

Register Now for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K run and family walk. This popular event returns to the 19th Ward community on Saturday, November 29th. The event begins at 9 a.m. at 9200 S. Hamilton Avenue. Marking its 17th year, this event has become a family tradition and is expected to attract more than 2,500 participants. Proceeds from this year's 5K will once again benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth and Community Foundation.

Please visit the19thward.com to register as a runner or walker. Participants who register before race day are guaranteed a Beverly Hills Turkey Trot long-sleeved event t-shirt. The 5K will be chip-timed on a CARA certified 5K course, while the family walk will be untimed.

"We are looking forward to hosting the 17th annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot, and anticipate an amazing turnout," said Matt

O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward and founder of the 19th Ward Youth and Community Foundation. "Thanksgiving weekend gives us an opportunity to bring the community together to help raise funds for two organizations that do so much for our neighborhood," O'Shea stated.

The 19th Ward and the Original Pancake House – Beverly will host a pancake breakfast immediately following the race, 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. Admission is \$5 per person; or \$25 for a family.

The John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, also known as Live Like John, is one of the beneficiaries of this year's 5K. Live Like John was founded in 2012 by North Beverly residents Ed and Amy McNicholas after their son, John, passed away from a brain tumor in 2010 at the age of 15. The Foundation began with the goal of eradicating pediatric brain tumors. Since it's inception, the foundation has pushed for advancements in the care and treatment of pedi-



atric brain tumors by facilitating better coordination of information between patients and providers, improving the quality of life for patients, and funding specifically targeted for pediatric brain tumor research and treatment options.

The 19th Ward Youth and Community Foundation is a 501©3 non-profit organization that supports and hosts a variety of safe, healthy, and educational youth activities for children in Beverly, Morgan Park, and Mount Greenwood. All programs are offered at

a minimal cost or are free to participants. These activities are designed to help children and teens make new friends and stay active. Examples of these events include the Holiday Dodge Ball Tournament, the Children's Film Festival, Summer Concerts in the Park, the Beverly Hills Turkey Trot, and an annual family skating party.

For more information on the 17th Annual Turkey Trot 5K and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the 19thward.com or call (773) 238-8766.

Final Phase for the 95th Streetscape Project

The final phase of the streetscape project on 95th Street is drawing closer to completion. Under the direction of the Chicago Department of Transportation, work has been underway all summer. Complementing the first three phases of this work, the final phase is bringing improvements to the area from Wood Street to Ashland Avenue. The project includes full-width roadway resurfacing, new curb and gutter, new sidewalk and ADA ramps, pedestrian refuge islands, new ornamental street lighting with energy efficient LED lighting, stamped crosswalks, paver parkways with new trees, light pole community identifiers, landscaped planters, and an improved connection to the Major Taylor Trail.

This final phase of streetscape represents a \$5.9 million investment in our community.



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Feb, March, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct
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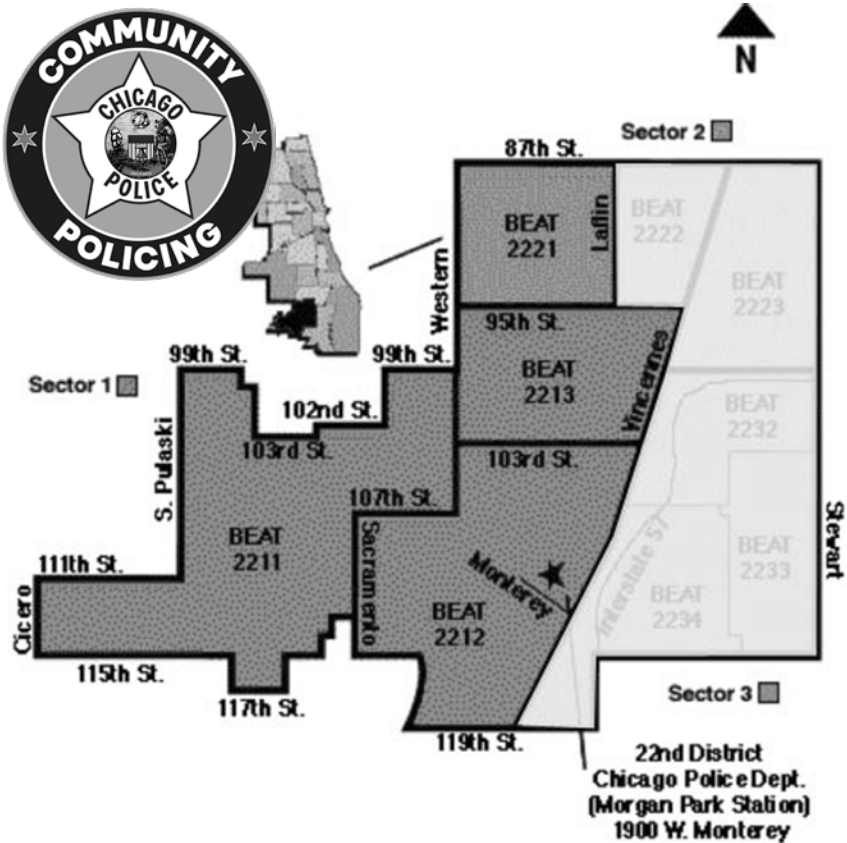
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Feb, March, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct
Christ the King Parish, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave.

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Chicago Department of Water Management Sends Reminders

The Chicago Department of Water Management recently issued tips designed to help prevent your home from being damaged during storm season.



1. Keep Your Gutters Clean – Gutters that contain leaves and debris struggle to lead water to stormwater drains, and sometimes this water can even spill out and damage your home. By clearing out your gutters, you can not only prevent damage to your home but also prevent flooding in your yard.
2. Seal Your Windows – During heavy rainstorms, rain can leak through windows that have a low amount of sealant. If you notice rain leaking through your windows, adding sealant can prevent rain from getting inside your home and causing water damage.
3. Direct Your Downspouts – Make sure your downspouts are aimed away from the foundation of your home to areas that can properly absorb the stormwater.
4. Clear Drains and Sewers – Remove debris from the opening to catch basins in the street to allow better drainage for stormwater.
5. Don't Dump – Kitchen waste including fats, oils, and grease should not be poured down private drains or public catch basins.
6. Avoid Using Water During Storms – Running a dishwasher, washing machine, or taking a shower adds to the work sewers must do during storms.

For more information go to: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/water/supp_info/conservation.html

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BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
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Representatives from Walgreens will be administering the flu shots.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
19th Ward Community Room
10402 S. Western Ave., Chicago

Appointments required and can be made at www.the19thward.com

First come, first served basis

Limited supply of high-dose shots will be available

All participants are asked to bring photo ID and insurance cards if available. Walgreens will bill your insurance but there will be no charge to patients. If your insurance does not cover the flu shot, you will not receive a bill.



Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness. The most serious cases can result in hospitalization or even death in extreme cases. Senior citizens, children and those with serious health conditions are at a high risk of serious flu complications. Getting an annual flu shot is the best way to prevent the illness. For more information, please contact Margie at (773) 238-8766 or margie@the19thward.com.



Cunningham Extends Summer Book Club Deadline to 9/15

To give more students a chance to participate, State Senator Bill Cunningham is extending his Summer Book Club to September 15th. “Reading is a great way for students to continue learning outside the classroom,” said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. “We are extending this year’s Summer Book Club to allow more kids a chance to participate.”


The Summer Book Club is open to 18th District students. Students are required to read eight books of their choice, record the names

of the books on a form, and return the form to Cunningham’s district office by September 15th. Every child who completes the Summer Book Club will receive a gift card and a certificate from Senator Cunningham.

The Summer Book Club deadline is extended from August 15th to September 15th.

Summer Book Club forms are available to download at www.SenatorBillCunningham.com. Anyone who has a question can contact Cunningham’s office by calling (773) 445-8128.

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Students who read 8 books should fill out the form on my website or request one to be mailed to receive a certificate and gift card.

For questions or more information visit SenatorBillCunningham.com or call my office at (773) 445-8128

Gill Measure to Expand Access to Alzheimer’s Treatment

A measure led by State Representative Mary Gill to further require health insurance providers to cover medication that slows the progression of Alzheimer’s Disease and other related dementias was signed into law by Governor J.B. Pritzker in June.

“The day the legislation was signed, we took a strong step forward to make Illinois a national leader when it comes to Alzheimer’s treatment and helping people access the healthcare they deserve,” Gill said. “When it comes to slowing Alzheimer’s and other dementias, every moment counts. We cannot waste time on insurance gimmicks like step therapy to save a few bucks, which is why I am thankful for the strong advocacy and bipartisan support this legislation received.”

Gill worked with the Alzheimer’s Association and State Senator Laura Murphy to pass Senate Bill 126 which requires health insurance providers to cover medica-

tion that slows the progression of Alzheimer’s Disease and other related dementias. Such coverage includes all medically necessary diagnostic testing and medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. In-

surance providers would be prohibited from utilizing “step therapy,” a strategy that involves using different, less costly treatments requiring patients to “fail first” before receiving what was prescribed.

The measure’s requirements will apply to private health insurance plans regulated by the state, self-insuring counties, self-insuring municipalities, self-insuring school districts, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and Limited Health Service Organizations. HMOs under contract with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services are exempt.

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



BAPA Closes Out Porch Concert Season with a Rockin’ Celebration on Western Avenue

BAPA is closing out its Porch Concert season with a bang – and this time, they are taking the music to one of the neighborhood’s main arteries: Western Avenue.

On Saturday, September 13th, BAPA will host the final Porch Concert of the summer in the south parking lot of County Fair Foods, one of Beverly/Morgan Park’s most beloved and long-standing businesses. This special edition concert is more than just a show – it is the culmination of a year-long effort to reenergize Western Avenue and spotlight the incredible businesses and community spirit that live along this historic corridor.

“We have been hearing the call for a ‘Taste of Beverly’ experience, and this is our first step in bringing that vision to life – right here on Western,” explained BAPA’s Executive Director, Mary Jo Viero. “It is not just about the music but celebrating another reason why we love where we live.”

This family-friendly event will have a more elevated feel featuring two of our most popular local bands. Opening the evening is Coyote Riot, known for their bluegrass-meets-rockability style that gets toes tapping. Headlining the night is Rocks Off, a Rolling Stones tribute band guaranteed to make you sing and dance.

While admission is free, a suggested donation of \$10 per individual or \$20 per family helps support BAPA’s work to provide meaningful community events, support local businesses, and help our neighborhood thrive.

County Fair’s south lot will be transformed into a festive gathering space. There is no need to bring a cooler; there will be plenty of food and beverage options from your local favorites. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 13th. Stay tuned for additional details and other fun surprises!

Sip & Shop Set for 9/18

Join the 20+ small businesses located on 99th and 103rd Streets for an evening of retail therapy on Thursday, September 18th! Co-sponsored by BAPA and the Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business

Association each year, Sip & Shop features specialty beverages and small bites while shoppers peruse special sales, fall merchandise, and the latest trends. Learn more at www.bapa.org/sip-shop.

Upcoming BAPA Events

PORCH CONCERTS



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Beverly Area Planning Association

BAPA Porch Concert
Saturday, September 13
6:00 - 9:30 PM
County Fair south parking lot
Two bands, lots of food & drink

Annual Sip & Shop
Thursday, September 18
5:30 - 10:00 PM
99th & 103rd St shopping corridors

In collaboration with Morgan Park
Beverly Hills Business Association
Get tickets at BAPA.org



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New Series of Tech Tuesdays Set for Fall

Tech Tuesdays, a free series to help seniors master their smartphones and tablets, will meet from 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. on September 9th, September 23rd, and October 7th at Smith Village, 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago. New this year is the schedule: for the first time, classes will meet on alternate weeks to provide more time for participants to master what they learn in each session.

Seniors can register online at www.19thward.com or call the 19th Ward Office at (773) 238-8766 on or before Friday, September 5th. Apple and Android users meet in separate rooms at Smith Village. Please indicate the type of digital

device you use when registering. Participants bring their devices so they can apply what they learn immediately.

“With our popular instructors Claire DiCola-Richards and Lauren Dowden, we took a fresh look at this offering,” says 19th Ward Alderman Matt O’Shea about the tech series launched in 2016. “The changes in smartphone and tablets continue to accelerate. Many mature users are frustrated by innovations that lack clarity – for instance, the fact that the instruction manual can only be accessed on the device itself.”

According to Dowden, “We have divided the class into small-

er sections, to allow for questions about one skill before we move to the next. We aim to make participants comfortable with using specific features on devices – starting with where to find them – so that everyone feels more confident when picking up a smartphone.

Adds Richards, “We start by demonstrating how to set sound levels and font size, how to store contacts, how to text and email and how to take and share photos. Then we will move to using apps for online shopping, ordering transportation, receiving medication reminders and more.”

Both instructors will provide hands-on learning as well as flash-

card-style “homework.” This will allow participants to practice what they have learned between presentations, so that using a smartphone or tablet becomes second nature. The instructors encourage attendees to team up for practice sessions between classes.

Today’s digital world is moving even faster and is filled with more scams,” says Marti Jatis, Smith Village’s executive director. “We know seniors want to be smart about protecting themselves when communicating with their families and friends, while benefiting from a variety of apps that make life easier.”

Smith Village will serve refreshments at all three sessions.



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, September 6, 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

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Thursday, Sept. 11th

7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Kennedy Park

11320 S. Western Ave.

This show will be dedicated to the memory of Matt Hooker.

Entertainment will include local musicians from various bands such as The Ron Burgundy's, American Pie, Motown Nation and Funk'd Up.

Please join us to celebrate great memories of a great friend. Bring a lawn chair and some bug spray to enjoy a wonderful evening in the park with neighbors.

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A Homeowner’s Guide to Maximizing Small Garden Spaces

By Tom Marsan

Chicago homeowners know that even the coziest urban yards, patios, and balconies can become lush retreats with thoughtful planning and plant selection. Whether you have a postage stamp backyard or just a fire escape, these design principles will help you cultivate a vibrant, year-round garden oasis.

Start with a Scaled Sketch

Start by measuring your space. Whether it’s a 10×10 patio or a narrow side yard, draw a simple floor plan. Plot existing features (doors, windows, railings) and note sun exposure throughout the day. This blueprint lets you experiment with seating, planters, and pathways on paper before investing in materials or plants.

Design Principles Made Simple

Unity & repetition are important. Repeat shapes or plant colors to tie disparate areas together. For instance, use the same square-edged containers and a limited palette of foliage (variegated hostas, blue-green ferns) for cohesion.

For scale & proportion, match furniture and accessories to your space. A petite bistro set suits a balcony, while 45°-angled paver patterns can make a small patio appear larger.

For balance & focal points, consider anchoring one end of your garden with a statement tree or sculpture (e.g., a 6-foot Serviceberry for spring blossoms and edible berries) to draw the eye and create depth.

Plan for Chicago’s Seasons

Chicago sits in USDA Zone 6a (winter lows to –10 °F) with average last spring frost around April 17 and first fall frost around October 28. With this in mind, it may be wise to begin with cool-season annuals (pansies, kale) in late April. Then transition to warm loving annuals (petunias, basil) after mid-May;

and finish with mums or ornamental grasses in autumn to extend interest.

Choose Plants for Impact & Ease

Native perennials like the Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) and White Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) thrive in local soils, attract pollinators, and return reliably each year.

If your space gets less than 4 hours of sun, pair hostas with lungwort or foamflower for low-maintenance color beneath trees.

On balconies or small patios, trial *Monarda punctata* (Spotted Beebalm) or *Sporobolus heterolepis* (Prairie Dropseed) in pots. They offer fragrance, texture, and wildlife value without sprawling beyond their containers.

Go Vertical & Layer for Depth

Climbing vines trained up trellises and living screens transform bare fences and railings into lush vertical gardens that conserve precious floor space. Plants such as clematis and hardy kiwi weave their way skyward, softening hard edges and creating a sense of privacy without closing in the area. As they mature, the dense foliage not only adds seasonal color and texture but also attracts pollinators and birdlife, bringing your small garden to life.

By grouping containers of different heights, you can craft an illusion of depth that makes a modest patio or balcony feel more expansive. Position taller specimens like ornamental grasses at the rear, with medium-height perennials in front of them and low-growing annuals nearest the edge. This layered arrangement leads the eye through the space, giving it a dynamic, full-bodied appearance even when square footage is limited.

Integrate Hardscaping & Furniture

Benches with built-in storage and fold-away tables offer versatile



solutions that keep seating and surface options available without overwhelming a compact patio or balcony. These clever furnishings tuck away when not in use, freeing up floor space for gardening tasks or simply giving your outdoor area room to breathe. The result is an uncluttered, adaptable setting that shifts effortlessly between relaxation, dining, and entertaining.

Choosing hardscape materials that echo your home’s exterior finishes creates a seamless flow between indoors and out. By matching pavers or decking to your brick, stone, or siding tones, you establish a cohesive backdrop that visually enlarges the overall footprint. This harmonious design invites guests to move naturally between spaces, making a small garden feel like an organic extension of your living room.

Engage Every Sense

Lavender, thyme, and rosemary flourish in pots, their silvery foliage and delicate blooms adding both visual appeal and culinary value. When a gentle breeze or a passing hand stirs their leaves, an aromatic cloud rises, transforming even the smallest balcony into a fragrant retreat. Easy to grow and drought-tolerant, these herbs reward minimal effort with maximum sensory impact.

A compact, recirculating fountain or a simple birdbath brings the soothing murmur of water into

your garden sanctuary. The gentle trickle not only masks urban noise but also attracts songbirds, creating a living, ever-changing tableau. With each ripple and soft splash, your outdoor space becomes a dynamic oasis that delights both ear and eye.

Whether you’re sketching out a trellis for climbing vines or layering containers for year-round color, these design strategies prove that no Chicago outdoor nook is too small to flourish. From fragrant herbs that perfume your porch to hardscape materials that extend your living room outdoors, each thoughtful choice amplifies both function and beauty.

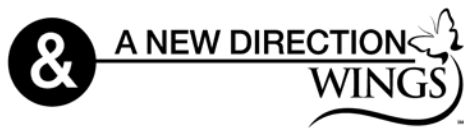
For extra peace of mind or simply a fast-track to your dream oasis, partnering with a local landscaping company can bring professional insight, tailored plant recommendations, and expert installation right to your doorstep.

With creativity, regional know-how, and the option to call in the pros, even the tiniest urban retreat can become a lush, season-spanning sanctuary you’ll love coming home to.

Tom Marsan is a certified snow professional who has been in the landscaping and snow removal industry for about two decades. He is an active member of ILCA and SIMA and is currently the General Manager at Beverly Companies in Chicagoland.

A New Direction (AND) to Host Fundraiser at Cork & Kerry

1 in 3 women experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. A New Direction, part of the WINGS Program, Inc. has been providing services to the local community since 2011. AND is holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Cork & Kerry, 10614 S. Western Avenue. The fundraiser will take place from 7-11 p.m. and tickets are \$100. The ticket includes live music by American Pie, food, and drinks.



Supporting AND helps them continue to provide the following services:

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- Resource referrals
- Legal Advocacy to navigate Illinois’ legal system for divorces
- Helping fund the program so that clients receive services without a charge

To purchase tickets, make a donation, or sponsor the event, please visit <https://wingsprogram.com/and-2025/>.

Tombstone 5K

The annual Tombstone 5K Run & Walk will take place in the beautiful historic Mount Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, October 18th. Scare up some fun with friends and family and come in costume for this pre-Halloween run! All ages and abilities are welcome! Registration by early October guarantees a sweatshirt. Please visit the Running Excels website for registration information, www.runningexcels.com. A portion of the proceeds from the run will be donated to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.



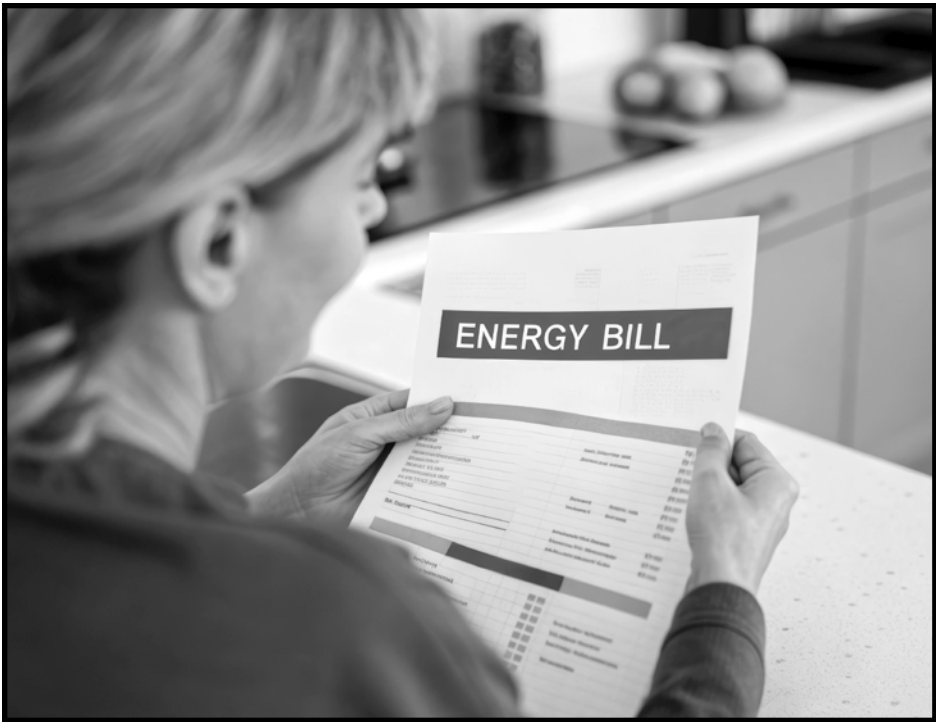
Citizens Utility Board Hosts Virtual Presentations

Alderman Matt O’Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, State Representative Mary Gill, and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will host two virtual presentations on Tuesday, September 9th from 1-2 p.m. and Thursday, September 11th from 6-7 p.m. These webinars are free. To reserve your spot today, please visit www.19thwardmobile.com.

Are you concerned about the rise in utility prices and online security? Join CUB for information about how to reduce your energy

usage and avoid online scams. 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. In addition, you will learn how to protect your privacy online against trending internet scams and discover service options. Stay safe and informed in this digital world!

For money saving advice and consumer tips, please visit www.citizensutilityboard.org.



Home Energy Savings + Internet Options and Data Privacy: What you need to know

Join CUB, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Senator Bill Cunningham, and Representative Mary Gill for a webinar on how to lower utility costs, understand your bill, and avoid scams. Plus, you'll learn how to protect your privacy online against trending internet scams, and discover service options!

Tuesday, September 9
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Thursday, September 11
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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SEPT. 11TH REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/5B8YFPT2](https://tinyurl.com/5B8YFPT2)

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

8:30 A.M. RACE START
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To register scan the QR Code or visit:
raceroster.com/events/2025/100576/tombstone-5k

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Find Your Next Local Event

The MPBHBA and BAPA debuted “On Western,” the new go-to guide for everything happening along Western Avenue in Beverly/Morgan Park, in the spring! From local eats to can’t miss events and neighborhood gems, it is all just a click away. Check it out by visiting www.OnWestern.com.runningexcels.com.

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New Law Targets Gun Traffickers

A bill sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham to give law enforcement stronger tools to track down criminals who bring illegal guns into Illinois neighborhoods was signed into law by Governor Pritzker.

“This will give the police the tools they need to track down illegal guns and the criminals that traffic them into our communities,” said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. “Tracing guns used in crimes and sharing data across jurisdictions will help solve crimes and keep dangerous individuals off our streets.”

Under current law, firearm tracing is limited to specific scenarios. Cunningham’s measure broadens the scope by requiring firearm tracing in all cases where a gun is recovered at the scene of a crime, is used unlawfully, or is believed to be associated with a crime. The new law also requires every law enforcement agency in Illinois to participate in the federal eTrace Program, providing investigators with faster, more complete data on gun origins, trafficking patterns, and crime links. This will ensure consistent report-



ing and firearm tracing across all counties, helping to close investigative loopholes and make communities safer statewide. Cunningham worked with Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul on the legislation.

“Advocating for commonsense gun safety measures has been one of my top priorities throughout my career. I initiated House Bill 1373 as part of that work because law enforcement agencies’ participation in the ATF’s eTrace platform is needed to identify gun traffickers, suspects, and patterns behind violent crimes,” said Raoul. “This law will help strengthen my office’s partnership with the ATF, as we regularly work together to address gun trafficking and other gun crime cases. We cannot truly prevent gun violence unless we make sure all Illinois law enforcement officers use every resource available to trace gun crimes.”

“We know that it is not unusual for the same gun to be used multiple times in multiple shootings, sometimes by different suspects,” Cunningham said. A gun tracing database populated with reliable and robust information will help solve cases and bring justice for victims.”

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Season Update for the 95th Street Farmers Market: Art, Culture and Community

The 95th Street Farmers Market has been bursting with life this summer offering our community more than just fresh produce. It has been a true celebration of local talent, culture, and connection – a place where neighbors gather, kids create, and shoppers support small businesses each week.

The season launched with a range of vibrant activities. The Chicago Beverly Ridge Lions Club provided free hearing and vision screenings, and Kellogg School’s Garden Club joined the market offering urban gardening tips and fresh produce from their community garden. Foodies enjoyed savory selections from popular food vendors like Sera Chicago and Windy City Burger Social Club. The Art + Soul Chicago Kids Art Market joined us on June 29th spotlighting talented young artists who showcased and sold their original work.

Throughout the summer, Beverly Bicycles and Repair has been popping up once a month to offer free bike inspections helping to keep neighborhood cyclists safe. Every other week, Sorich Art delights market attendees with complimentary face painting, adding color and fun to the family-friendly atmosphere.

During the month of July, the

market transformed into a French Market Experience in celebration of the Art Institute of Chicago’s Gustave Caillebotte exhibit. This special event was part of the Art Institute’s Project Window initiative, encouraging neighborhoods across the city to creatively activate their spaces. Market attendees played themed games, collected stamps with their purchases, and entered raffles to win Farmers Market Bucks. The Art Institute’s contest encouraging Chicago residents to vote for their favorite activated spots throughout the city is still open. Please support our market by casting your vote online.

The market will host the final event of Black Business Month in the 19th Ward on Sunday, August 31st. Please join us for a celebration of Black-owned businesses, community

pride, and local entrepreneurship with special vendors and entertainment.

The 95th Street Farmers Market operates every Sunday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the city owned commuter parking lot located at 1835 W. 95th Street. Please follow us on social media (@95thFarmersMarket) for updates on vendors, live music, special events, and more. Come for the produce – stay for the people. There’s always something new to discover!



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12th Annual Beverly Art Walk Celebrates Art, Music, Community and History

A neighborhood-wide celebration of art, music, and creative culture, the 12th annual Beverly Art Walk will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The cornerstone event of the Beverly Area Arts Alliance (The Alliance), the much-anticipated, free, family-friendly event features pop-up galleries hosting 125 artists, musical performances, public art installations, demonstrations, home studio visits, an after party and more, in 36 venues across the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood, including the site of the Alliance’s future headquarters, the

historic Eugene S. Pike House in North Beverly. “Every year the Beverly Art Walk invites people from all over Chicagoland to experience the best of our community’s artistry, hospitality, and unique small businesses,” said Beverly Art Walk curator Sal Campbell. “This year, the Alliance will also be taking visitors back in history to give them a glimpse at the future by kicking off the Art Walk at a temporary public art site near the Pike House.”



The Pike House

The Beverly Area Arts Alliance has partnered with the Eugene S. Pike House Foundation to rehabilitate the historic home, an architectural and historic gem along the southern edge of the Dan Ryan Woods, to one day serve as the Pike House Community Cultural Center and headquarters for the Alliance (learn more by visiting www.pikehouse.org). To celebrate this effort and give people an idea of what the future holds for the Alliance’s cultural programming, the area around the Pike House at 91st Street and Longwood Drive will be abuzz with activity during the Art Walk. The location will feature live music, the Uprising Craft Market, art demos and performances, as well as a very special art installation. The 12th Annual Beverly Art Walk will officially kick off at 11 a.m. with

the “Rededication” of the nearly forgotten limestone monument between the Pike House and the 91st Street Metra station. The monument marks the area where a bird sanctuary was located in the 1920s, and it is being revitalized as “Sanctuary,” a temporary art installation featuring native plants, and unique bird houses and sculpture by local artists. For the Art Walk, engaging avian-themed art works will activate the area in nearby Cosme Park, and the monument rededication will feature music, poetry, and performance. Sales of the bird houses will support the effort to save the Pike House. “Artists, musicians, and community organizations will come together to celebrate and support a connection to history, culture, nature, and a sense of place,” Campbell said.

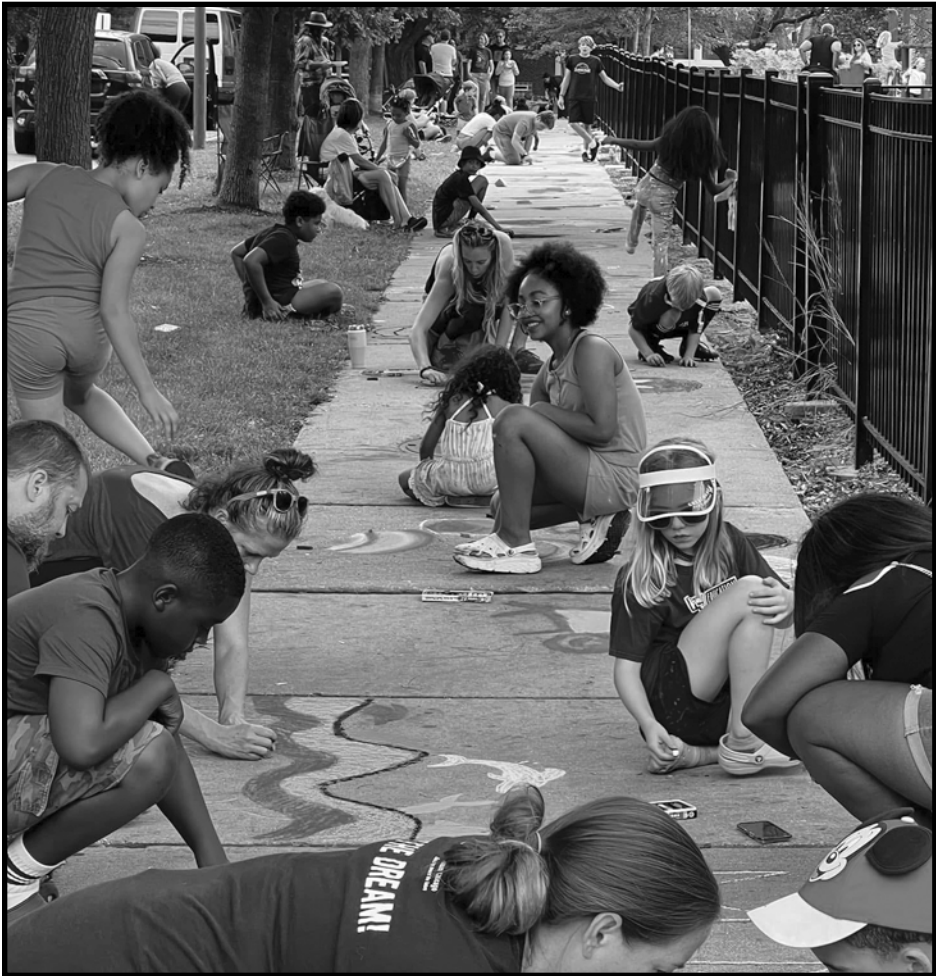
Unique Venues Throughout Beverly/Morgan Park

Venues along Western Avenue and in clusters around 103rd and 99th streets will be teeming with art and music. The Beverly Arts Center will feature “Making A Scene,” an imaginative world full of characters created by painter, multimedia and fiber artist, Kathy Weaver, to consider our humanity in an age of technology and warfare. Kids of all ages can make their own characters inspired by the exhibit. The Garage gallery behind Nicky’s of Beverly will continue its tradition of featuring enigmatic and idiosyncratic works in a range of mediums and styles, and live music throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Vanderpoel Museum, located at the Ridge Park Fieldhouse, will feature an exhibition by contemporary realist painter, Jennifer Cronin, alongside the museum’s renowned turn-of-the-century collection of art. Beverly Phono Mart on 103rd Street will feature a special exhibition curated by Kimberly Atwood of Elephant Room Gallery. Two Mile Coffee Bar and other venues around 99th and Walden will feature indoor and outdoor art experiences for all ages. A “Piano Crawl” is in the works featuring piano concerts at multiple venues, as part of the many art and music demonstrations happening at venues throughout the day.

Family Fun at Sutherland School

The Family Fun Park is back this year, with games and performances offered in tandem with the I Madonnari Street Painting Festival at Sutherland School, 10015 S. Leavitt.



Artist Studios and Galleries Showcase Innovative Art

The Beverly Art Walk will reach throughout the neighborhood to showcase area visual artists where they create their work. “The Alliance does a great job of bridging local artists and their works with the community through the Beverly Art Walk,” said Chicago artist Ashley January, a painter whose work calls attention to the Black maternal health crisis. “This year, I feel honored to participate in and open my doors as a local artist to the community.” January is one of several noted artists who will be opening their

creative spaces for the Beverly Art Walk. Others include professional illustrator and watercolor artist, Judie Anderson, ceramic artist and educator, Dan McCabe, Art from the Heart teaching artist, Pat Egan, artist, educator and gallerist of Boundary, Susannah Papish, nationally acclaimed photography artist Clifton Henri of Flypaper Studio, painter, sculptor and educator Brian Keane and artist/designer Tom Olson, nephew of renowned designer Jack Denst. Many of the studio artists have invited other local artists to join them for the Art Walk.

Art Walk After Party

The Art Walk After Party will start immediately after the Beverly Art Walk on September 27th at 5 p.m. at Nicky’s of Beverly, 105th and Western, with a line-up of live music. Founded in 2014 by local artists and community activists, the Beverly Area Arts Alliance (The Alliance) collaborates with artists, community members, and business and civic stakeholders to create art-focused and inclusive events and projects that fos-

ter creativity, community, and economic opportunity on Chicago’s far South Side. Operating primarily out of borrowed spaces and with volunteer labor, The Alliance is a 501©3 non-profit organization. For more information and a complete map of featured artist home studios, gallery locations, art demonstrations, music stages, and other Beverly ArtWalk events, please visit www.beverlyarts.org.

31st Annual Ginger Rugai Y-Me Softball Tournament

August 23, 2025, at 8 a.m.

The 31st annual Y-Me Tournament will take place on August 23, 2025, at the St. Christina Fields/Mt. Greenwood Park. There will be 74 teams participating in the tournament which begins at 8 a.m. sharp. This is the largest all-female 16” softball tournament in the world, the organizers are proud to claim. The Survivor game will take place at 2 p.m. this year to try and accommodate team members and supporters who want to observe the Survivor Ceremony and be there to support their teammate, mom, sister, aunt, grandmother, or friend. Any survivors/thrivers who would like to participate in the game can send an email to: martha.savory@gmail.com.

Most of the funds raised come from the impressive basket raffle. Each team is asked to donate a basket. The baskets are always creative and full of awesome prizes. Many 19th Ward businesses also offer great baskets, gift cards, and services to assist in raising as much as possible to help fight breast cancer. The event is truly a team effort led by a remarkable board, volunteers, and the amazing community.

Katie McAlinden took over as Executive Director of the Y-Me Softball Tournament this year after Ginger Rugai stepped down from that role. Here are statements from these wonderful leaders:



Ginger Rugai: “After thirty years, I have decided to step down as the Executive Director of the Y-Me Softball Tournament. This journey has been one of the most fulfilling and meaningful experiences of my life, and I am deeply grateful to have worked alongside such dedicated colleagues, supporters, and community members.

From the beginning, our goal has been to find a cure for breast cancer, and we have learned that the best way to do that is to directly fund individual researchers.

I am confident that the Y-Me Softball Board of Directors will successfully continue to thrive under the leadership of Katie McAlinden. The passion, dedication, and commitment of these women, as well of this community, ensure that the mission will remain strong. As I step away, I look forward to seeing how the next chapter unfolds and cheering from the sidelines as the organization reaches new heights.

I am proud of the strides we have made together, and it has been a privilege that I will cherish forever. Thank you for your support, collaboration, and trust throughout the years. I leave with a heart full of gratitude and optimism for the future.

This is not the end. It is a new beginning.”

Katie McAlinden: “I am honored to be named Executive Director of the Y-Me Softball Tournament. Ginger has been a fearless, determined, and inspirational leader whom we all have learned a great deal from. We are going to miss her wisdom, her resilience, but most of all her company. We know that we still can lean on her and all of the other women whose shoulders we stand on who came before us.

Our 30th year was our most successful to date. We had 74 teams, over 1200 participants, and over 100 survivors joined us for our inspirational Survivor Game Ceremony. The game and ceremony offer hope and comradery. We were able to donate a record \$120,000 to Dr. Kay Macleod and her lab at the University of Chicago Ben May Institute for breast cancer research. For our 30th year we were able to do something special to help out other amazing organizations that assist members of our community who are experiencing difficult times due to a cancer diagnosis. We were very proud to donate \$2,500 to Christmas Without Cancer and \$2,500 to the Finley Forever Foundation.”

Dr. Kay Macleod also sent an update: “Work supported by Y-Me in the Macleod Lab has already shown that inhibiting autophagy blocks tumor cell migration, invasion, and breast cancer metastasis. It is exciting to watch as autophagy inhibitors progress in clinical trials now for metastatic cancers, including breast cancer. Importantly, Y-Me support continues to let us carry out research deemed “too preliminary;” to be funded by federal agencies, like our current work on the role of NIX in breast cancer growth and metastasis. The support from Y-Me allows us to generate that preliminary data needed for federal funding and most



importantly, continue to make strides to treat breast cancer more effectively. Excitingly, we are working on therapeutic approaches to target NIX that we anticipate will prevent metastasis in breast cancer patients since our work shows that inhibiting this protein completely stops cancer cells from invading and metastasizing in experimental systems.

The ongoing partnership that I have formed with the Y-Me Softball Tournament is very meaningful to me. I have met so many remarkable people and heard stories that inspire me in my daily work during the time I have been lucky enough to receive your support. This is especially important in current times with the funding environment less certain than in the past.”

If you would like to umpire, volunteer or have questions, please email: ymesoftball@gmail.com or send a message on Instagram @ymesoftballchicago or on Facebook Y-Me Softball Chicago.

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The organization is looking forward to the best day of summer, a day filled with hope, comradery, inspiration, fun, and delicious neighborhood food trucks. They hope that you will be part of the team on August 23rd working to support Dr. Macleod in her pivotal research. Through research and the power of collaboration, Y-Me hopes to replace fighting breast cancer with overcoming it.



Mercy Circle Director of Nursing Embraces Next Step in God’s Plan

When Anita Ajayi, R.N., recently earned her master’s degree, elevating her to the position of nurse practitioner, she received a slew of congratulatory notes, many from Mercy Circle residents and colleagues. This change in professional status is a big deal; a nurse practitioner has greater responsibilities in terms of prescribing medicine and therapy than a registered nurse.

Ajayi has served as Mercy Circle’s director of nursing for the last six years, and many of the messages expressed amazement that she could traverse the rigorous training for an advanced degree while handling the demands of a full-time nursing director.

But those well acquainted with her were not surprised. Neither was Ajayi, a confident, charismatic woman who, knowing the scope of the training, had postponed the decision for years. Ajayi’s spiritual connection (and a nudge from her sister, who had already earned her nurse practitioner degree), sealed the deal.

“I would not be where I am without the faith I have in God,” says Ajayi. “I am a strong believer in prayer, and I know God gives me signs.” One example: her arrival at Mercy Circle, which followed a pre-

vious nursing directorship that had proved unfulfilling. “I talked to God about finding the right fit. Right after that, I received a call from an unknown number. I usually screen calls, but this time I picked up.”

“It was a recruiter, and she asked if I had heard about Mercy Circle. As soon as I walked in the front door, I could feel a sense of calm and peace. So, I prayed again – and I took the job,” explained Ajayi.

A Christian Pentecostal with a Catholic education, Ajayi was born in Chicago, where her parents had moved in the 1990s to attend the University of Chicago. “Their version of the American Dream,” she says, “was to earn their degrees, save money, and return home to Nigeria to raise their three children,” Ajayi adds.

“I am so glad they did, because it allowed my sister, my brother, and me to experience the Nigerian culture and to learn the language. I have the best of both worlds.” After Ajayi graduated high school, the family came back to Chicago to provide Ajayi and her siblings a greater range of opportunities in education and employment.

Ajayi earned her first degree in accounting, at the behest of her parents, but “I hate numbers! I do



not even know how I passed!” She spent a miserable year in a book-keeping job before she returned to school for nursing – “and from day one, I knew this was who I am.” Her decision reflected a love of learning instilled by her parents, particularly her mother, whom Ajayi describes as “a real go-getter. She will not stop until she has accomplished something.”


It was in that spirit that Ajayi decided to pursue her master’s degree, leading to her certification as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP). Her new status will not change her current position at Mercy Circle, but thanks to what she has learned, she knows she brings fresh insights to every encounter.

Ajayi’s interest stems in part from her own family; one of Ayayi’s adult children is autistic with special needs. Parenting him has

raised her awareness of the need for better mental health options for those who need them, and her own American Dream is to open an outpatient mental health clinic at some point in the future. “I just want to make a difference in that area,” she says. “God willing.”

Mercy Circle is a not-for-profit senior living community with a no-entrance fee policy. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of The Americas, it is the only faith-based retirement community in the southwest sector of Chicago. Mercy Circle offers spacious residences for all levels of care, along with thoughtful amenities, life enrichment activities, Mass and other religious services and programs, and social opportunities.” For more information or to schedule a private appointment, please call (773) 253-3600 or visit MercyCircle.org.


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Public Pianos Arriving in Chicago

A new project underway in Beverly/Morgan Park seeks to place pianos in public spaces for all to enjoy. Chicago Plays, founded by Beverly resident, John McCarthy, is kicking off with the mission of providing free access to pianos in public spaces.

The project is not unlike the “Cows on Parade” public art project from a few decades ago. “To this day, there are still cows displayed around town from that project. It shows what a huge impact public art can have on a city and community,” says McCarthy.

This time around, however, the art will be interactive. McCarthy, a musician himself, has played public pianos in several global cities, including London, Manchester, and Oxford in the UK, Lisbon in Portugal, and most recently, on a quick vacation to Hot Springs, Virginia.

If you travel around, most major cities host public pianos, and they are a huge hit. I have seen firsthand how they enhance social interaction in the places they are played,” explains McCarthy.

Going hand in hand with the musical side of the project is the public art element. Chicago Plays is kicking off with two initial piano placements. Two local artists are currently turning two donated pianos into public works of art.

Dion Crowder, whose work was displayed at Afro Joe’s during last year’s Beverly Art Walk, is currently working on a donated Lyon and Healy piano.

Cathy Sorich, a local artist with an artistic style that includes vibrant colors, flowers, and outdoor themes, is working on the other piano.

“When artists get involved, the Chicago Plays project becomes a way for a community to support the arts on multiple levels.”

Right now, McCarthy is looking for businesses to sponsor pianos on their premises. “The ideal situation is a business that has some outdoor space, or a large indoor space, and perhaps an overhang or awning that can protect the piano from the elements.”

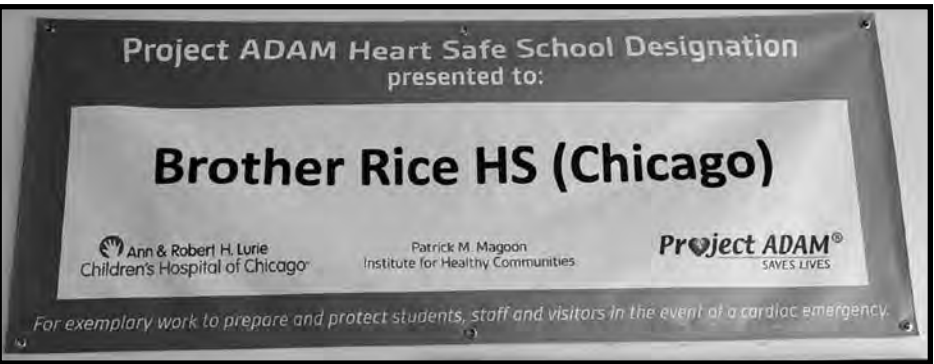
Chicago Plays will be responsible for moving the piano on site, tuning it, and storing it in the off-season.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a piano is asked to contact McCarthy at @chicago.plays.2025 on Facebook. Chicago Plays is also looking for donated pianos, especially digital pianos with weighted keys. Any artists willing to help transform donated pianos into public works of art are also encouraged to contact McCarthy.

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Brother Rice High School Receives Heart Safe School Designation



Brother Rice High School is very proud to share that they recently received the Heart Safe School Designation through Lurie’s Children’s Hospital in Chicago. The hospital works with Project Adam established in 1999 by the family of Adam Lemel. Adam was a talented seventeen-year-old athlete who died of cardiac arrest while playing basketball. Although CPR was administered, without the availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED), Adam did not survive. His family was grief stricken and vowed to honor Adam’s memory by bringing awareness and the equipment needed to be prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies in the first critical minutes.

Brother Rice’s faculty, staff, and coaches undergo American Heart Association CPR training every two years. Additionally, the school has eight AEDs strategically placed throughout the campus. As a required component of receiving Heart Safe School accreditation, a cardiac response team comprised of administrators, teachers, counselors, receptionists, security guards, and the school nurse was formed, and drills were held so that everyone learned the role they would play in the event of an emergency cardiac event.

The efforts took on special meaning last fall when sophomore student, Caleb Lofton, underwent a heart transplant. Caleb was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome and transposition of the great vessels. He underwent reconstructive surgery as a toddler and had his pacemaker replaced in the spring of his freshman year.

Despite this, Caleb reported to the school health office in September when he was not feeling well. His heart rate was dangerously low as his heart was failing. Caleb was admitted to Lurie Children’s Hospital that evening and remained there awaiting a heart transplant. Caleb received the transplant in November and underwent a lengthy inpatient stay at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. He returned to school in February. Caleb managed to keep up with his schoolwork and began his junior year as scheduled.

Brother Rice is very proud of the collaborative efforts of their staff to work together to support our students and their families. They are especially proud of Caleb for his determination to meet this challenge head on.

For more information on Project Adam’s Heart Safe School program, please visit their website at www.projectadam.com.

Mother McAuley Recognizes Tom Hopkins Foundation at Annual “Fore the Macs” Golf Outing

Mother McAuley High School will host its annual Fore the Macs: Playing it Forward Golf Outing on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Ridge Country Club. This annual fundraiser benefits the Tradition of Excellence Scholarship at McAuley with nine holes of golf. The 2024 event raised \$130,000 in scholarship for the incoming class of 2029.

While the golf portion of the event has already sold out, tickets are still available for the AFTER PAR-TEE, priced at \$75 per person. Admission includes a light dinner and a three-hour open bar. You don’t have to be a golfer to join us for the Par-Tee!

If you’re unable to attend, there are still exciting opportunities to support the outing. You can purchase tickets to our Golf Raffle for the chance to win an 18-hole

round at one of seven prestigious golf clubs including Chicago Highlands, Long Beach Country Club, Beverly Country Club, Lost Dunes Golf Club, Midlothian Country Club, Ridge Country Club, or Edgewood Valley Country Club.

College football season is around the corner, and the Notre Dame Raffle is the perfect opportunity to gather with your friends and family to cheer on the Fighting Irish. The winner will receive ten (10) tickets and two (2) parking passes to the Notre Dame vs. Boise State game on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 2:30pm ET.

Additionally, Mother McAuley will award the 2025 Caring Heart Award to the Tom Hopkins Foundation. This award pays tribute to alumna Caroline Griffin, class of 2012, who never let her congeni-

tal heart condition get in the way of enjoying life. Similarly, Tom “Papa Hops” Hopkins was known for his larger-than-life personality and giving spirit. He gave back as a coach, referee, and mentor to children on the southside. After his passing, his four children - Liam, Martin, Tommy and Annie ‘13 - founded the Tom Hopkins Foundation to carry on his legacy.

Over the past 11 years, more than \$1 million has been raised, assisting over 95 families and 10 local Catholic school athletic departments.

What makes this tribute even more special is the personal connection between the Hopkins family and McAuley. Anne Hopkins McIntyre ‘13, Tom’s daughter, was a standout lacrosse player at McAuley and now serves as the varsity

lacrosse head coach. She leads her team from the turf field beneath the Papa Hops Scoreboard, which was funded in part by the foundation, bringing her father’s legacy full circle.

“Tom Hopkins loved life and inspired his family and friends to do the same,” commented Carey Temple Harrington, class of 1986, and president of Mother McAuley. “His legacy lives on through the work of the Tom Hopkins Foundation, and we are proud to honor their ongoing efforts to support, inspire and uplift others.”

For more information on the event and opportunities to support it, please visit: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/IBR/> or contact Peggy Rourke at 773-881-6547, prourke@mothermcauley.org.

The “Forgotten House”

By Carol Flynn

A window into the past was opened recently when the long-forgotten identity of a historic home in the 19th Ward was rediscovered.

Thanks to the initial research efforts of Tim Blackburn, local homeowner and board member of the Ridge Historical Society, this “forgotten house,” located at 1602 W. 108th Place, now has a name, Erastus A. Barnard House I, and a story to go with it.

After Blackburn noticed the house last summer, his efforts to research it hit a dead end until he found an article in a 1924 issue of the Weekly Review newspaper, the forerunner of today’s Beverly Review.

The article reported that “one of the oldest landmarks in the vicinity,” a house at the southeast corner of 103rd Street and Longwood Drive, was being moved to 108th Place near Vincennes Avenue.

According to that article, the house and land originally belonged to Erastus A. Barnard and was sold to Caleb H. Gorton in the 1870s. The Gorton Family lived in the house until 1923. The next owner, the Thirteenth Church of Christ, Scientist, sold the house to William H. Brown, “house mover,” who was relocating it.

That story meshes with the know facts about the Barnard and Gorton Families and the Thirteenth Church of Christ, Scientist. Subsequent research into William H. Brown also backs up the story, leading to the very high probability that the identity of the house is correct.

This discovery opens a window onto the very earliest days of settlement on the Blue Island Ridge by European immigrants.

The Barnard family was one of the “founding families” of “North Blue Island” as the area was first called.

William Barnard, from Massachusetts, came to the Ridge in the 1840s to be the tutor for the children of Thomas Morgan. In the 1850s, William established his own farm, and was joined by his younger brother Erastus, who purchased half of William’s land. Their farms adjoined each other with William north of 103rd and Longwood, and Erastus south of 103rd Street.

Erastus and his wife Mary (Wilcox) Barnard lived in a log cabin until after the U.S. Civil War, when they built the “forgotten house” sometime after 1865. Their only child, Amy Barnard, was born in 1868.

By the 1870s, much of the original farmland was being sold and developed into residential properties. Erastus sold his property at the southeast corner of 103rd

Street and Longwood Drive to Caleb Hill Gorton. The Barnards built another home near 104th and Wood Streets. As a sidenote, tragedy would strike the family when daughter Amy died at the age of 20. Her parents donated the land at 104th Stret and Longwood Drive to the city for the park that is named in her memory.

Gorton and his family, who came to Chicago from Rhode Island in the 1850s, had owned their own farmland at the southeast corner of 95th Street and Western Avenue. The Gortons and the Barnards were founders of the Village of Washington Heights, which included today’s Beverly, and served as the first trustees of the village when it incorporated in 1874.

The Gortons lived in the house from 1879 to 1923. Lucy Gorton, daughter of Caleb and his wife Jane, was the last to live there, and she was famous in her own right, as one of the earliest teachers on the Ridge.

Lucy joined two other famous educators from this community, Alice L. Barnard and Elizabeth “Bessie” Huntington Sutherland. Alice, who had joined her brothers William and Erastus in Washington Heights, became one of the first women principals of a Chicago school, and Bessie Sutherland was the first woman principal of a Cook County school.

Lucy worked under Sutherland as head assistant at the Alice Barnard School at 103rd and Charles

Streets. Sutherland has a school named after her at 100th and Leavitt Street.

In 1915, Lucy sold some of the Gorton property on the 103rd block of Longwood Drive to the Thirteenth Church of Christ, Scientist. That congregation, rapidly expanding in the Chicago area, built a church at 10317 Longwood Drive in 1917.

In 1922, Lucy Gorton sold the remaining property which included the house to a realtor who then sold it to a consortium for the church. Lucy moved across the street to live with the remaining Barnards on the northeast corner of 103rd Street and Longwood Drive.

By now, the Erastus A. Barnard House I was already at least fifty years old, and a beloved landmark in the community. The church sold the house to William H. Brown, whose business was moving and demolishing houses.

Moving houses was a common practice back then, and Brown’s company was one of the best known and most successful in the business. The usual process was to hoist the building onto wooden rollers made from tree trunks, then pull the house along by horses, or later, by motor vehicles, to the new location where a basement and a new foundation had been built.

The Brown family lived in the house at its new location on 108th Place for many decades, and mem-

bers of the family, and neighbors of the house at that location, have come forward to share their stories with local historians.

In 1940, the Thirteenth Church of Christ, Scientist, built a reading room on the original site of the house, at 103rd Street and Longwood Drive. In 1992, the church was repurposed into the Bell Tower Loft Condominiums, and in 2006, the reading room became the Starbucks coffee shop, both good examples of adaptive reuse of historic properties.

The Barnard property on the north side of 103rd Street is now the site of the CVS drug store.

Age and circumstances have taken their toll on the Erastus A. Barnard House I, and today the house is in a state of disrepair. According to Blackburn, the estate is tied up in probate court with multiple out-of-state owners. Its future is in doubt, as it would take considerable financial investment to restore the house.

In the meantime, local historians are doing what they can to record the history of the “forgotten house.”

The discovery of this house and its history shows that the Beverly/Morgan Park community still has “secrets” from its past to be uncovered.

For stories on local history, follow the Facebook page “Beverly-Morgan Park History” administered by Carol Flynn.



The Erastus A. Barnard House I, located at 1602 West 108th Place, was moved to that location in 1924, after fifty years at its original location at 103rd Street and Longwood Drive, where the Starbucks coffee shop stands today. Its recently re-discovered identity makes the house an important historical structure in the 19th Ward and in Chicago. In a state of disrepair now, its future is uncertain.
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Living Apart Under One Roof Lets Couple Spend Best Time Together

Like many retired married couples, Linda and Barry Regan spend almost all their time together. Unlike most, they do not live in the same home.

Linda is an independent living resident at Smith Village, with a tidy, airy apartment adorned with keepsakes from their travels. Barry's home is in the skilled nursing area, where he receives essential support in the community's skilled nursing care wing. It is a solution that other Smith Village couples have embraced when one spouse has lost mobility, but the other has not.

When he was 15 years old, Barry had a diving accident that left him temporarily paralyzed, with ongoing mobility issues. However, it did not hamper his 30-year career at Dow Chemical, working mostly in research and development.

It also did not stop the Regans, who grew up in Rhode Island, from traveling. Barry's job took them from New Jersey, where Barry attended graduate school, to Michigan; Geneseo, Illinois; Tokyo for four years; and eventually to Indianapolis, where they lived for nearly 15 years after Barry retired. They even owned a motor home for a while, traveling around the country to see friends and family.

Four years ago, a stroke further limited Barry's mobility. A subsequent fall resulted in a cracked vertebra, confining him to a wheelchair and leading the Regans to investigate skilled nursing options.

By then, they had become dissatisfied with the senior community where they lived. They also were eager to reduce the six-hour round trip, every other week, for their daughter, Patti, a Mount Greenwood resident. Patti suggested they come to Smith Village, and the Regans moved in at the end of June 2024, bringing them closer to Patti and to their son, Mike, who lives in Eureka, Illinois (two other children live in Seattle and in North Carolina).

"At first we planned on living together in a two-bedroom apartment," Linda says, but they soon realized that Barry's condition would pose formidable challenges (for starters, he requires a Hoyer lift to move him from chair to bed). Their two-home solution has proved a blessing. "If one spouse has to move to skilled nursing," Linda says, "I recommend the other spouse move to independent living (on the same campus). It is so much more convenient than having to drive over to visit."

Linda joins Barry most morn-



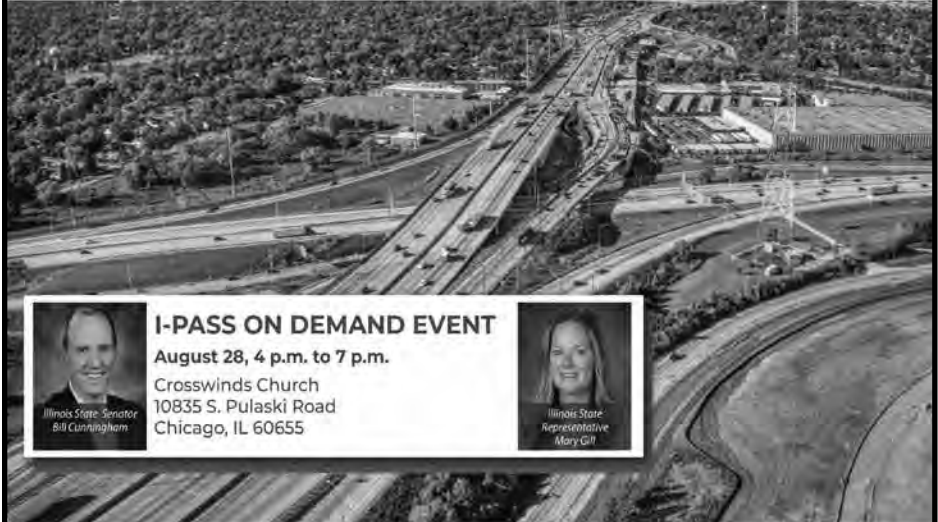

ings – except Mondays, when they meet at Mass – before they return to her apartment (and their cat, Mama) until evening, when Barry heads back to skilled nursing for the night. "It's really worked out as a wonderful arrangement," Linda notes.


She brings such recommendations to "Caring for the Caregivers," a small group of Smith Village residents she convenes every two weeks for mutual support. The desire to live under one roof can cloud a clear assessment of the challenges involved. However, Linda explains, "then you realize that it is tearing the caregiver down, it is time to make other arrangements."

Having lived in so many places, the Regans have learned to adapt


quickly. While they still miss the seafood they enjoyed on the Atlantic coast, they have discovered the Cousins Maine Lobster food truck that serves lobster rolls and clam chowder. The Regans also gained new perspective on Lake Michigan, "It was difficult for me to get into my mind that Chicago has beaches," Linda admits. "Growing up on the ocean, you think of Chicago as this big city" – a far cry from the Atlantic sandbars and coastal villages of her early memories.

We have been about everywhere," Barry says. "But wherever we are, it is home," adds Linda. To learn more about Smith Village, please visit SmithVillage.org or call (773) 434-7302.






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