says that nursing has taught him the value of patience, empathy, teamwork and more: “I have grown up and learned so much about human nature. And just when I think I have learned a lot, something comes up, and I realize that I will never stop learning.”

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